

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!

Every opportunity to dwell in the House of the Lord is to be deeply treasured. As we gather for worship, may we rejoice in the Presence of the Lord, and in the assembly of His saints!



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COME AND WORSHIP

PRAISE IS BEAUTIFUL

Praise is a wonderful and natural expression of our faith. The offering of praise to God is a good and right thing to do. As we anticipate Bethany's 50+3 Anniversary, let us ponder our reasons for praise to the LORD!

¹ Praise the LORD!

For *it is* good to sing praises to our God;
For *it is* pleasant, *and* praise is beautiful.

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

PSALM 147:1-2

1. Singing of praise Psalm 147:1

- a. It is good
- b. It is pleasant
- c. It is beautiful to the LORD

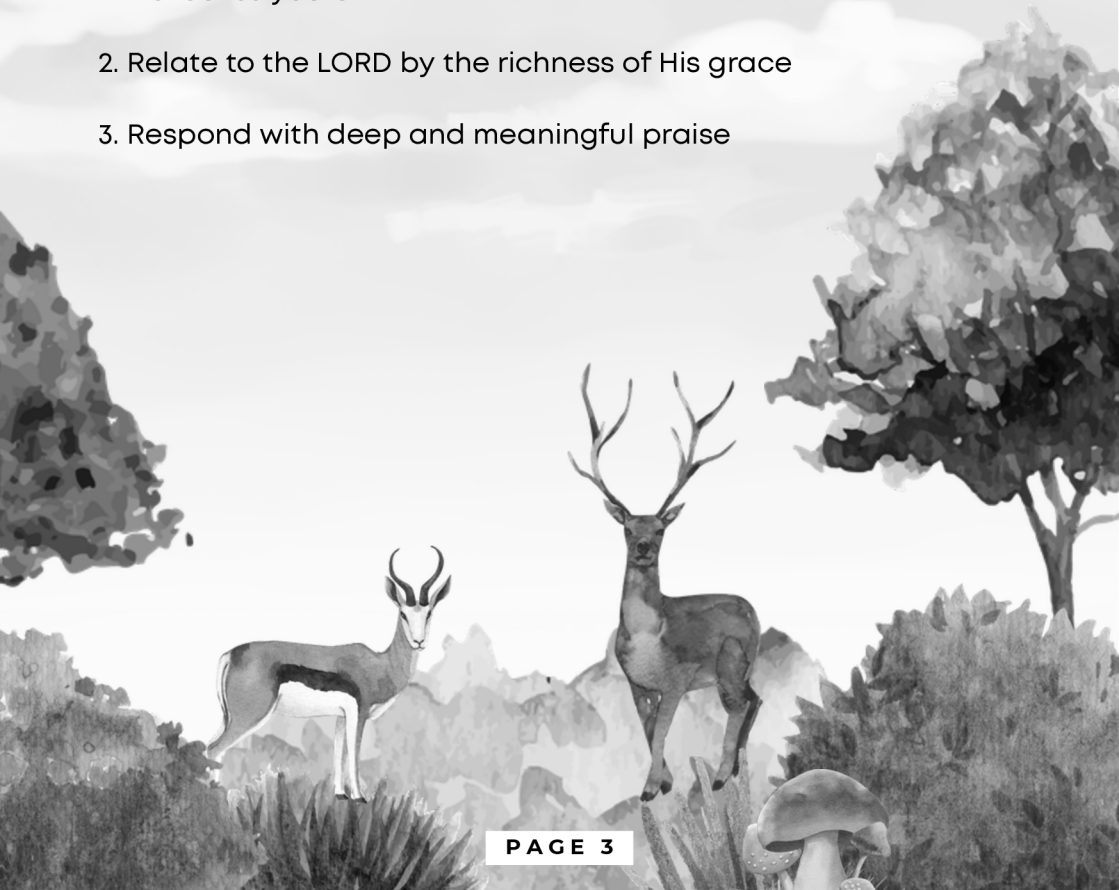
2. Strength of the LORD

Psalm 147:2

- a. Many are the reasons for praise!
- b. This is one reason: God builds up Jerusalem
- c. He gathers together the outcasts of Israel
- d. All who believe in the LORD has a place in His kingdom
- e. Such is the abundance of God's grace!

