

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!

Dwelling in the house of the LORD can bring joy like no other. May we treasure every opportunity to draw near to His presence! May the worship of God uplift our hearts this afternoon!

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GREAT IS OUR LORD

Praise to the LORD need not be shallow or superficial. Growing in the knowledge of our God will inspire us to render deep and thoughtful praise.

⁵ Great *is* our LORD, and mighty in power;
His understanding *is* infinite.

⁶ The LORD lifts up the humble;
He casts the wicked down to the ground.

PSALM 147:5-6

1. The Greatness of God

Psalm 147:5

- a. The LORD is great and mighty in power
- b. There is no limit to His understanding

2. The Graciousness of God

Psalm 147:6a

- a. The Being of God is great, yet He regards the humble
- b. He lifts them up when they are cast down

3. The Goodness of God

Psalm 147:6b

- a. The LORD is just and good
- b. He does not withstand any evil
- c. The wicked will be cast down in desolation

OUR RESPONSE

- 1. To praise the name of the LORD
- 2. To grow in our understanding of God
- 3. To love Him even more deeply

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

5 SEPTEMBER 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. How Can I Keep From Singing
2. Little by Little

Disciple-Pastor Darrell Ou

Pianists: Rayne Quek and Gabrielle Wan

Guitarist: Jared Ho

Cajonist: Jamie Li

Scripture Reading

Bethany Toong and Thaddeus Heng

Text: Joshua 2

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Message

Pastor Charles Tan

“Truly the LORD has delivered
all the land into our hands”

