

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!

Only the LORD can satisfy our soul's needs.
Let us draw near to Him and discover the
joy of His fellowship. May our hearts be
greatly refreshed through worship today!



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COME AND WORSHIP

He heals the brokenhearted

How well do you know the LORD? As we grow in our knowledge and understanding of God, meditating on who He is should naturally stir our hearts to praise, just as it did for the Psalmist. (Psalm 147:1)

² The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted
And binds up their wounds.

⁴ He counts the number of the stars;
He calls them all by name.

PSALM 147:2-4

1. God is Great

a. He is the Creator of heaven and earth

i. Innumerable are the stars in the sky

ii. Yet the LORD counts them all

Psalm 147:4a

b. Care for His creation

i. The LORD calls each star by name

Psalm 147:4b

ii. Surely He also knows each of us by name

iii. We can take comfort in God's loving care



2. God is Gracious

a. He builds up Jerusalem

Psalm 147:2

i. Jerusalem was once ravaged by war

ii. But the LORD builds it up

iii. He gathers the outcasts of Israel and makes them strong and bold

b. He heals the brokenhearted

Psalm 147:3

i. The LORD does not only offer physical restoration

ii. He is more than able to perform spiritual rehabilitation

iii. The brokenhearted can find an end to their misery

iv. The LORD gently and graciously binds up their wounds

PRAISE THE LORD

1. Hope in the LORD

a. Life's challenges and circumstances may break our heart and spirit

b. There's nothing that the LORD cannot mend

c. Let us come before the LORD who cares for each of us

d. He offers full restoration!

2. May our hearts worship our LORD with Gratitude!

a. For His Greatness

b. For His Graciousness toward us

i. Expressed in His love and care

ii. Expressed in His work in our lives

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

22 AUGUST 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Rayne Quek

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. O Church, Come Lift Your Eyes
2. In Christ Alone

Gloria Lim and Vera Kang
Pianists: Rayne Quek and Gabrielle Wan
Guitarist: Jared Ho
Cajonist: Jamie Li

Scripture Reading

Text: Joshua 1:9-18

Chloe Tang and Tessa Kang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

Message

“All that you command us we
will do”

Text: Joshua 1:9-18

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

22 AUGUST 2026

“ALL THAT YOU COMMAND US WE WILL DO”

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WORSHIP SONGS

O Church, Come Lift Your Eyes

*Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin, Jonny Robinson,
& Rich Thompson*

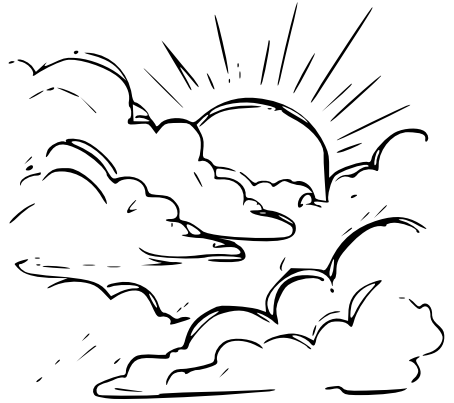
Come, o church, and lift your eyes
To see the risen, reigning Christ
Look beyond your passing trials
To the Source of lasting life

For our sake, He shed His precious blood
To reveal His boundless love for us
He has claimed us as His holy bride
O church, come lift your eyes

In His name, we now belong
We are His daughters and His sons
With one faith, one hope, one Lord
We display the love He's shown

For He came to bridge the great divide
So that we could now be reconciled
With the saints from every tongue and tribe
O Church, come lift your eyes





Let us heed the Saviour's call
To be a light unto the world
May our hands reach for the least
And our feet bring gospel peace

For He came to seek and save the lost
So we follow Him at any cost
We will share our hope, the words of life
O church, come lift your eyes

We press on through fire and flood
In Jesus' strong and tender love
He will fight our fiercest foe
In His strength, we boldly go

His eternal kingdom cannot fail
And the gates of hell will not prevail
He will build His church until we rise
O Church, come lift your eyes

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In Christ Alone

*Words and Music by Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend*

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.





