

Youth Worship

BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

Studying the Scriptures is not a futile thing. Within the Word lies the Power of God to change and convert us wonderfully. May we ready our hearts to be good ground for the Word of God to be planted!

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COME AND WORSHIP

THEY BREAK IN PIECES YOUR PEOPLE

To what extent does evil manifest itself? The heinous sins of the wicked are clearly presented by the Psalmist.

⁴ They utter speech, *and* speak insolent things;
All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves.

⁵ They break in pieces Your people, O LORD,
And afflict Your heritage.

⁶ They slay the widow and the stranger,
And murder the fatherless.

⁷ Yet they say, “The LORD does not see,
Nor does the God of Jacob understand.”

PSALM 94:4-7

1. Their wicked deeds

a. They speak insolent words Psalm 94:4a

b. They boast in themselves Psalm 94:4b

c. They afflict the people of God Psalm 94:5

i. They cause harm and hurt to the LORD's heritage

ii. They destroy them

d. They commit vicious acts

Psalm 94:6

i. Innocent widows are slain

ii. Lives are taken without reason

iii. Helpless orphans are murdered

2. Their defiance and disregard for the LORD

Psalm 94:7

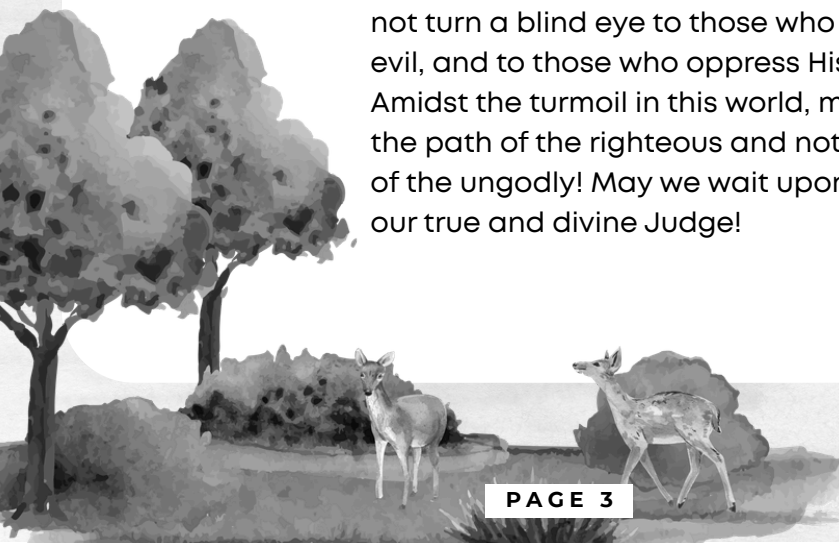
a. They think that God does not know or see

b. Surely help will not be rendered to the victims of their cruelty

c. They presume they can get away with their evil deeds!

THE LORD REIGNS SUPREME

The history of Israel must remind us that the LORD reigns supreme as Judge. The Omniscient and Omnipresent God does not turn a blind eye to those who perpetuate evil, and to those who oppress His people. Amidst the turmoil in this world, may we stay in the path of the righteous and not in the path of the ungodly! May we wait upon the LORD as our true and divine Judge!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

9 MAY 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Call to Worship

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Song Leading

1. Deeper in Love
2. Dare to Run

Jerome Lai and Joshua Phang
Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Scripture Reading

Text: Deuteronomy 32:48-52

Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Message

“And die on the mountain
which you ascend”

Text: Deuteronomy 32:50

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

9 MAY 2026

**“AND DIE ON THE MOUNTAIN
WHICH YOU ASCEND”**

DEUTERONOMY 32:50

WORSHIP SONGS

Deeper in Love

Words and Music by Paul Baloche, Geoffrey Cueller,
Sandy Hoffman and Ed Kerr

There is a longing, only You can fill;
A raging tempest only You can still.
My soul is thirsting, Lord,
To know You as I'm known;
Drink from the river
That flows before Your throne.

Take me deeper, deeper in love with You;
Jesus, hold me close in Your embrace.
Take me deeper,
Deeper than I've ever been before;
I just want to love You more and more,
How I long to be deeper in love.

Sunrise to sunrise, I will seek Your face;
Drawn by the Spirit
To the promise of Your grace.
My heart has found in You
A hope that will abide.
Here in Your presence, forever satisfied.

Take me deeper, deeper in love with You;
Jesus, hold me close in Your embrace.
Take me deeper,
Deeper than I've ever been before;
I just want to love You more and more,
How I long to be deeper in love.