Text: Joshua 2

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Rayne Quek

MY NOTES

5 SEPTEMBER 2026

**“TRULY THE LORD HAS DELIVERED
ALL THE LAND INTO OUR HANDS”**

J O S H U A 2

WORSHIP SONGS

How Can I Keep From Singing

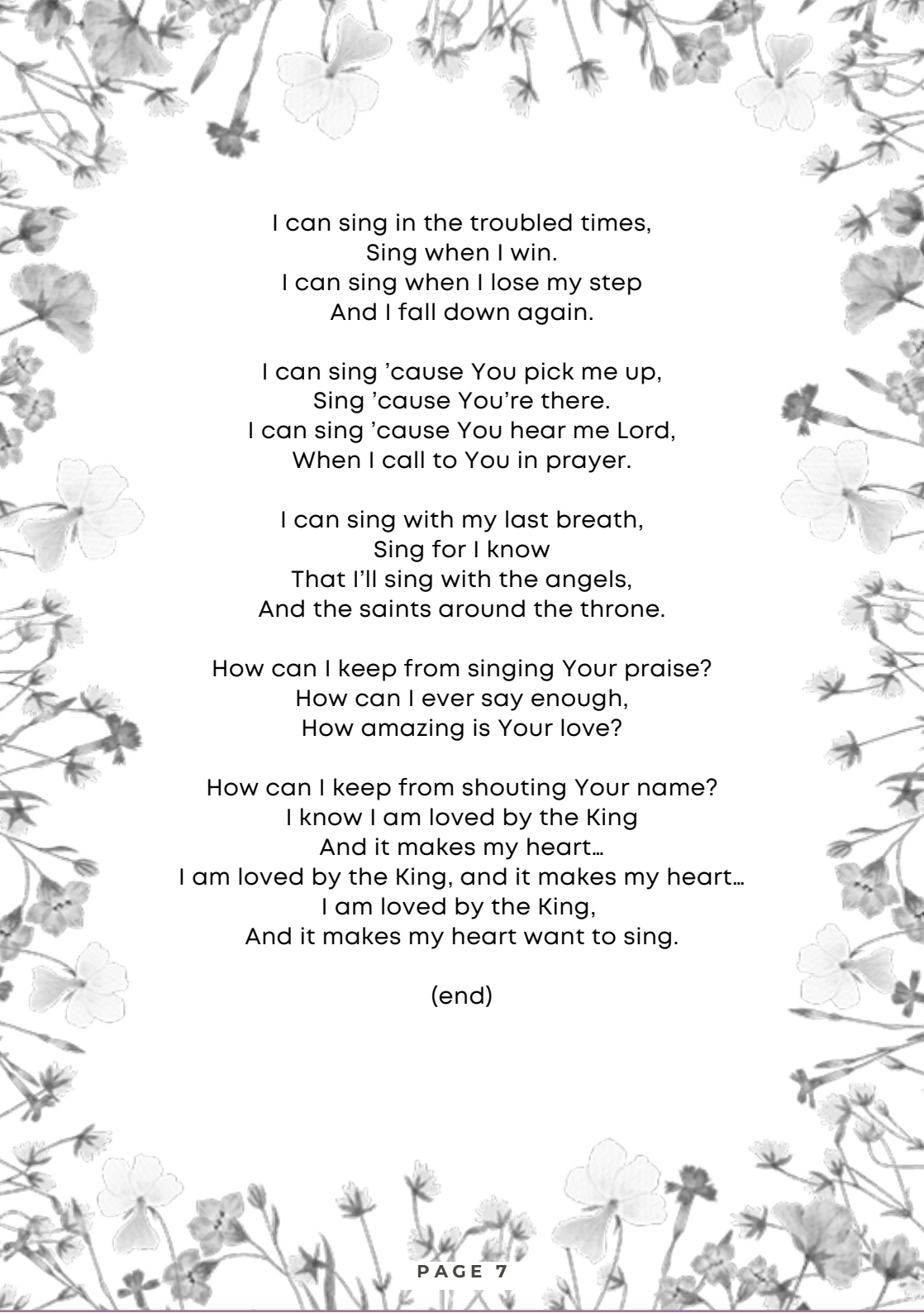
By Chris Tomlin

There is an endless song,
Echoes in my soul,
I hear the music ring.
And though the storms may come,
I am holding on, to the rock I cling.

How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough,
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing.

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night,
For I know my Saviour lives.
And I will walk with You
Knowing You'll see me through,
And sing the songs You give.

How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough,
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing.

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I can sing in the troubled times,
Sing when I win.
I can sing when I lose my step
And I fall down again.

I can sing 'cause You pick me up,
Sing 'cause You're there.
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord,
When I call to You in prayer.

I can sing with my last breath,
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels,
And the saints around the throne.

How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough,
How amazing is Your love?

How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart...
I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart...
I am loved by the King,
And it makes my heart want to sing.

(end)

Little by Little

By Elsie Lippie

Little by little, day by day,
Little by little, in ev'ry way,
Jesus is changing me; He's changing me.
Since I made a turnabout face,
I've been growing in His grace.
Jesus is changing me.

He's changing me, my precious Jesus.
I'm not the same person that I used to be.
Sometimes it's slow going
But there's a knowing,
That one day perfect I will be.

Little by little, day by day,
Little by little, in ev'ry way.
I'm growing like my Lord,
More like my Lord.
As I'm learning about God's ways
And obeying what He says,
Jesus is changing me.

He's changing me, my precious Jesus.
I'm not the same person that I used to be.
Sometimes it's slow going
But there's a knowing,
That one day perfect I will be.

(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 22 AUGUST 2026

“ALL THAT YOU COMMAND US WE WILL DO”

TEXT: JOSHUA 1:9-18

UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

1. Joshua 1

It may be broadly divided into 2 parts

2. The two parts

- a. God's word to Joshua as the successor of Moses Joshua 1:1-9
- b. Joshua's response to God's call to fulfil his role as the military commander

AN IMPORTANT WORD TO THE MILITARY OFFICERS

¹⁰ Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

¹¹ “Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.’ ”

Joshua 1:10-11

1. Joshua had already established an army

- a. He was the commander-in-chief
- b. There were officers who commanded the soldiers
- c. Joshua had proven himself in the battle field

2. War Preparations

- a. Army rations
- b. Earnest preparation
- c. "Within three days you will cross this Jordan"

AN IMPORTANT WORD TO THE TRIBES WHO DID NOT WISH TO CROSS THE RIVER JORDAN

¹² And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying,

¹³ "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.'

¹⁴ Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But you shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valour, and help them,

¹⁵ until the LORD has given your brethren rest, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise."

Joshua 1:12-15

1. There was a Prior Agreement

- a. Moses
- b. Reuben, Gad and half of Manasseh
 - i. They would stay East of Jordan
 - ii. They were known as "The Eastern tribes"

2. The tribes had made their choice
 - a. They will not cross the River Jordan
 - b. They will stay East of Jordan
3. They had made a commitment to help their brethren conquer Canaan
4. They may return to their land after having conquered Canaan
5. Joshua was asking them to fulfil their promise to Moses

THE WORTHY RESPONSE OF THE TRIBES

¹⁶ So they answered Joshua, saying, “All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

¹⁷ Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses.

¹⁸ Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage.”

Joshua 1:16-18

1. The Eastern Tribes had not forgotten their promise
2. Their answer to Joshua
 - a. They pledged full obedience

“All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.”

Joshua 1:16

- b. They reaffirmed their commitment to give heed to Joshua's leadership

"Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you.
Only the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses.

Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed
your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death.

Joshua 1:17-18a

- c. They have one request to make

"Only be strong and of good courage."

Joshua 1:18b

A WHOLE NEW GENERATION HAD ARISEN

- 1. They were unlike the previous generation

- a. Complaining
- b. Challenging the Lord's leading
- c. Challenging Moses' leadership

- 2. Features of the New Generation

- a. They comprehended better
- b. They comply with courage

OUR CHALLENGE

- 1. To find and build faith in God
- 2. To find courage to follow the new leader



REFLECTIONS



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Thaddeus Heng

Welcome back to Youth Worship! I truly thank God for the wonderful time of worship we had last week, celebrating our Anniversary at Shangri-la. 2 weeks ago, we read from Joshua 1 how the children of Israel had transitioned to a new generation. There was now a new chance as they finally entered Canaan. As we too consider a new year of church ministry, Pastor also presented us with a challenge: How far would we take Bethany forward? How far would we go?

