

Youth Worship



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God's kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people care for people.

WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

"I was glad when they said to me: "Let us go into the house of the LORD.'" (Psalm 122:1)
May our hearts be glad and filled with love for the LORD as we worship Him today!



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COME AND WORSHIP

THE LORD HAS BEEN MY DEFENSE

The Psalmist's faith grew as he communed with God in prayer. He concludes with a strong confidence in the Judge of all the earth, who is also his personal Refuge and Defender.

²⁰ Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law,
Have fellowship with You?

²¹ They gather together against the life of the righteous,
And condemn innocent blood.

²² But the LORD has been my defense,
And my God the rock of my refuge.

²³ He has brought on them their own iniquity,
And shall cut them off in their own wickedness;
The LORD our God shall cut them off.

PSALM 94:20-23

1. Power of the wicked

a. There is a throne of iniquity Psalm 94:20a

b. It is a kingdom where evil is propagated by law

2. Palpable threats

Psalm 94:21

a. The wicked band together against the life of the righteous

b. They condemn innocent blood

c. Do the righteous need to fear?

3. Personal faith

a. The Psalmist was confident that God would not be in fellowship with the wicked Psalm 94:20b

b. The LORD would stand with the Righteous

c. The Psalmist expressed a personal faith in God

i. "The LORD has been **my** defense" Psalm 94:22a

ii. "My God the rock of **my** refuge" Psalm 94:22b

4. Punishment awaits the wicked Psalm 94:23

a. They would be brought down by their own iniquities

b. The LORD would cut them off

c. They would fail and not prevail

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT

1. To be instructed by God Psalm 94:12

2. To learn to pray effectively

a. Prayer can strengthen our understanding of God

b. Prayer can embolden our faith in God



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

20 JUNE 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Rayne Quek

Call to Worship

Pastor Eugene Seow

Opening Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Song Leading

1. How Great Is Our God
2. Each Day I Live

Jovan Wong and Ong Yanning

Pianists: Lorraine Lai and
Rayne Quek

Cajonist: Jamie Li

Scripture Reading

Text: Deuteronomy 33:12-17

Chloe Tang and Laura Chan

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Message

“Let the blessing come on the
head of Joseph”

Text: Deuteronomy 33:12-17

Pastor Eugene Seow

Closing Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

20 JUNE 2026

**“LET THE BLESSING COME
ON THE HEAD OF JOSEPH**

DEUTERONOMY 33:12-17

How Great Is Our God

By Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash

The splendour of the King,
Clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.

Chorus:

How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands,
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus:

How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing:
How great is our God!

Chorus:

How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!
(end)

EACH DAY I LIVE

By Liv Chapman and Gavin Perkins

In darkness I once walked the road that led to death.
And to the world I bowed and gave my every breath.
Then to the earth He came to seek and save the lost.
But I yelled 'Crucify', and nailed Him to the cross.
Bound by my sin and shame
I call upon His name.

Each day I live safe in His grace.
The King of Kings died in my place
Each day I stand set free from sin,
My King is crowned, I live in Him.

I see the empty tomb, the sting of death undone.
My broken life is gone, I'm risen in the Son.
A slave of righteousness, no longer bound by sin,
I give up all I have, to serve the Servant King.
One with the crucified,
For by His death I died.

Each day I live safe in His grace.
The King of Kings died in my place
Each day I stand set free from sin,
My King is crowned, I live in Him.

Each day we live safe in His grace.
The King of Kings died in our place
Each day we stand set free from sin,
Our King is crowned, we'll live with Him.

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

Let us review what we have learnt at our last Youth Worship!