CULTIVATING PRAISE AS A DISTINCTIVE FEATURE OF OUR LIVES

- 1. Remember the strength of God in building up Bethany the last 53 years
- 2. Relate to the LORD by the richness of His grace
- 3. Respond with deep and meaningful praise



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

15 AUGUST 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Call to Worship

Pastor Benjamin Quah

Opening Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

Song Leading

1. The Hand of Our God
2. Speak, O Lord

Rayne Quek and Jared Ho
Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Scripture Reading

Text: Joshua 1:1-9

Laura Chan and Gloria Lim

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Moses Kwek

Message

“Be strong and of good courage”
Text: Joshua 1:1-9

Pastor Benjamin Quah

Closing Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

15 AUGUST 2026

“BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE”

JOSHUA 1:1-9

WORSHIP SONGS

The Hand of Our God

By Jeremy Johnson and Paul Marino

Take a look around,
See what God has done.
So many lives have changed,
So many lost have come.
We have seen His Spirit move,
We have seen what love can do.

The hand of our God is on this place.
He has shown us His favour,
His goodness and grace.
Year after year, day after day,
He has been faithful in every way.
The hand of our God is on this place.

Broken hearts renewed,
Fragile faith restored,
Shattered lives made new
By the power of the Lord.
We have seen His Spirit move,
We have seen what love can do.

The hand of our God is on this place.
He has shown us His favour,
His goodness and grace.
Year after year, day after day,
He has been faithful in every way.
The hand of our God is on this place.

(end)



Speak, O Lord

*Words and Music by Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness;

That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your Church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 1 AUGUST 2026

“THERE HAS NOT ARISEN IN ISRAEL A PROPHET LIKE MOSES” (A TRIBUTE TO MOSES)

TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

INTRODUCTION

1. The closing chapter of Deuteronomy
 - a. It focuses on the death of Moses
 - b. It was written as a tribute to Moses
 - c. It was obviously not written by Moses
2. Many challenging lessons to learn from this Tribute to Moses
 - a. It is not wrong to pay Tribute
 - b. It is noble

MOUNT NEBO

¹ Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan,

² all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea,

³ the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

⁴ Then the LORD said to him, “This *is* the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have caused you to see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.”

Deuteronomy 34:1-4

1. The Geographical Context

Deuteronomy 34:1a

- a. The mountain range is called Abarim Mountain Range
- b. Mount Nebo is one of the Mountains in the Abarim range
- c. Pisgah
It is a word that describes a high crest on Mount Nebo

2. From Pisgah Moses had a great view of the Promised Land

- a. The land of Gilead as far as Dan Deuteronomy 34:1b
- b. Naphtali, Ephraim and Manasseh Deuteronomy 34:2a
- c. Judah Deuteronomy 34:2b
- d. The South, Valley of Jericho and as far as Zoar Deuteronomy 34:3

3. The Lord's word to Moses

Deuteronomy 34:4

- a. This is the Land which God promised to give to Abraham and his descendants
- b. God caused Moses to see the Promised Land
- c. But Moses will not enter into the Land
- d. God did not refer to Moses' sin (Numbers 20)
- e. This was God's way of honouring Moses as His faithful servant for 40 years!

THE DEATH OF MOSES

⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

⁶ And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day.

⁷ Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigour diminished.

⁸ And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses ended.

Deuteronomy 34:5-8

1. In the land of Moab Deuteronomy 34:5

- a. Moses died in Mount Nebo, part of the Abarim Range
- b. Everything was according to God's word

2. Special Honour granted Deuteronomy 34:6

- a. God buried Moses personally
- b. This burial was in the valley of Moab
- c. He was buried in an unmarked grave

3. Remembering the life of Moses Deuteronomy 34:7

- a. He died at a venerable age of 120
- b. His eyes were not dimmed
- c. Nor did his natural vigour diminish

- a. The mourning period was 30 days
- b. The children of Israel wept as Moses passed on

A GREAT TRIBUTE PAID TO MOSES

⁹ Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰ But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