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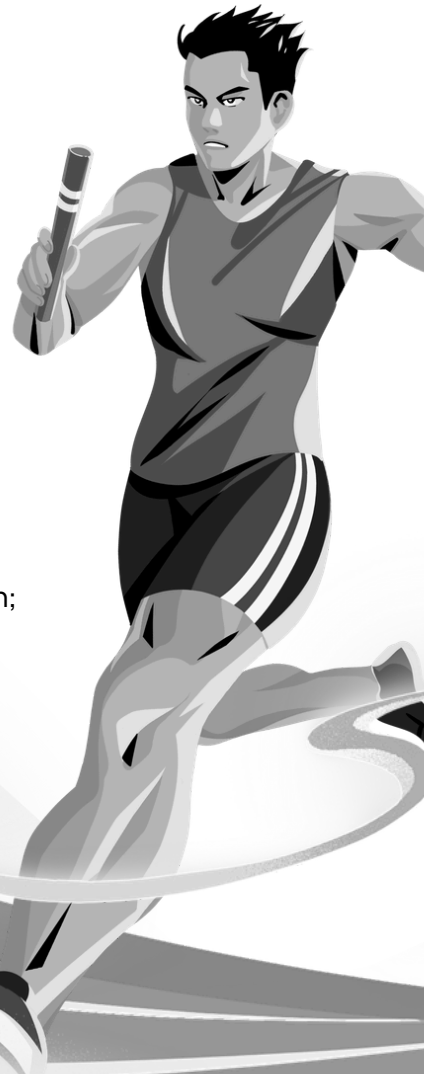
Dare to Run

By Harlan Moore and Joel W. Smith

The assembly of the faithful,
Surrounding, yet unseen,
Is gathered as a witness to the race;
And on the track awaiting
Are the runners of today;
The call has come for each to take his place.

The road ahead is narrow,
The way is sometimes steep,
And only the committed claim the prize.
But standing at the finish
With arms outstretched to greet us,
Is the One who has endured the race,
And paid the final price.

Dare to run
With our eyes fixed on Jesus,
Following the footsteps
Of the One who's gone before us.
Dare to run
In the power of His Spirit,
Called to be victors in a race already won;
Dare to run.



Dare to run
With our eyes fixed on Jesus,
Following the footsteps
Of the One who's gone before us.

Dare to run
In the power of His Spirit,
Called to be victors in a race already won;
Dare to run.

We must have our Saviour's vision,
Compassion for the lost;
Courage for the future,
Love at any cost.

Dare to run
With our eyes fixed on Jesus,
Following the footsteps
Of the One who's gone before us.

Dare to run
In the power of His Spirit,
Called to be victors in a race already won;
Dare to run
Dare to run in the power,
The power of the LORD.

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REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 2 MAY 2026

“SET YOUR HEARTS ON ALL THE WORDS”

TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 32:46

⁴⁴ So Moses came with Joshua the son of Nun and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people.

⁴⁵ Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel,

⁴⁶ and he said to them: “Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law.

⁴⁷ For it *is* not a futile thing for you, because it *is* your life, and by this word you shall prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess.”


Deuteronomy 32:44-47

INTRODUCTION

1. Message from the Lord
This had been delivered
2. How should the Message be received?

THE WORD DELIVERED

1. By way of Testimony
 - a. The word of God proclaimed
 - b. The word of God affirmed by Testimony

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2. To be commanded for the children (the next generation)
 - a. It is relevant to the present generation
 - b. It is important to the next generation
 3. All the words of the Law
 - a. All the contents are important
 - b. They are connected
 - c. Their relationships must be discerned and established

THE SETTING OF THE HEART

1. The heart must be involved
2. The heart must be set on the law of God
3. The heart's involvement is key:
 - a. There must be a deep **DESIRE** for the Word of God
 - b. There must also be **DETERMINATION** to seek
 - c. These should lead to **DEEDS** that will result from obeying the Word of God

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

1. It is not a futile thing
 - a. Not mere knowledge
 - b. Not just a message

2. It is your life

- a. Life itself would be impacted
- b. The Word of God enters into our life
- c. It affects every aspect of our life
 - i. The heart
 - ii. The mind
 - iii. The spirit


3. By this word you shall prolong your life

- a. For Instruction
- b. For Insights
- c. For Inspiration

THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE

1. There is such a strong Influence from the World

- a. Culture that keeps shifting and changing
- b. The World at large is dangerously deceptive
- c. Sin is cleverly disguised as desirable and appealing