YWS MESSAGE - 13 JUNE 2026

“THEY SHALL TEACH JACOB YOUR JUDGMENTS”

TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 33:8-11

MOSES' PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING ON THE TRIBE OF LEVI

⁸ *And of Levi he said:*

*“Let Your Thummim and Your Urim be with Your holy one,
Whom You tested at Massah,
And with whom You contended at the waters of Meribah,*

⁹ *Who says of his father and mother,
'I have not seen them';
Nor did he acknowledge his brothers,
Or know his own children;
For they have observed Your word
And kept Your covenant.*

¹⁰ *They shall teach Jacob Your judgments,
And Israel Your law.
They shall put incense before You,
And a whole burnt sacrifice on Your altar.*

¹¹ *Bless his substance, LORD,
And accept the work of his hands;
Strike the loins of those who rise against him,
And of those who hate him, that they rise not again.”*

Deuteronomy 33:8-11

1. Great privilege was bestowed on the tribe of Levi
 - a. They would be given the Thummim and Urim Deuteronomy 33:8
 - i. These were sacred instruments that the High Priest used to discern God's Will
 - ii. They provided answers for yes/no questions, and either-or decisions
 - iii. They guided important decisions to be made,
 - i.e. leadership and military decisions
 - b. Levi would be entrusted with discerning God's Will for the nation of Israel
2. Great responsibility was given to Levi
 - a. They would be responsible for teaching God's law and judgments to Israel Deuteronomy 33:10a
 - b. They would also be responsible for ministering to the Lord Deuteronomy 33:10b
 - i. Placing incense before Him
 - ii. Offering a burnt sacrifice to Him
3. Great blessing was pronounced on Levi Deuteronomy 33:11
 - a. That God would bless their substance
 - b. That God would accept the work of their hands
 - c. That God Himself would land a devastating blow on all who were against them

A COMPARISON WITH JACOB'S PRAYER IN GENESIS 49

⁵ *"Simeon and Levi are brothers;
Instruments of cruelty are in their dwelling place.*

⁶ *Let not my soul enter their council;
Let not my honour be united to their assembly;
For in their anger they slew a man,
And in their self-will they hamstrung an ox.*

⁷ *Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce;
And their wrath, for it is cruel!
I will divide them in Jacob
And scatter them in Israel.*

Genesis 49:5-7

1. The prayer of Jacob for Levi, as recorded in Genesis 49

- a. It was very dismal
- b. It was vastly different from the prayer of Moses

2. In Jacob's prayer

- a. Levi was described as cruel and full of anger Genesis 49:5-7a
- b. Jacob wanted nothing to do with them
- c. He would have them scattered and divided
in Israel Genesis 49:7b

3. Levi was heading for disaster
But what made the difference?

THE FAITHFUL KEEPING OF GOD'S COVENANT BY THE LEVITES

⁸ *And of Levi he said:*

*“Let Your Thummim and Your Urim be with Your holy one,
Whom You tested at Massah,
And with whom You contended at the waters of Meribah,*

⁹ *Who says of his father and mother,
‘I have not seen them’;
Nor did he acknowledge his brothers,
Or know his own children;
For they have observed Your word
And kept Your covenant.*

Deuteronomy 33:8-9

1. The Levites proved their faithfulness at Massah and Meribah (Exodus 17:1-7)
 - a. The incident at Massah and Meribah
 - i. There was no water for the people of Israel to drink
 - ii. The people complained and went against Moses
 - iii. They tested God saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”
 - iv. God proved Himself by causing water to come out of the rock
 - b. This was God testing the children of Israel, whether they truly believed Him
 - c. While the Levites were tested with the children of Israel, they did not take the side of Israel
 - i. They decided to be faithful and stood on the side of Moses instead
 - ii. This was not recorded in Exodus or Numbers, but it is stated here

- iii. The Levites were taught well by Moses
 - iv. They proved themselves in faithful obedience to God and Moses
2. The Levites also proved their devotion to God during the incident of the Golden Calf (Exodus 32:25-29)
- a. Amid the great sin being committed by the people of Israel
 - b. The sons of Levi responded to the call of Moses
 - c. They stood on the Lord's side
 - d. They went against brother, companion, and neighbour for the sake of the Lord
 - e. They did according to the word of Moses and consecrated themselves to the Lord

LESSONS THAT WE CAN LEARN

- 1. We may have a Disastrous start
Or we may be heading to Disaster
- 2. But God can make the Difference
If we Devote ourselves to Him
 - a. Learning from failure
 - b. Being loyal to Him while others are not
- 3. God can turn things around and make us Distinct
 - a. Entrusted for His work
 - b. Set apart for Him

4. He will also give His Divine blessings

a. Blessing our very substance

b. Blessing the work of our hands

c. Granting us His special Protection and Presence

REFLECTIONS


YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

BY JARED HO

Hi everyone, welcome back to Youth Worship! It is truly a joy and privilege to be in the house of the Lord once again to worship Him and learn from His word. Over the past few sessions of Youth Worship, we have been studying the final prayer Moses made for the various tribes of Israel. Last week, we read the wonderful blessing that was prayed for the tribe of Levi.