¹¹ in all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land,

¹² and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Deuteronomy 34:9-12

1. Honourable tribute paid to Moses

Deuteronomy 34:10

- a. There has not risen in Israel a prophet like Moses
- b. The LORD knew Moses “face to face”

2. Remembering the deeds of Moses in Egypt

Deuteronomy 34:11

- a. The 10 signs and wonders
- b. God had sent Moses to perform them
 - i. Before Pharaoh
 - ii. Before Pharaoh's servants
 - iii. In all the land of Egypt

c. The mighty power that Moses wielded

Deuteronomy 34:12

i. It brought terror to Egypt

ii. This was the power of God displayed

3. The successor of Moses

Deuteronomy 34:9

a. Joshua the son of Nun

b. Full of spirit and wisdom

c. Moses had inaugurated him as his successor

d. The children of Israel yielded to Joshua's leadership

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To learn how to appreciate the people whom God has appointed to lead us

2. To honour them when they are alive

3. To pay Tribute to them when the Lord calls them home

REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS



Bethany Toong

Last week at Youth Worship, we concluded our study of the book of Deuteronomy by examining Deuteronomy 34, which is a tribute to Moses. Pastor iterated that a tribute is not a recount of the departed's sins or mistakes, nor is it a time to find fault with the departed. Instead, a tribute honours the departed's life and we see Joshua doing just that as reflected in Deuteronomy 34.

Moses' special relationship with God

In this tribute to Moses, Joshua highlighted the especially close relationship between Moses and the Lord. Moses was remembered as not only a servant of the Lord, but one whom God shared a special relationship with—so much so that He was personally involved in Moses' burial. Almost a year ago, i attended my first burial service when my paternal grandmother passed away. It was an intimate service, with only close family in attendance. While we do not know exactly how God buried Moses, the fact that He had a hand in Moses' burial speaks of an intimate and deeply personal relationship. I found this to be a very touching detail, to see how the Lord had been there with Moses from the beginning of his ministry (Exodus 3), to the very end of his life and ministry.





Joshua also borrowed the words that God Himself used to describe Moses recorded in Numbers 12, affirming him as a prophet that “the LORD knew face to face” (Deuteronomy 34:10). As Moses’ successor and close follower, Joshua must have himself witnessed how Moses’ relationship with God shaped his leadership and ministry. As I recall Moses’ ministry, his growth in his faith and as the leader of the children of Israel is particularly outstanding. What is consistent throughout the records of Moses’ deeds in the Old Testament, is the repeated mentions of Moses meeting with the Lord and God speaking to Moses. It was this closeness of relationship with God that Moses cultivated consistently, that enabled him to grow exceedingly in his faith, as he learned to listen and obey the Lord’s voice.