2. Every day we are bombarded with:

- a. Lies
- b. Deception
- c. Falsehood
- d. Shallowness
- e. Superficiality

3. Many have no Answers:

- a. We ignore
- b. We switch off
- c. We dismiss problems
- d. We are unprepared!
- e. We are already affected

4. We need a good Response!

- a. We would otherwise be defeated
- b. We would be deluded
- c. We would be deceived
- d. We would be destroyed



CONCLUSION

1. We must recognise
2. We must respond well
3. We give heed and set our hearts on God's Word!

REFLECTIONS


YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

By Asia Tan

I absolutely loved Pastor's message on "Set your hearts on all the words" last week, as this is one of my spiritual goals for 2026. I find setting one's heart on something a beautiful concept. As Pastor mentioned, it does not entail having to painstakingly memorise words or events to a tee, but instead remembering key themes and experiences that can help us through trying times and set our perspectives right.


We learnt that the key to Israel's rise was its closeness to God and the affectionate relationship they shared. In contrast, it was precisely the distancing of that relationship that led to Israel's downfall. How can we apply such a lesson to our own lives? Allow me to share a recent experience where I attempted to put this lesson into practice.

For those who may not know, I am currently a student at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine in NUS and have just completed my Year 3 Professional Examinations—a major milestone marking the end of our first clinical year and assessing our competency in core subjects such as Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, General Surgery, and Orthopaedic Surgery. These examinations go



beyond written papers, comprising MCQs, essays, and the most daunting component—the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). In the OSCE, students rotate through stations with different patients, taking histories, performing physical examinations, and discussing cases with examiners. Here's the catch—every candidate encounters different patients and examiners, leaving much room for uncertainty and chance. History has shown that even some of the brightest students in the cohort have fallen to the OSCE due to complex cases, uncooperative patients, and harsh examiners.

While some tried to spot questions and others hoped for kind examiners, the truth remained unchanged—the odds were out of our hands as students. Despite my consistency and diligence in the wards throughout the year, much trepidation and fear remained in my heart. Failing this examination would have meant cancelling my elective plans, additional supplementary postings, and taking a re-examination—every student's greatest dread. In facing such a situation, I learnt to lift my eyes to the Lord and, instead of fretting over every possible mishap, to hold fast to His Word.



Verses I held closely to my heart included:

1. “My flesh and my heart fail;
But God is the strength of my heart and
my portion forever.” Psalm 73:26
2. “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power
and of love and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7
3. “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13

When worldly concerns disrupted my peace, I turned my focus to these verses. God’s Word anchored me, reminding me that my worth is found in Him. As I confided in Him in prayer, my heart was comforted. In doing so, I began to understand what it truly means to set my heart on Him—not merely recalling Bible verses, but holding onto His Word in faith and allowing it to shape my perspective in times of uncertainty. It was not the examination and its results that mattered most, but the Christian approach to it—that I prepared diligently and put my best foot forward, confidently yet with humility, to glorify the Lord and thank His goodness to me. Moreover, it became an opportunity to practise and strengthen my faith, learning to trust in the Lord and His provision.

Dear young people, I urge you to etch the Lord’s promises in your hearts, for the peace they bring is incomparable to anything the world offers. God’s Word is not futile; in it, we find strength, hope, and power to carry on. My prayer is that we will all learn to set our hearts and minds on what truly matters—the Lord and His Word. May His Word continue to leave its imprint on our hearts!

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

BY VERA KANG

The rise and fall of Israel

Good afternoon everyone! Welcome back to Youth Worship. Last week, we concluded the series of messages on the Song of Moses. This song depicted the rise and fall of Israel according to their relationship with God—or their lack of one.

Initially, when the children of Israel kept close to God (remembering and obeying Him), His leading, protection and provision were clear. They would be blessed tremendously with the “produce of the fields” and “curds from the cattle” as they entered the promised land. (Deuteronomy 32:13-14)

However, the Lord knew the “inclinations of their behaviour”. (Deuteronomy 31:21) The children of Israel would get caught up with the material blessings from God and turn away from Him.