There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 15 AUGUST 2026

“BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE”

TEXT: JOSHUA 1:1-9

UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

1. It is a historical account that records a number of transitions
 - a. The transition into a new land
 - b. The transition to a new generation
 - c. The transition of leadership – from Moses to Joshua
2. Transitions are significant
 - a. To put into actual practice lessons from the past
 - b. To discover God afresh in the present, and learn new lessons of faith and life
 - c. Taken together, we can look forward to the future with hope
3. The transition of leadership from Moses to Joshua

¹After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying:

²“Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.”

Joshua 1:1-2

- a. Moses was dead
- b. Joshua now had to bear the responsibility of leadership
 - i. To lead the people to conquer the Promised Land
 - ii. To divide the land among the people
 - iii. To help them settle into the land
- c. He now had to put into practice what he had learnt from Moses over the years
- d. He also had to learn fresh lessons of faith in God
- e. One key lesson that Joshua had to put into practice, and at the same time learn afresh – **to be strong and of good courage**

BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE

- 1. To be strong and of good courage
 - a. It is to have strength to perform the task
 - b. It is to have courage to press on in the task, and not be deterred or discouraged
- 2. This was not the first time these words were said to Joshua
 - a. It was said to Joshua by Moses during his inauguration as the next leader

*⁷ Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "**Be strong and of good courage**, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it.*

⁸ And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

Deuteronomy 31:7-8

b. God Himself also spoke these words to Joshua

*Then He inaugurated Joshua the son of Nun, and said, **"Be strong and of good courage;** for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land of which I swore to them, and I will be with you."*

Deuteronomy 31:23

c. Such was the charge given to Joshua

i. Be strong and of good courage

ii. God will be with you

iii. Do not fear

THE CHARGE REPEATED TO JOSHUA AFTER MOSES' PASSING

This time, God spoke to Joshua to be strong and courageous no less than three times

1. Be strong and of good courage

Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

Joshua 1:6

a. This echoed what had been said before

b. Once again, the call to be strong and courageous was emphasised

i. Not because Joshua was weak

ii. But because the task before him was great

iii. And a great task required great strength and courage to match

c. Joshua witnessed the strength that Moses had as he led Israel for forty years

b. He now needed to find that greater strength and courage for himself

2. Only be strong and very courageous

⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Joshua 1:7-8

a. A new dimension was added here

i. The call to be strong and courageous was intensified through the use of the word “very”

ii. Strength and courage were also to be applied in another way

b. Joshua needed to be strong and courageous not only on the battlefield, but more importantly in his personal walk with God

c. He was to obey all the law

i. Which God had commanded through Moses

ii. To not turn from it to the right hand or to the left

d. How was he to do it?

He was to read the Book of the Law

i. To meditate in it day and night

ii. That he may obey all that is written in it

e. The result of keeping God's Word

i. His way would be prosperous

ii. The end of his way would be good success

3. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

a. "Have I not commanded you?"

To be strong and courageous was not optional – it was a command

b. Thus, to be strong and courageous was not a feeling

But a deliberate act of obedience

c. There was every reason for Joshua to be strong and courageous

For God had said He would be with him wherever he went

i. This would have been of tremendous encouragement to Joshua

ii. He saw how God was with Moses - delivering Israel from Egypt and leading them through the wilderness