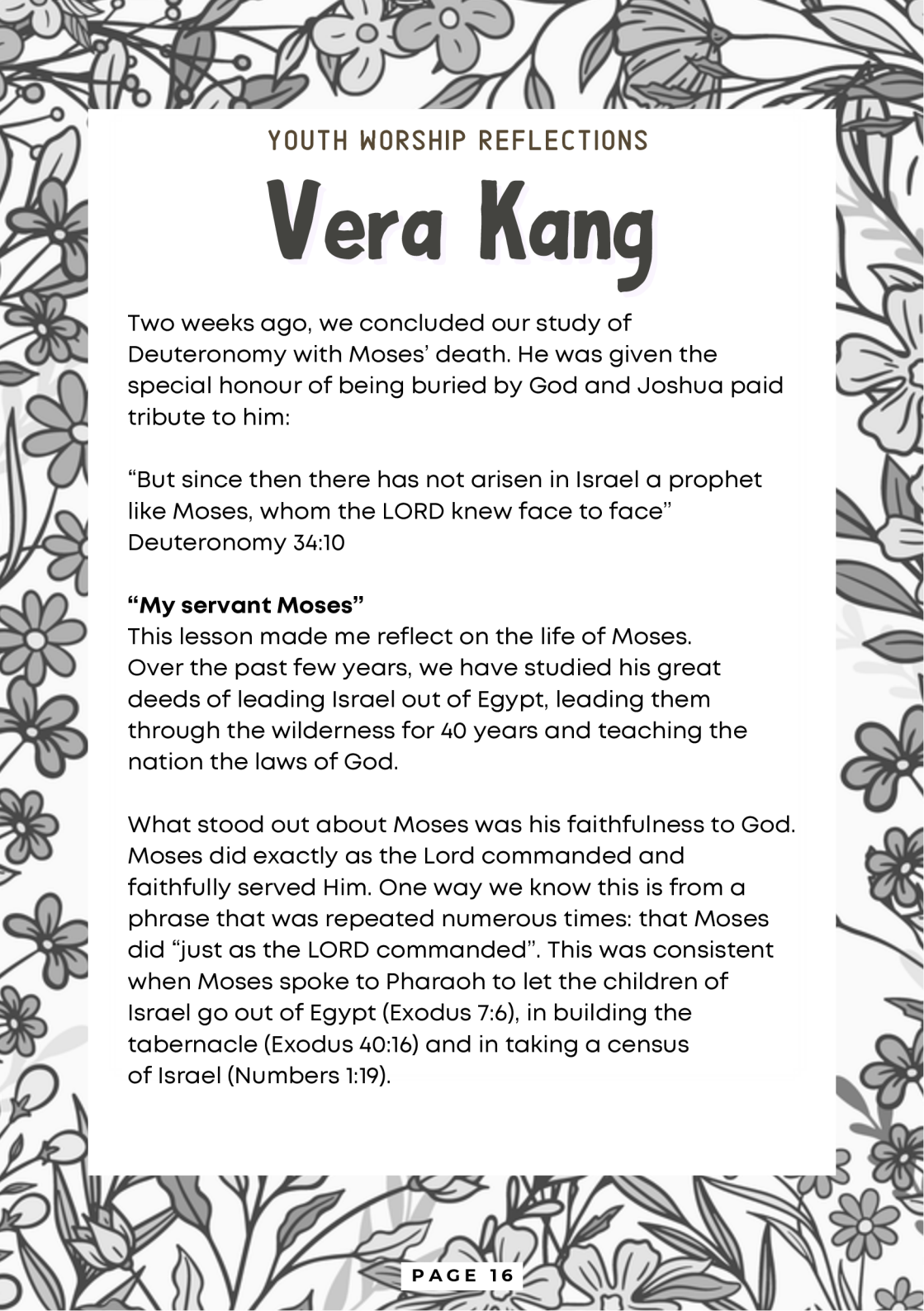
The relationship that Moses shared with God is one that I am personally challenged to cultivate. Earlier this year, I went through a period where I struggled to feel close to the Lord, and my relationship with Him felt distant and impersonal. I realised that it was because I lacked consistency and depth when it came to communing with God and spending time with Him. I had allowed distractions to fill my heart and pull me away from the Lord. Just as Moses availed himself to the Lord for God to speak to him, I needed to put aside these distractions and prioritise seeking the Lord. Moses’ relationship with God brings great encouragement to me. It shows me that having such a close relationship with God is possible, and that this relationship can bring about much empowerment to meet the challenges in life—just as it helped Moses to lead the people through the wilderness. This is something I am seeking to cultivate for myself.



Servants of the Lord

Joshua's tribute reveals his own relationship with Moses. His keen observations reveal not only his closeness to Moses, but the spirit of wisdom that had been passed down to him. How awesome and inspiring it must have been for Joshua, to learn firsthand from Moses' example! Not only is a close relationship with God vital for spiritual growth, a close relationship with the servants of the Lord, whom He places in our lives, is important too. Pastor challenged us to draw close to the servants of God, such that we may learn from their direct examples and grow in our own faith.

This is something that I've been trying to practise, by relating to teachers and pastors in church. In doing so, I've been very blessed to receive correction, guidance and encouragement from them. As I relate to these examples of faith that God has given me, I've also gained a greater appreciation for the spiritual community that the Lord has provided for me in the church. I'm always thankful that He has placed these individuals in my life, to provide a timely word in challenging seasons, to redirect my focus to the Lord and to encourage me to keep running the race of faith. Young people, I pray that you too will find the courage and humility to draw close to the servants of God who have been placed in your life, and that you experience the blessing of this community too.