Levi was a tribe that was greatly blessed by God, and they were given the special responsibility of caring for the house of the Lord. Moreover, the priestly line would come from the tribe of Levi. Thus, it would be no mistake to call Levi a very successful tribe. But what made Levi so successful?


Growing up we may have been exposed to many opinions on what makes someone successful. Education, family, connections or talents are among the many things that we have been told guarantee success. Having been drilled with these narratives in school, I tended to believe that these were the reasons for success as well. However, as I prepared to begin my university education, a great sense of unease began to set in me. Thoughts on which course would give me the right skills needed for the workforce or whether I would make friends that would become useful connections in the future weighed heavily on my mind. It seemed to me on my mind. It seemed to me that if I did not make the right decisions at just the right time, I would lose out on all these success definers and



fall behind in life. While I did not recognise it at the time, I was foolishly placing my trust in worldly things and neglecting how God could work powerfully in my life.

Last week's lesson rebuked my heart as I realised that I had been going about planning my future in all the wrong ways. The tribe of Levi started out with nothing at all. In fact, they started out as a tribe that was cursed by Jacob (Genesis 49). However, their devotion to God is what led to their wonderful conversion. The Levites prioritised God above family connections or having a good standing before their peers and brethren. They chose to stand on God's side even when they were the only ones doing so. As I reflected on their example, I was greatly challenged to question what I valued in my life. Certainly, I ought to value the Lord and honour Him before all other things!

The tribe of Levi is a wonderful example of how God can do a mighty work in the lives of those who fear Him and devote themselves to Him. Personally, I have sought to change my perspective in life and focus on what truly matters which is seeking the Lord! As I look towards the next phase of my life, I am encouraged that I need not fear so long as I place God as my priority. I understand that like the tribe of Levi, my decision to serve the Lord may be met with opposition. However, I have assurance that the Lord can and will bless those who devote their lives to Him. My encouragement to all is to make the decision to devote our lives to the Lord as well and watch as He does a marvellous work in our lives!



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS


By Daniel Chew

Good afternoon everybody! Last week, we read from Deuteronomy 33:8-11 and learnt about the tribe of Levi and the success they saw, having great and glorious blessings from God such as being given the Thummim and the Urim. However, how did the tribe of Levi get to where they were? As I reflected on the lesson last week, there were a few things about the tribe of Levi that stood out to me. Allow me to share them with you.

1. Growth in our faith takes time

As Pastor Ben opened up the word to us, he brought us back to Genesis 49:5-7, showing how Simeon and Levi were “instruments of cruelty”, to the extent that even their own father did not want anything to do with them. Levi was cursed and was headed for disaster but many years later, the tribe of Levi became so wonderfully blessed (Deuteronomy 33:8-11).

When I look at my life, I am encouraged by the example of Levi, that over time, as we learn and grow with the Lord, we can also become something of use