iii. Now, the same God who was with Moses would be with Joshua

CONCLUSION

1. There are many transitions in life that we have to face

2. We can face these transitions with strength and courage

a. By realising the Pressing Need for them

b. By applying them to our Personal Walk with God

c. By depending on the Presence of God

REFLECTIONS

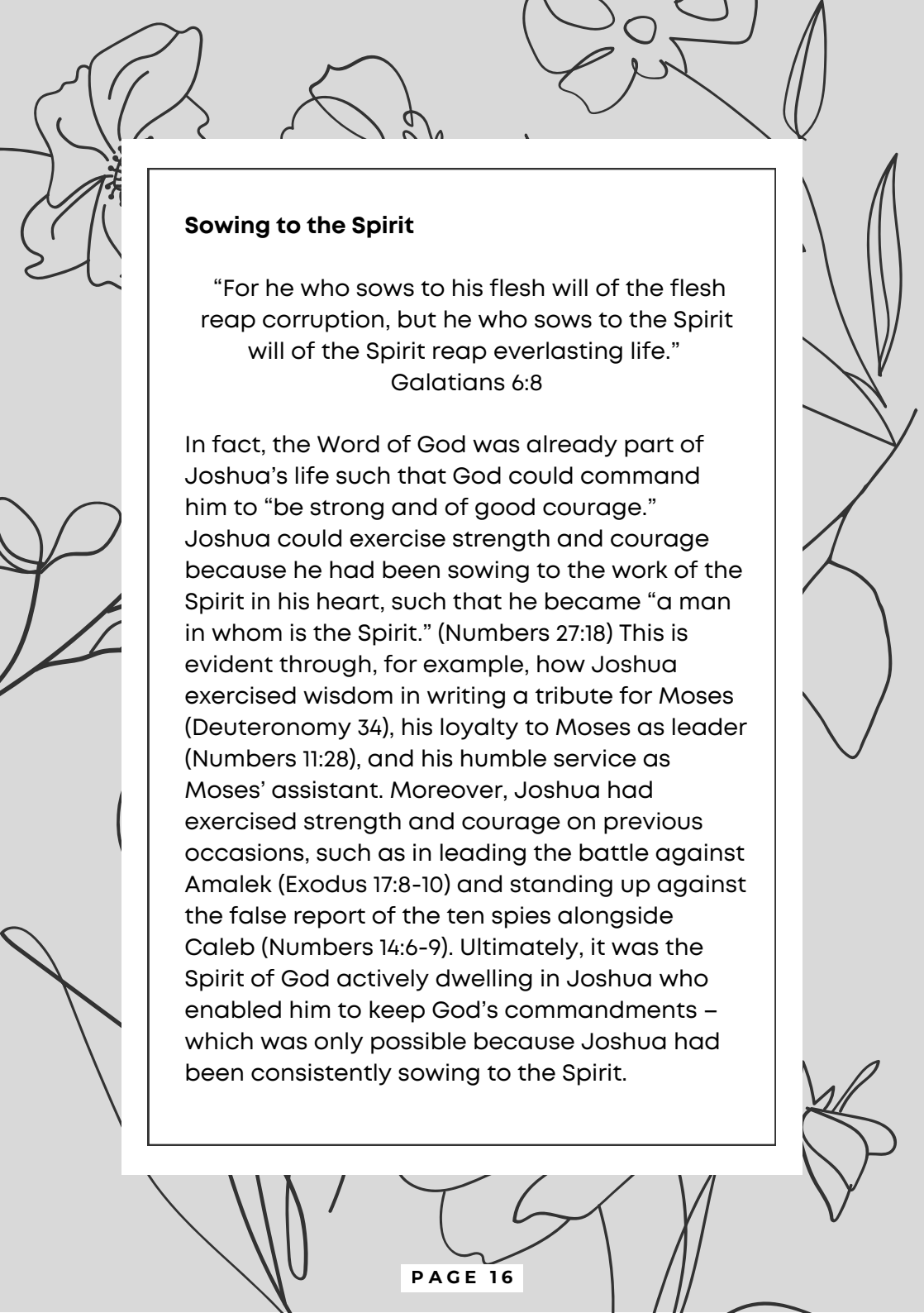
YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Ashley Tan

Last week at Youth Worship, we started our study on the book of Joshua. At this point, Israel was on the cusp of entering the Promised Land. Following Moses' passing, Joshua would be the new leader of Israel and the person to lead the nation into Canaan.

The Word of God was the source of Joshua's strength and courage

God charged Joshua to "be strong and of good courage" three times as recorded in Joshua 1:1-9. Significantly, God also commanded Joshua to meditate on and to observe His Word. "This Book of Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (Joshua 1:8) Ultimately, the Word of God was the source of Joshua's strength and courage – keeping God's Word was Joshua's surety that Israel would enter Canaan successfully.