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YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Vera Kang

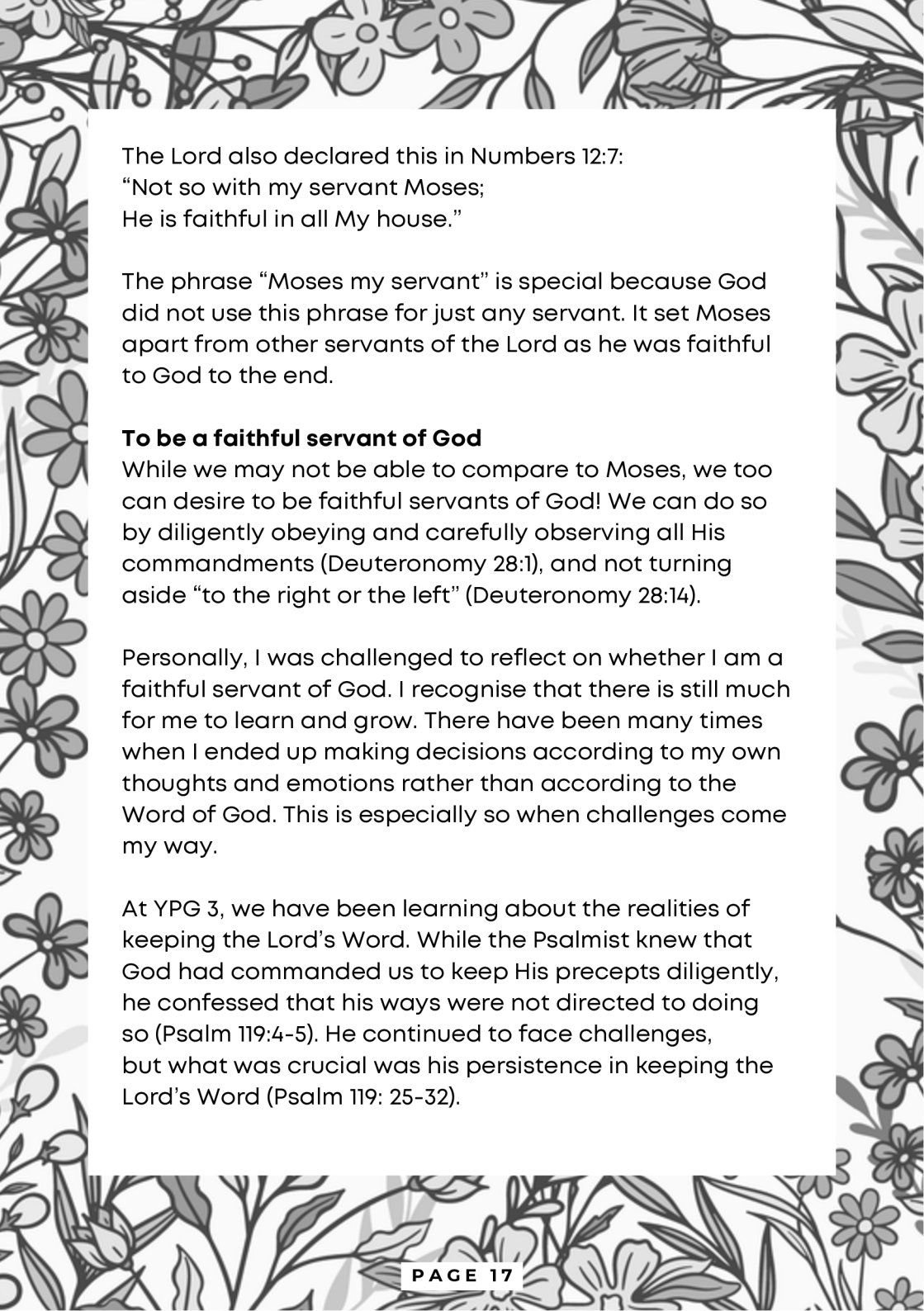
Two weeks ago, we concluded our study of Deuteronomy with Moses' death. He was given the special honour of being buried by God and Joshua paid tribute to him:

"But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face"
Deuteronomy 34:10

"My servant Moses"

This lesson made me reflect on the life of Moses. Over the past few years, we have studied his great deeds of leading Israel out of Egypt, leading them through the wilderness for 40 years and teaching the nation the laws of God.