Danger of falling: we too can grow “fat” and “thick”

The children of Israel show us that even after all the blessings we may receive from God, we can still fail. This is because with success, therein lies the danger of pride and forgetting God. Throughout the book of Deuteronomy, this danger was repeated time and again. For instance, in Deuteronomy 8:12, they were warned:

“Lest when you have eaten and are full...that you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’”





Despite God mercifully providing reminders, Israel did not take heed. Consequently, the Lord would hide His face from them (Deuteronomy 32:20) and they would face recompense. Personally, I was struck by the fact that I too can “fall” so severely when I turn away from God. Having similarly learned of these dangers, why would we want to respond as the children of Israel did?

“Set your hearts on all the words of this law”

In the past, I sometimes prayed for the Lord to give me grades that would not discourage me but also would not lead me to become prideful. While this is not wrong, this message helped me to understand that it is God’s desire to bless. It is possible to keep rising, and success need not make us fall!

What is crucial is for us to set our hearts on His Word. This means that we should determine to remember what the Lord has said and all that He has done for us. The parable of the sower also teaches us to be good ground:

*“Seeing they may see and not perceive,
And hearing they may hear and not understand;
Lest they should turn,
And their sins be forgiven them.”*

Mark 4:12

To set our hearts on the Word of God is to go beyond mere hearing, but to perceive, understand and change. Personally, I find the danger of the thorny ground most significant. It is easy to be distracted by the cares of the world, such as social media, academic achievements or finding the best internships or career opportunities. While I can initially receive the Lord's Word well, these earthly things can choke the Word. Recognising this danger, I am seeking to consciously lay aside all distractions when I read the Lord's Word and pray for God to open my heart to receive His Word well. I also want to identify potential thorns in my life that need to be weeded out.

“It is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life”

Through this lesson, I was reminded of how precious the Word of God is. As it reads in Romans 1:16:

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.”

We want to set our hearts on the Word of God because it is our life that is at stake. The Word of God has the power to transform our lives, so that we may walk in the good works which He has prepared beforehand for us.

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path”.*
Psalm 119:105





In a world full of deceit and superficiality, it is easy to be influenced in our thoughts and actions without even realising. It is only the Word of God that can shed light and guide us so that we may not be swept away by the cares of this world.

“By this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess”

By setting our hearts on the Word of God, we can keep close to the Lord, so that we may always “rise”! Besides our personal lives, we have seen how the Lord has blessed Bethany in so many ways. As I consider what it means to be part of the next generation of Bethany, I want to be part of a generation that knows the Lord and continues to “rise”. Therefore, I am seeking to do my part in receiving the Lord’s Word well and applying the lessons I have learned.

Admittedly, this is easier said than done, but it is my prayer that the Lord will work in me to will and to do for His good pleasure!

Let us determine not to be like the children of Israel, to instead take heed to the warnings recorded in Deuteronomy and keep His Word deep in our hearts!

ABHORRENT IN THE SIGHT OF PHARAOH

The children of Israel were taken aback;
The slave masters beat them blue and black.
The children of Israel were to make the same quota;
How they could do this was really no small matter!

They tried to reason with the Egyptian officials;
The children of Israel argued that this was impossible.
Their cries and pleas fell on deaf ears, as expected;
The Pharaoh did not want them to be further deluded.

The children of Israel turned on Moses and Aaron;
They rejected their claim that they were sent by Heaven.
The Pharaoh's plan was working very well indeed;
Moses and Aaron saw and felt their obvious needs.

There should have been trust in the LORD;
But there was hardly any faith in God.
The LORD was patient and longsuffering;
Israel must deepen its understanding.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 5:17-21

ANNOUNCEMENT

SERVING AT JUNIOR CAMP 2026

One way to express our faith is through service to the LORD!
The upcoming Junior Camp provides an opportunity for us to learn to serve with joy and purpose.

If you'd like to serve as a Helper at Camp, kindly sign up via the QR code below:



Details of the Camp are as follows:

Theme : "Great and Precious Promises"

Date : 1-4 June 2026

Time : 8:30am - 4:30pm

If you have any enquiries, kindly approach either of the Camp Organisers:

1. Pastor Benjamin Quah
2. Teacher Ainslie
3. Teacher Janelle
4. Teacher Yingsui
5. Teacher Yuanli



Happy Mother's Day

We celebrate Mother's Day tomorrow. Let's take time to honour our mothers and express our gratitude for their labour of love!



NEXT YWS

16 MAY 2026

16
MAY

“The LORD came from Sinai”

Text: Deuteronomy 33:2

With his impending death, Moses pronounced the final blessing to each tribe of the nation of Israel. He began by declaring the glory of the LORD in the Light He brought forth to Israel, and in the Law He gave as an heritage for the nation. These were given to Israel because of God’s covenantal love.



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