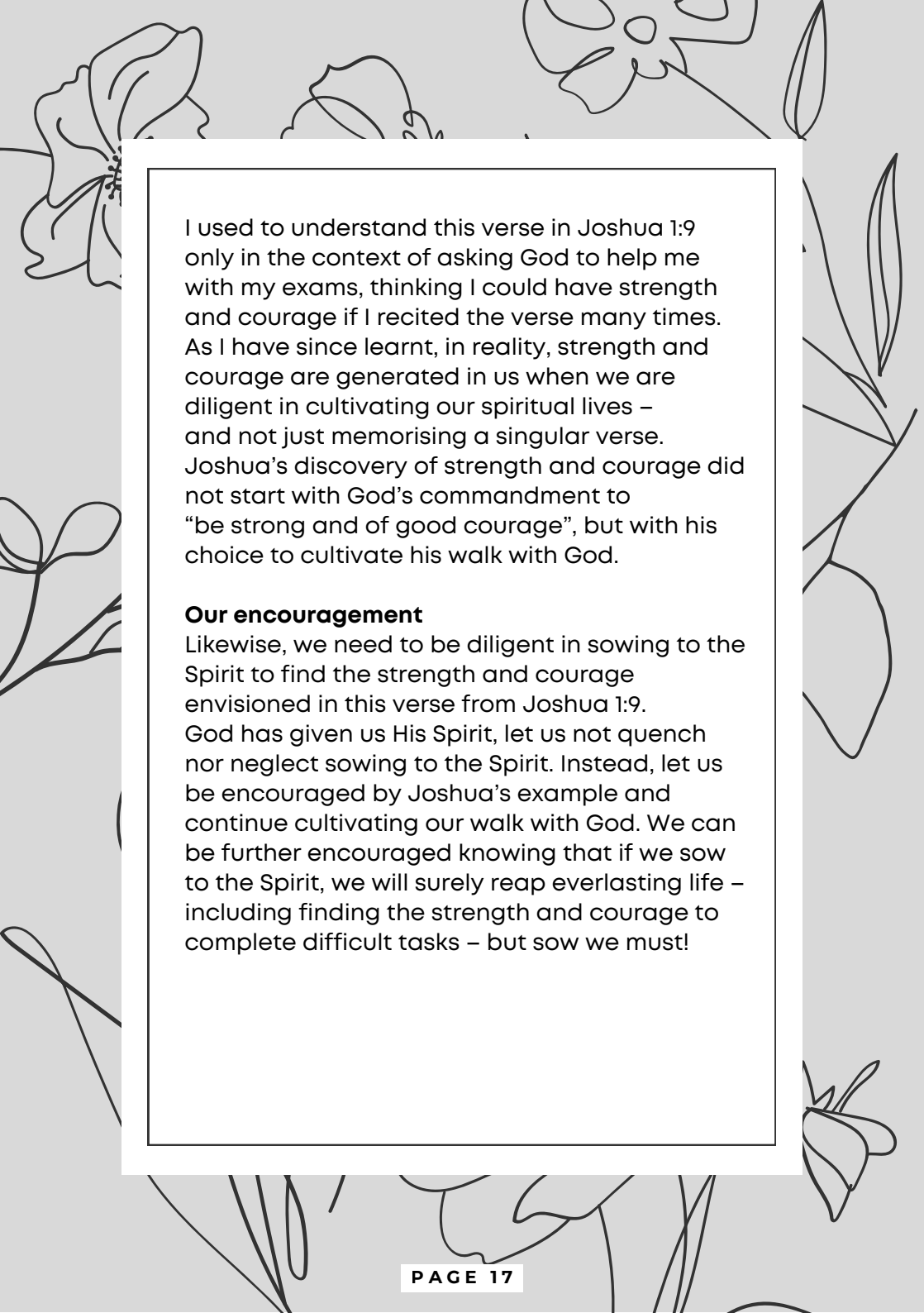


Sowing to the Spirit

“For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

Galatians 6:8

In fact, the Word of God was already part of Joshua's life such that God could command him to “be strong and of good courage.” Joshua could exercise strength and courage because he had been sowing to the work of the Spirit in his heart, such that he became “a man in whom is the Spirit.” (Numbers 27:18) This is evident through, for example, how Joshua exercised wisdom in writing a tribute for Moses (Deuteronomy 34), his loyalty to Moses as leader (Numbers 11:28), and his humble service as Moses' assistant. Moreover, Joshua had exercised strength and courage on previous occasions, such as in leading the battle against Amalek (Exodus 17:8-10) and standing up against the false report of the ten spies alongside Caleb (Numbers 14:6-9). Ultimately, it was the Spirit of God actively dwelling in Joshua who enabled him to keep God's commandments – which was only possible because Joshua had been consistently sowing to the Spirit.

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I used to understand this verse in Joshua 1:9 only in the context of asking God to help me with my exams, thinking I could have strength and courage if I recited the verse many times. As I have since learnt, in reality, strength and courage are generated in us when we are diligent in cultivating our spiritual lives – and not just memorising a singular verse. Joshua’s discovery of strength and courage did not start with God’s commandment to “be strong and of good courage”, but with his choice to cultivate his walk with God.

Our encouragement

Likewise, we need to be diligent in sowing to the Spirit to find the strength and courage envisioned in this verse from Joshua 1:9. God has given us His Spirit, let us not quench nor neglect sowing to the Spirit. Instead, let us be encouraged by Joshua’s example and continue cultivating our walk with God. We can be further encouraged knowing that if we sow to the Spirit, we will surely reap everlasting life – including finding the strength and courage to complete difficult tasks – but sow we must!



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

HANNAH HOO

Hello young people,

Last week at Youth Worship, we learnt from Joshua 1:1–9. It was a period of time when the children of Israel were simultaneously undergoing many major transitions.

Lessons from the book of Joshua

First, there was the geographical transition into a new land, moving from the wilderness into the land of Canaan. They were preparing to cross over into the promised land, which was filled with fortified cities and formidable armies that they had to face. Second, there was the transition of generation, from the older generation that had been in the wilderness for forty years to a new generation. And third, there was the transition of leadership from Moses to Joshua, his assistant. Joshua was tasked with the great responsibility of organising the nation, leading them to conquer their enemies, possessing the land, and dividing the inheritance amongst the tribes.