What stood out about Moses was his faithfulness to God. Moses did exactly as the Lord commanded and faithfully served Him. One way we know this is from a phrase that was repeated numerous times: that Moses did "just as the LORD commanded". This was consistent when Moses spoke to Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go out of Egypt (Exodus 7:6), in building the tabernacle (Exodus 40:16) and in taking a census of Israel (Numbers 1:19).

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The Lord also declared this in Numbers 12:7:
“Not so with my servant Moses;
He is faithful in all My house.”

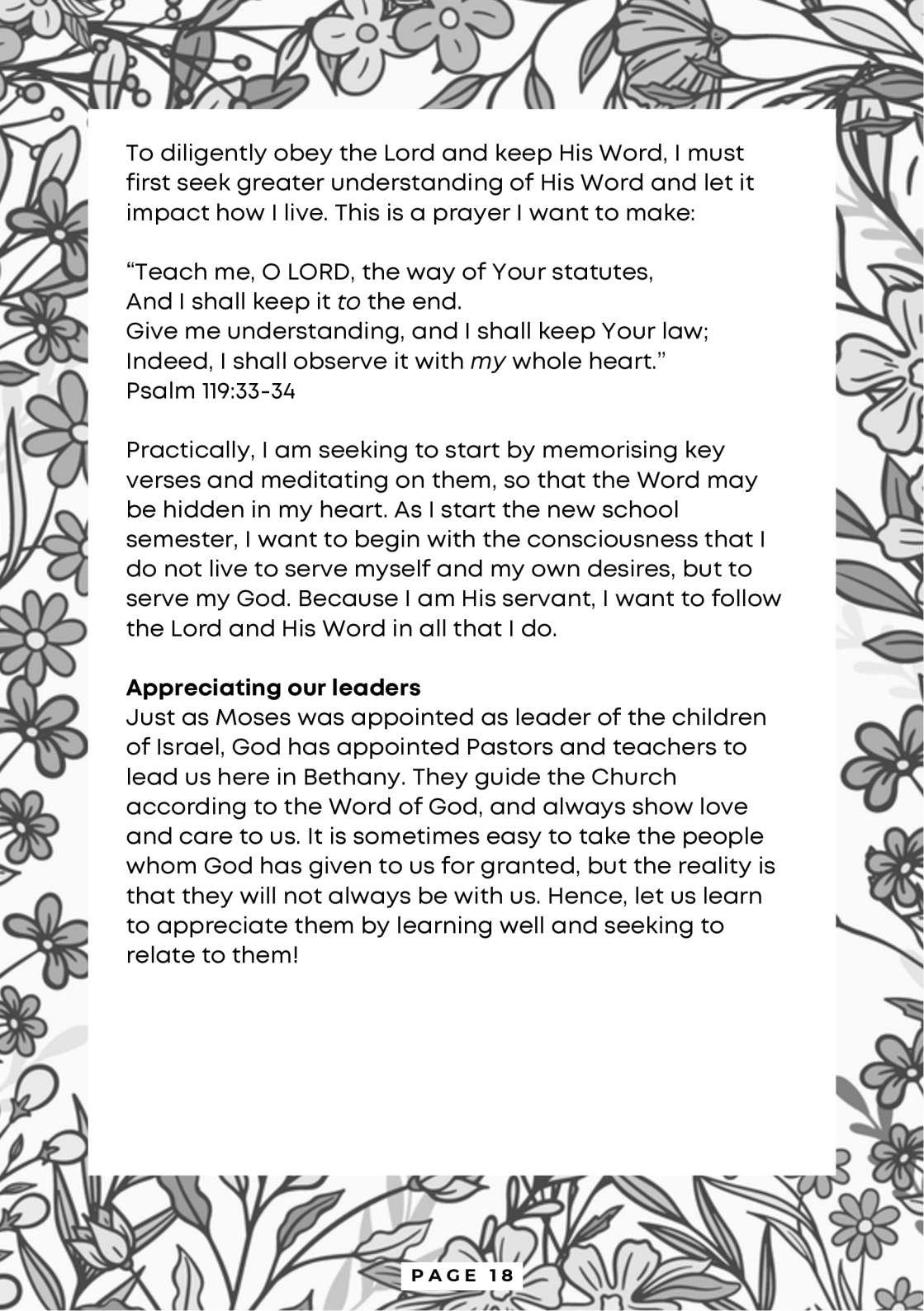
The phrase “Moses my servant” is special because God did not use this phrase for just any servant. It set Moses apart from other servants of the Lord as he was faithful to God to the end.