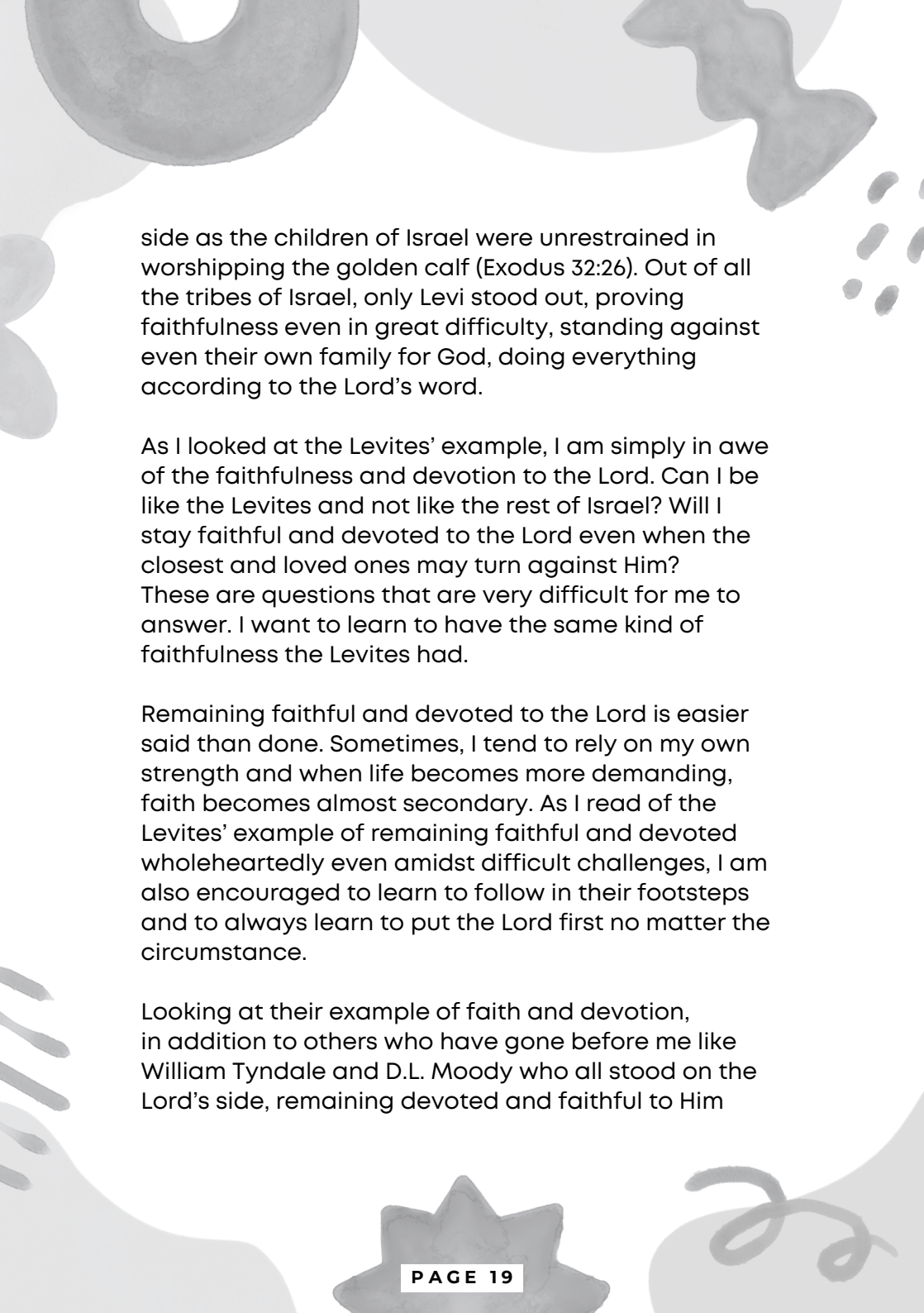
to Him and even see success. Sometimes, I look at my own life and it almost seems as though all hope is lost. I am not particularly great at anything, nor do I have riches or fame and oftentimes, I make mistakes.

However, looking at the tribe of Levi's example, if the Lord can turn someone so seemingly hopeless and cursed, into a tribe so great and blessed, He can do wonders with me too! It may not happen overnight but this growth will take time. I know that through mistakes made, I can learn lessons on faith through His chastening! Growth will not be an easy journey but God promises to walk beside and help me. Through the Levites, I am reminded that the Lord will work in us, little by little till one day I can have a faith that can encourage others and I may be able to do something great for His kingdom!