These transitions were very significant and carried immense weight. How would Joshua be able to face all of these? He had to put into

practice the lessons he had learned from Moses, but he also had to discover God afresh and learn new lessons of faith.

The Lord repeatedly commanded Joshua to “Be strong and of good courage”. In fact, the Lord repeated this phrase three times in the text we studied last week. It was emphasised because the task before Joshua was great, and would require great strength and courage.

Walking through different seasons of change

We too also face many different transitions in our lives. We go through primary school, secondary school, junior college, university, and eventually the working world. Each of these stages comes with its own unfamiliar expectations and difficulties.

In this lesson, what stood out to me is what it actually means to be strong and courageous. It was not meant to be just an encouraging suggestion but it was a direct command from God. Being strong and courageous is a deliberate act of obedience.





Learning to be strong and courageous in school

As I prepare to start my last year in university, I have been feeling worried and have been dreading the semester. As I look at all the things that I have to do and as I face the reality of stepping into the working world soon, they feel like insurmountable challenges. However, learning from Joshua has caused me to rethink my perspective. It exposed where my focus was. I realised that my dread came from looking solely at the difficulties ahead and trying to rely on my own limited capacity. God never asked Joshua to face his challenges relying on his own strength, and He does not ask that of me either.

To me, I am seeking to be strong and courageous. This means shifting my focus away from the fears and challenges I am going to face. I want to make that deliberate choice of faith, choosing to trust in the Lord day by day and not letting my anxious thoughts affect my approach. I realise that I do not have to carry the whole year's burdens all at once or figure everything out right now. The same faithful God who walked with both Moses and Joshua is the

exact same God who will be with me each and every step of the way. Knowing that the Lord's presence is with me, I do not have to drag myself into this academic term feeling defeated by what may come. Instead, I can begin this last year in university with much peace, joy, hope and thankfulness, trusting that He will guide me, provide for me, and carry me through.

