

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!

What a great privilege it is to draw near to our Holy and Awesome God! May we come before the Presence of the Almighty to offer humble and heartfelt worship!



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COME AND WORSHIP

PRAISE YOUR GOD, O ZION

Marvellous is the grace of God in choosing to dwell among His people. To His chosen ones, He withholds no good thing, but bestows great and abundant blessings.

¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

¹³ For He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
He has blessed your children within you.

¹⁴ He makes peace *in* your borders,
And fills you with the finest wheat.

PSALM 147:12-14

1. A strong call to praise the LORD was issued Psalm 147:12

a. To Jerusalem

The capital city of Judah

b. To Zion

i. God's chosen dwelling place

ii. A center of worship for those who believe in God





2. Reasons for praise

- a. Protection of the city Psalm 147:13a
- b. Posterity preserved and blessed Psalm 147:13b
- c. Peace within the nation Psalm 147:14a
- d. Provision supernal and abundant Psalm 147:14b

3. The LORD's people

- a. Special blessings abound for those who dwell in the LORD's presence
- b. These ought to inspire heartfelt praise!

OUR CHALLENGE

- 1. To delight and treasure God's Presence
- 2. To be grateful for His blessings
 - i. In Bethany
 - ii. In our lives
- 3. To be moved to praise the LORD for His grace and favour!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

3 OCTOBER 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Eugene Seow

Opening Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Song Leading

1. Turn Your Eyes

Joel Tan and Lorraine Lai

2. He's Always Been Faithful

Pianists: Gabrielle Wan and Rayne Quek

Cajonist: Jamie Li

Scripture Reading

Thaddeus Heng and Gloria Lim

Text: Joshua 5:13-15

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Message

Pastor Eugene Seow

"As Commander of the army
of the LORD"

Text: Joshua 5

Closing Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Rayne Quek

MY NOTES

3 OCTOBER 2026

**“AS COMMANDER OF
THE ARMY OF THE LORD”**

J O S H U A 5

WORSHIP SONGS

Turn Your Eyes

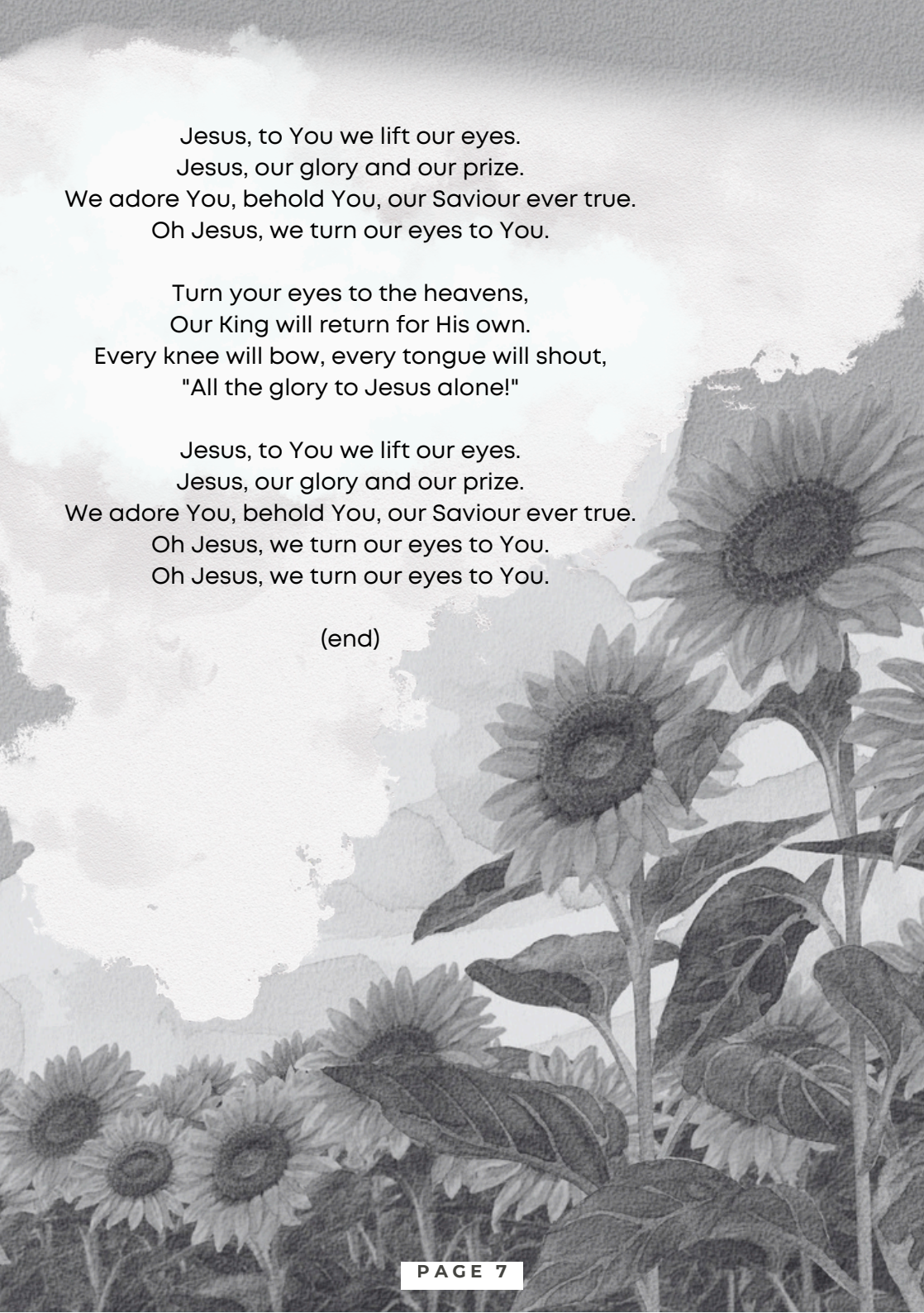
Original Words and Music by Helen Howarth Lemmel
Additional Words and Chorus by George Romanacce,
Nic Trout, Kevin Winebarger, and Nathan Stiff