2. Levi's faithfulness and devotion to the Lord

Another thing that really stood out to me was the faithfulness of Levi. He was faithful to God and devoted to Him all the way. When the children of Israel contended against Moses about the lack of drinkable water (Exodus 17), the tribe of Levi did not complain with the rest of Israel and trusted in the Lord. Later, they also stood on Moses' and the Lord's



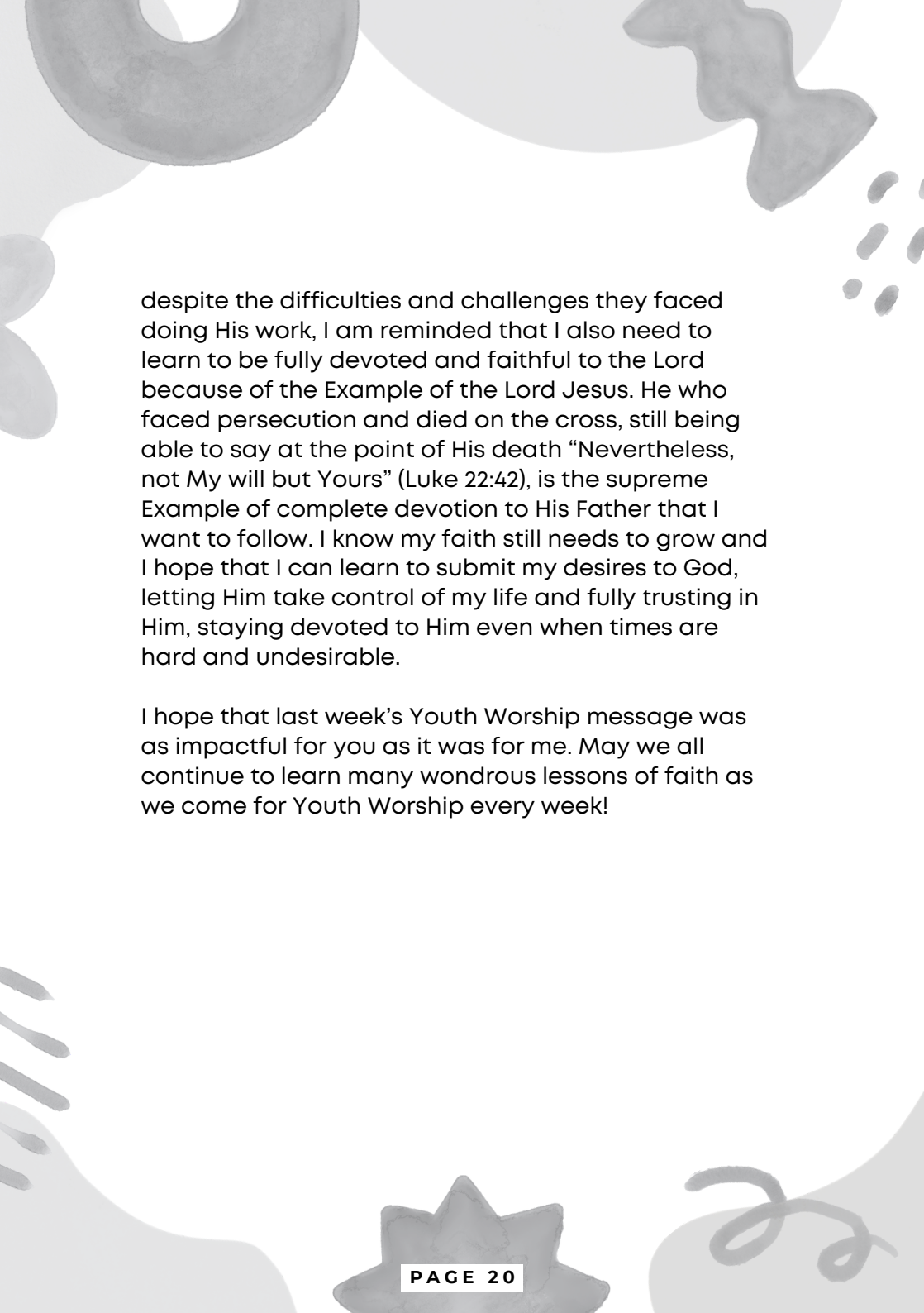


side as the children of Israel were unrestrained in worshipping the golden calf (Exodus 32:26). Out of all the tribes of Israel, only Levi stood out, proving faithfulness even in great difficulty, standing against even their own family for God, doing everything according to the Lord's word.