To be a faithful servant of God

While we may not be able to compare to Moses, we too can desire to be faithful servants of God! We can do so by diligently obeying and carefully observing all His commandments (Deuteronomy 28:1), and not turning aside “to the right or the left” (Deuteronomy 28:14).

Personally, I was challenged to reflect on whether I am a faithful servant of God. I recognise that there is still much for me to learn and grow. There have been many times when I ended up making decisions according to my own thoughts and emotions rather than according to the Word of God. This is especially so when challenges come my way.

At YPG 3, we have been learning about the realities of keeping the Lord’s Word. While the Psalmist knew that God had commanded us to keep His precepts diligently, he confessed that his ways were not directed to doing so (Psalm 119:4-5). He continued to face challenges, but what was crucial was his persistence in keeping the Lord’s Word (Psalm 119: 25-32).

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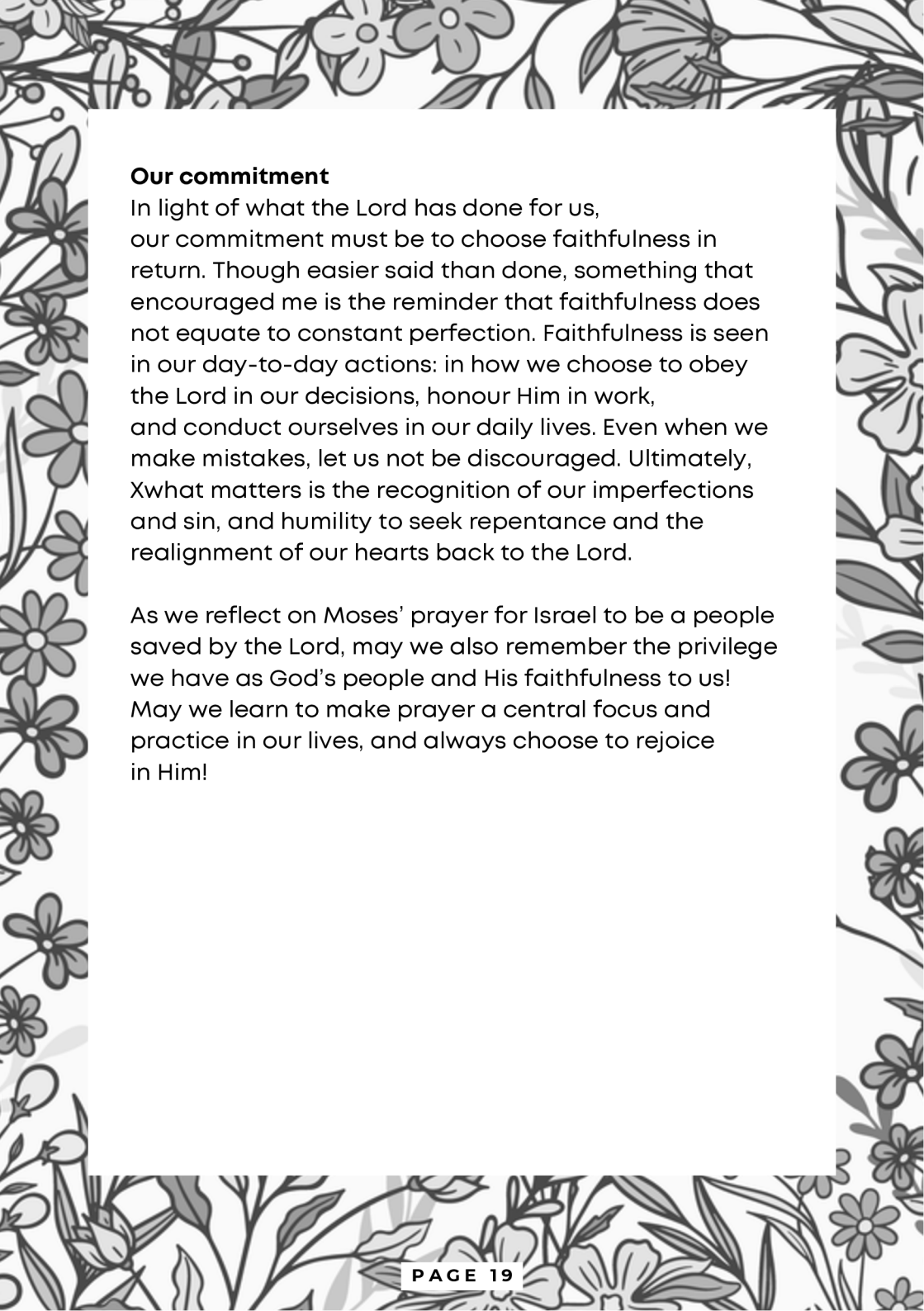
To diligently obey the Lord and keep His Word, I must first seek greater understanding of His Word and let it impact how I live. This is a prayer I want to make:

“Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes,
And I shall keep it to the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law;
Indeed, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.”
Psalm 119:33-34

Practically, I am seeking to start by memorising key verses and meditating on them, so that the Word may be hidden in my heart. As I start the new school semester, I want to begin with the consciousness that I do not live to serve myself and my own desires, but to serve my God. Because I am His servant, I want to follow the Lord and His Word in all that I do.

Appreciating our leaders

Just as Moses was appointed as leader of the children of Israel, God has appointed Pastors and teachers to lead us here in Bethany. They guide the Church according to the Word of God, and always show love and care to us. It is sometimes easy to take the people whom God has given to us for granted, but the reality is that they will not always be with us. Hence, let us learn to appreciate them by learning well and seeking to relate to them!

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Our commitment

In light of what the Lord has done for us, our commitment must be to choose faithfulness in return. Though easier said than done, something that encouraged me is the reminder that faithfulness does not equate to constant perfection. Faithfulness is seen in our day-to-day actions: in how we choose to obey the Lord in our decisions, honour Him in work, and conduct ourselves in our daily lives. Even when we make mistakes, let us not be discouraged. Ultimately, Xwhat matters is the recognition of our imperfections and sin, and humility to seek repentance and the realignment of our hearts back to the Lord.

As we reflect on Moses' prayer for Israel to be a people saved by the Lord, may we also remember the privilege we have as God's people and His faithfulness to us! May we learn to make prayer a central focus and practice in our lives, and always choose to rejoice in Him!

THAT IT MAY BECOME LICE

The Egyptians believed in spontaneous generation;
Lice was not an external pest, but came from perspiration.

The priests took great pains to prevent a Lice outbreak;
They shaved their entire body for ritual purity was at stake.

Geb was the god of the earth and Lice or Gnats were sacred;
They could not kill the Lice even if they were injured.
The priests and magicians could not replicate what Moses did;
They declared to Pharaoh that this was the Finger of God indeed!

Three of the Egyptian gods had been defeated by the Plagues;
Pharaoh was annoyed; but what could he do instead?
He believed that he was also divine but he was totally helpless;
He ignored the advice given to him and retained hardness.

The three plagues had a cumulative effect on the Egyptians;
They had found a new respect for Moses and Aaron.
They were grudgingly regarded as great servants of God;
They were able to wield the mighty power of the LORD!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 8:16-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 on Sundays.

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



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



NEXT YWS

22 AUGUST 2026

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“All that you command us we will do”

Text: Joshua 1:9-18

Heeding the voice of the LORD, Joshua commanded the people to make provisions in preparation to conquer the Promised Land. The tribes of Reuben, Gad and half the tribe of Manasseh were reminded to fulfil their promise made to Moses, in helping their fellow brethren to complete the conquest before settling in their inherited land. In response, the people declared their obedience to Joshua's command.



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