

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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TEXT: ROMANS 4

STEPS OF FAITH

ABRAHAM'S EXAMPLE OF FAITH

Abraham is hailed as the father of Israel. He was lauded by the Apostle Paul for his "steps of faith."

¹¹ And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had while still* uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who

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believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also,

¹² and the father of circumcision to those who not only *are* of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham *had while still* uncircumcised.

Romans 4:11-12

1. The righteousness of Faith
 - a) Circumcision was a special sign
 - b) It was also a wonderful seal
 - c) It confirmed the righteousness of faith Abraham had
2. The same righteousness of faith
 - a) It was given to Abraham
 - b) It was also given to believing Israel
 - c) It was also given to believing Gentiles
3. The steps of faith of Abraham
 - a) His faith was not a static one
 - b) His faith was one of actively practising his faith

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. To check the state of our faith
2. To be challenged to walk in the footsteps of Abraham
3. To delight ourselves in the Lord as we walk by faith

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be encouraged to walk in steps of faith through worship and fellowship!



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Wei Liang & Wenyuan; Elena & Gerald
Lunch: Li Li & family; Geena Ng; Lain Heng & Poh Choo



CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+3 ANNIVERSARY

Theme: Give me this Mountain

Date: 30 August 2026, Sunday

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Time: 10.30am

Anniversary Lunch: 12.15pm

Do register as early as possible.

If there are any queries, please approach us at the Booth in the Fellowship Hall during Lunch.

To sign up for Anniversary Lunch, please scan the QR code below.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+3 ANNIVERSARY: CHILDREN'S SPECIAL LUNCH PROGRAM

We will be having a special Lunch Program for our children as part of this year's 50+3 Anniversary celebrations.

Our children will have their own lunch menu and program in a separate room, taken care by our staff and volunteers.

Details:

Date: 30 August 2026, Sunday

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel, Azalea Rooms (2nd Floor)

Time: 12.15pm – 2.00pm

This is open to children **aged 5 to 12.**

Please contact Pastor Benjamin Quah (9752 3036) if you have any queries.

To register for your child(ren), scan the QR code below for the **Children's Special Lunch Program.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program – Visit to the Oceanarium
 - a) Tuesday, 28 July 2026 | 8.00am- 1.30pm
 - b) Thursday, 30 July 2026 | 8.00am- 1.30pm
2. Saturday, 1 August 2026
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
3. Sunday Ministry, 2 August 2026
 - a) Sunday School | 8.30am
 - b) Morning Worship Service | 10.30am
 - c) Chinese Worship Service | 10.30am
 - d) Children's Worship I and II | 10.30am
 - e) Crèche I and II | 10.30am
 - f) Catechism Class | 1.30pm



LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

(From the family of the late Mdm. Tan Khar Siang)

Dear Pastor Moses,

I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to you and your entire team.

Thank you for visiting and spending time with my grandma over the past few months. Your prayers, encouragement, and presence meant so much to her.

We are also deeply grateful for Bethany's support throughout her funeral arrangements. From every member of your team, we could genuinely feel the love, compassion, and care that was shown to our family. It was more than just service - it was God's love expressed through each and every one of you.

Thank you for walking alongside us with such kindness, patience, and grace. Your ministry has been a great blessing to our family.

May God continue to bless you, your family, and your entire team as you faithfully serve Him and bring His love and hope to many others.

Yihui
(Granddaughter)



Dear Pastor Moses and Pastor Ben,

My siblings and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to both of you and to Bethany for your help and support during our recent

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bereavement. I would like to convey my gratefulness to the Church.

Jiak Lee
(Daughter)



Dear Pastor Moses, Pastor Ben and Bethany,

Thank you all for your timely assistance, and the support that you have given us to overcome this difficult time. Thank God that we have you with us, and for your unconditional love and care in God's Name.

Derrick
(Son)



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 26:11-12

¹¹ But as for me, I will walk in my integrity;
Redeem me and be merciful to me.

¹² My foot stands in an even place;
In the congregations I will bless the LORD.

1. Prayer for redemption

- a) Plea for mercy
- b) Plea for redemption (deliverance)

2. Personal integrity

- a) To walk in integrity
- b) To bless the Lord

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 26 July 2026

Text: “The LORD kept me alive” Joshua 14:10

And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. Joshua 14:10

1. A good testimony of Caleb
2. The Lord's safe-keeping is not to be taken for granted
3. Let us seek to be more conscious of God in our life

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 August 2026

Text: “I am as strong this day” Joshua 14:11

As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. Joshua 14:9

POETRY CORNER

#1

STEPS OF FAITH

Abraham is honoured in many ways;
His faith is to be remembered always.
His knowledge of God was quite limited;
Yet, his faith in the Lord clearly abounded!

His faith was not static in any way;
He learned to walk steps of faith every day.
He believed in God and His promises;
The word of God was one of His treasures.

God recognised the faith of Abraham;
He promised to bless his descendants!
Abraham sustained his faith in the Lord;
He continued to cultivate his faith in God.

Steps of Faith are what we need to take;
There is so very much at stake!
Let us dare to take bold steps of Faith today.
We will find our Faith renewed along the way!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Romans 4:11-12

POETRY CORNER

#2

Faith-inspiring Gratitude

Physical mountains challenge the intrepid explorer;
He covets the sense of achievement when the mountains, he conquers.
Yet the mountains in our lives are different altogether;
For these often seem impossible to surmount and illimitable.

Yet, if only we had prioritized committing our ways to God;
He would have led and guided us in the way to trod.
Despite our obstinacy in relegating our seeking Him to the last;
He will always bring our problems and difficulties to pass.

To help us, God surrounds us with His people and circumstances;
To mitigate the difficulties in our tormented experiences.
Deep gratefulness is felt when we know that God has indeed delivered;
Faith increases when we realize His mercies and gracious favors.

Faith is strengthened by a strong relationship with our God and Master;
Encouragement from our brethren of the same faith makes it stronger.
Yet, may the genuine gratitude we feel towards God, our Heavenly Father;
Justifiably cement and ensconce our faith even further.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Psalm 37:5

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Tan Kok Yang

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 53 | Great is Thy Faithfulness
HWC 395 | Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

MESSAGE

"I have pardoned, according to your word"
Numbers 14:11-20
Rev. Eugene Seow

CLOSING HYMN

CP 339 | Higher Ground

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 53 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

THOMAS O. CHISHOLM

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 395 TEACH ME THY WAY, O LORD

MANSELL RAMSEY

1. Teach me Thy way, O Lord, Teach me Thy way!
Thy guiding grace afford – Teach me Thy way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;
Lead me with Heav'nly light – Teach me Thy way!

2. When I am sad at heart, Teach me Thy way!
When earthly joys depart, Teach me Thy way!
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
In failure or success, Teach me Thy way!

3. When doubts and fears arise, Teach me Thy way!
When storms o'er spread the skies, Teach me Thy way!
Shine through the cloud and rain, through sorrow, toil and pain;
Make Thou my pathway plain – Teach me Thy way!

4. Long as my life shall last, Teach me Thy way!
Wher-e'er my lot be cast, Teach me Thy way!
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,
Until the crown is won, Teach me Thy way!



HYMNS

CP 339 HIGHER GROUND

JOHNSON OATMAN, JR

1. I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Refrain

Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith on heaven's tableland;
A higher plane than I have found,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

2. My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where these abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

Refrain

3. I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.

Refrain

4. I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground."

Refrain



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