As I looked at the Levites' example, I am simply in awe of the faithfulness and devotion to the Lord. Can I be like the Levites and not like the rest of Israel? Will I stay faithful and devoted to the Lord even when the closest and loved ones may turn against Him? These are questions that are very difficult for me to answer. I want to learn to have the same kind of faithfulness the Levites had.

Remaining faithful and devoted to the Lord is easier said than done. Sometimes, I tend to rely on my own strength and when life becomes more demanding, faith becomes almost secondary. As I read of the Levites' example of remaining faithful and devoted wholeheartedly even amidst difficult challenges, I am also encouraged to learn to follow in their footsteps and to always learn to put the Lord first no matter the circumstance.

Looking at their example of faith and devotion, in addition to others who have gone before me like William Tyndale and D.L. Moody who all stood on the Lord's side, remaining devoted and faithful to Him



despite the difficulties and challenges they faced doing His work, I am reminded that I also need to learn to be fully devoted and faithful to the Lord because of the Example of the Lord Jesus. He who faced persecution and died on the cross, still being able to say at the point of His death “Nevertheless, not My will but Yours” (Luke 22:42), is the supreme Example of complete devotion to His Father that I want to follow. I know my faith still needs to grow and I hope that I can learn to submit my desires to God, letting Him take control of my life and fully trusting in Him, staying devoted to Him even when times are hard and undesirable.

I hope that last week’s Youth Worship message was as impactful for you as it was for me. May we all continue to learn many wondrous lessons of faith as we come for Youth Worship every week!

I WILL REDEEM YOU

The Covenant of Abraham was glorious;
The children of Israel must learn to trust.
The LORD would rescue His people;
They would be redeemed from evil.

God would lead them unerringly;
He would bring them to Canaan safely.
He would exercise His power and might;
He would do all that is good and right.

The LORD was aware of the people's suffering;
He would come and relieve them of groaning.
He would remain steadfast and true to the Covenant;
The LORD will regard His people as precious gems.

Amidst afflictions, it is hard to believe;
But it is through trust that we find relief.
The children of Israel must learn to trust in the LORD;
To them, they were given a special relationship with God.

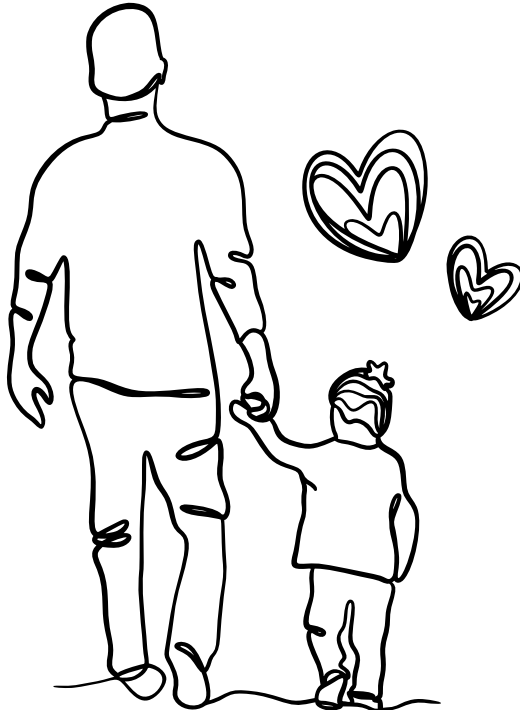
Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 6:4-13



ANNOUNCEMENT

HAPPY Father's Day

We celebrate Father's Day tomorrow. Let us remember all fathers and honour their commitment to be good fathers. May the Lord grant them grace and strength!



NEXT YWS



27 JUNE 2026

“They shall offer sacrifices of righteousness”

Text: Deuteronomy 33:18-19

The next tribes Moses prayed for were Zebulun and Issachar. These tribes would go on to enjoy remarkable prosperity. Yet in the midst of their success, they would continue to remember the LORD, offering sacrifices of righteousness in worship and thanksgiving to Him.



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