Learning to be strong and courageous in my walk with the Lord

Reflecting on the lesson furthermore, I have a deep desire to apply the command to be strong and courageous in my personal walk with the Lord, particularly in how I serve Him. When life gets overwhelmingly busy and academic demands pile up, it is easy to grow weary and lose sight of my reason to serve. There are times when I look around and see peers spending every weekend taking on extra projects to add to their resumes. To be very honest, it is tempting to fall into the trap of comparison. Dedicating my weekends to ministry may seem like I am falling behind in life, which results in anxiety and fear. Yet, this is where I recognise that I need strength and courage. Being strong





means actively guarding my heart against worldly patterns of comparison and self-striving. It means learning to serve with the right mindset, not out of duty or routine, but in humble gratitude for what Christ has done for me. Being courageous means choosing to set aside time and energy for God, even when the semester feels demanding and exhaustion creeps in. I want to give my best to God's work and trust that He will provide whatever wisdom, energy, and provision I need for my studies and future in His perfect time.

Instead of letting ministry become a burden or something I do begrudgingly, I want to learn to face the challenges of service with a truly joyful and thankful heart. Similar to Joshua who had to step forward into the unknown relying entirely on God's presence, I want to step into this new season trusting that all things given to the Lord are never wasted, and that He will faithfully sustain me in all that He has called me to do.

SWARMS OF FLIES

The next plague on Egypt was called "swarms;"
The Pharaoh would be forewarned,
It could be swarms of flies or even scarabs;
Many would be greatly distressed and affected.

Uarchit and Beelzebub were both gods of the flies;
But when the swarms came, there was no divine advice.
The gods of Egypt were helpless and hopeless once again;
The LORD, the God of the children, is the One who reigns.

Purity to the priests was sacred but all were defiled;
The names of Moses and Aaron were reviled.
These were servants of the great God of the Hebrews;
He had come to demand a freedom that was overdue!

The Lord made a distinction on this plague sent;
The swarms of flies or scarabs would not go to Goshen.
They would remain to attack only the Egyptians;
The Lord began to make a very clear distinction.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Exodus 8:20-24



NO YOUTH WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

With great excitement and thanksgiving,
we will gather at Shangri-La next Sunday
to celebrate Bethany's 50 + 3 Anniversary!

There will not be Youth Worship on the eve of
our Anniversary celebration, so that time may be
given to the necessary preparations.



YOUTH CONFERENCE 2026

HOLD FAST WHAT YOU HAVE

REVELATION 3:11

We start looking forward to the Youth Conference even as we enter the second half of 2026! As we learn about the faith that we have, may we seek to hold fast to what we have, ensuring that no one takes away the crown of victory that we can have!

Details: Date: 30 November - 3 December
(Monday - Thursday)
Venue: Bethany IPC
Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm daily

Age: Open to youths aged 13 and above.

Fees: \$25.00

Fellowship Lunch

Lunch will be provided every day. It would be an opportunity for us to relate to and fellowship with one another.

Do sign up early to assist in the planning of the programme.
If there are any queries, please feel free to contact
Joshua Phang at 80286194.

Scan the QR code to register:





Mid-Autumn Celebration 2026

We will be having our Mid-Autumn Celebration in the month of September.

If you wish to attend, kindly sign up at the booth in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday.

Details:

Date: 19 September 2026, Saturday

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary

Followed by Fellowship High Tea





5 SEPTEMBER 2026

"Truly the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands"

Text: Joshua 2

From the new generation of Israel, Joshua sent out two spies to view the frontier fortress of the land of Canaan, Jericho. In stark contrast to Israel's first spy mission 40 years ago, these two spies returned with faith in God and His promise, being fully convinced that the LORD had truly delivered all the land into their hands.



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