A command given: Preparation for war

The command given by Joshua to the people was clear, as he prepared the people for imminent war. The entire nation would have to be mobilised, to prepare provisions, and to go and fight. The eastern tribes of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh too would have to do their part, to cross the Jordan and fight with the rest of their brethren. They had made this agreement with Moses previously (Numbers 32), and they would have to remain committed to it.





We too have our commitments, whether it is our studies, National Service (NS), work or in church. Our challenge is to remain committed to the very end: to do our part to study/work hard and to serve the Lord well. As a full-time National Serviceman now, I have to fulfil my commitment, or face 6 months in detention barracks for going AWOL (Absence Without Official Leave). But NS has certainly taught me that when push comes to shove and lives are at stake, we need a committed defence force, ready to step up and fulfil their duty: to fight the battles that need to be fought.

While there are physical battles, a greater warfare which we are all constantly engaged in is a spiritual one. "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."
(Ephesians 6:12)

When someone gives a command in the army, it is to be followed. As a soldier, I have to follow my commander's orders. Likewise, we too have to obey God's command to fight against such darkness, with the Lord as our Commander. Our challenge is to follow Him wholeheartedly, and to do our part as soldiers in the Lord's army.





A counter-challenge from the people

The people of Israel reiterated their commitment to wholly follow the Lord, and presented 2 challenges to Joshua: To make sure the Lord was with him, and to be strong and of good courage. (Joshua 2:17-18) Similarly, the future leaders of Bethany must not be cowardly, but to be bold to take steps forward. As our church moves into our 54th year of ministry, and we consider the future of Bethany, the question remains: what is our place in Bethany? As the young people forming the next generation, would we take Bethany forward and upward? Or would we let all that the past generations have built up in Bethany go to waste?

The counter-challenge presented to Joshua is for us to consider as well. I am challenged to take my faith seriously, and to make sure I have the Lord with me. I am also seeking to cultivate a spirit of obedience and courage, to serve the Lord the best I can, wherever I am placed. For me in the army presently, that can look like turning to the Lord despite tough and tiring days, sharing boldly about my faith with my peers, or seeking to attend Scripture Reading meetings even while in camp. As we consider God's wonderful blessings on Bethany for the past 53 years, may we be challenged to rise up as the Bethany youth community, and humbly find our place to contribute to her continual growth, as living stones!



SACRIFICE TO GOD IN THE LAND

Pharaoh was a shrewd and cunning ruler;
He offered a compromise that seemed better.
The children of Israel need not need to leave Egypt;
They still could offer their sacrifices to God indeed.

Moses saw through the cunning compromise offered;
He knew that this was not what God demanded.
If they were to offer sacrifices of oxen to God in heaven;
This would be offensive, for the ox was sacred to the Egyptians.

Pharaoh pleaded with Moses to take away the swarms of flies;
Because of them, purity was impossible to fully realise.
Moses graciously offered to intercede for the Pharaoh;
But would Pharaoh change his mind tomorrow?

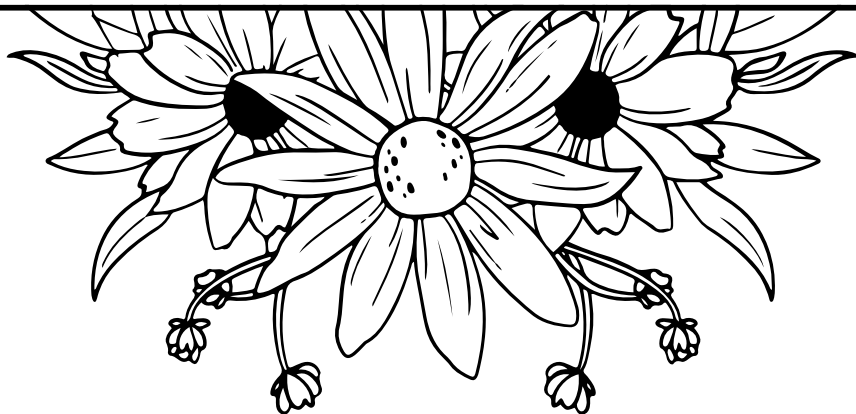
The Lord removed the flies from Egypt as requested by Moses;
He continued to show tremendous patience and kindness.
The moment Pharaoh saw the swarms of flies depart from the land;
He reneged on what he had promised, he refused to truly repent.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 8:25-32



MINISTERING IN PERTH

Pastor Charles will be ministering in Perth
(7-14 September 2026).



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

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SEP

12 SEPTEMBER 2026

"As I was with Moses, so I will be with you"

Text: Joshua 3:1-17

Having spied the land, preparations were made for the children of Israel to cross the River Jordan. A powerful miraculous crossing through the River Jordan was due to take place! As the LORD was with Moses, God promised to be with Joshua, the commander of the nation. Israel would come to see that Joshua was indeed the appointed leader from God.



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