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced.
There the Son of God gave His life for us,
And our measureless debt was erased.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You, our Saviour ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the Lion awake.
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone,
For we carry His life in our veins.

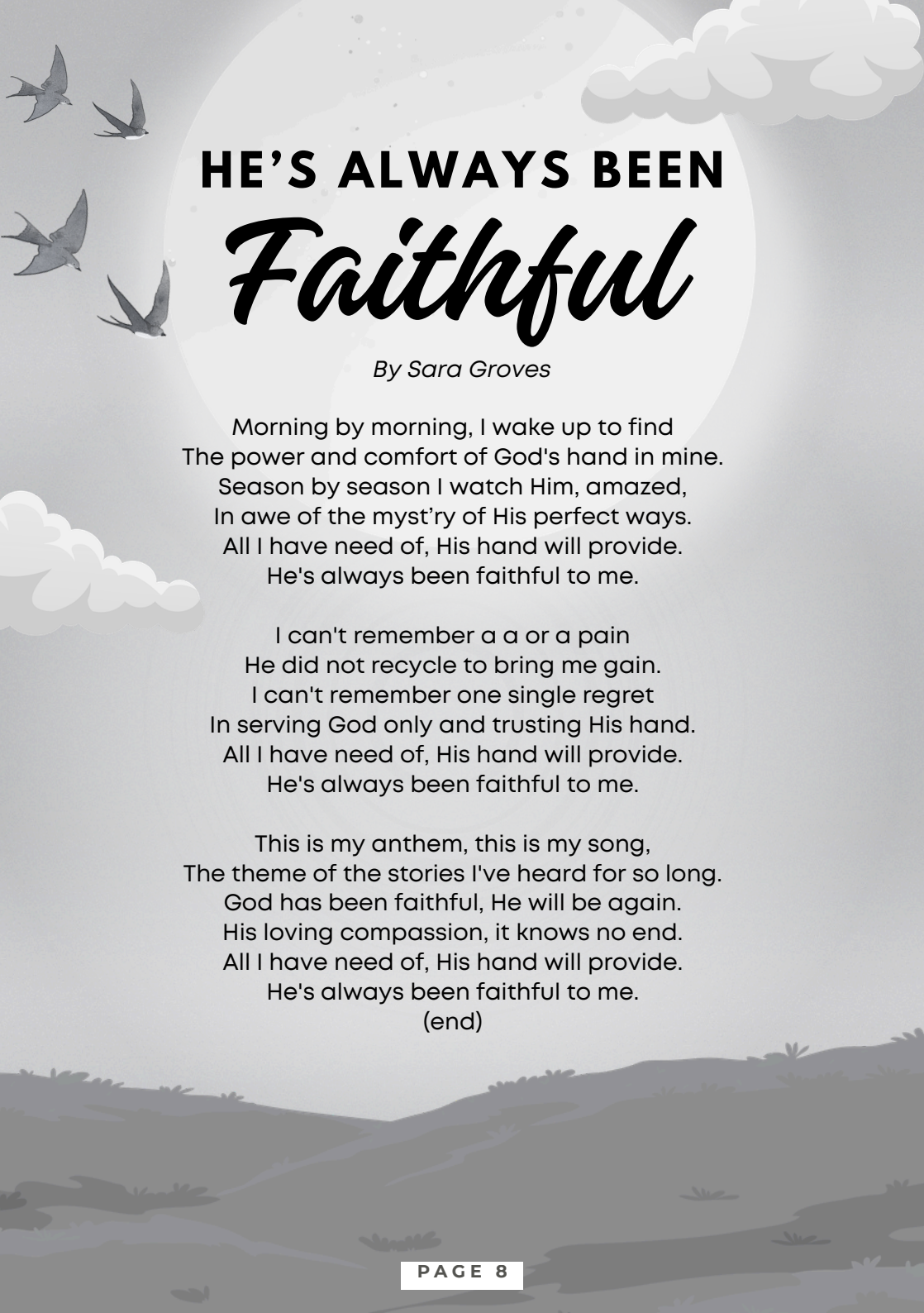


Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You, our Saviour ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

Turn your eyes to the heavens,
Our King will return for His own.
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout,
"All the glory to Jesus alone!"

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You, our Saviour ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

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HE'S ALWAYS BEEN *Faithful*

By Sara Groves

Morning by morning, I wake up to find
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine.
Season by season I watch Him, amazed,
In awe of the myst'ry of His perfect ways.
All I have need of, His hand will provide.
He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a a or a pain
He did not recycle to bring me gain.
I can't remember one single regret
In serving God only and trusting His hand.
All I have need of, His hand will provide.
He's always been faithful to me.

This is my anthem, this is my song,
The theme of the stories I've heard for so long.
God has been faithful, He will be again.
His loving compassion, it knows no end.
All I have need of, His hand will provide.
He's always been faithful to me.
(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 26 SEPTEMBER 2026

"THAT YOU MAY FEAR THE LORD YOUR GOD FOREVER"

TEXT: JOSHUA 4

INTRODUCTION

1. Crossing of the River Jordan Joshua 3
2. The Miraculous Crossing was to be remembered Joshua 4

REMEMBERING THE SPECIAL CROSSING

¹ And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying: ² "Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe, ³ and command them, saying, 'Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight.' "

⁴ Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe; ⁵ and Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, ⁶ that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones *mean* to you?' ⁷ Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever."

Joshua 4:1-7

1. A command from the Lord
2. Twelve men would be chosen
3. Each tribe would select one person
4. They would take one stone from the River Jordan
5. They would become Memorial Stones in the place where they would camp that night (Gilgal)

OBEDIENCE OF JOSHUA AND THE PEOPLE

⁸ And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the LORD had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. ⁹ Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.

Joshua 4:8-9

1. Joshua gave the Command
2. The Memorial Stones were taken from the River Jordan
3. An Additional Memorial Feature
 - a. Twelve Stones were placed together IN the River Jordan
 - b. When the River Tide is low, these Memorial Stones would be seen

SUPPORT FROM THE EASTERN TRIBES

¹⁰ So the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the LORD had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and crossed over. ¹¹ Then it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over, that the ark of the LORD and the priests crossed over in the presence of the people. ¹² And the men of Reuben, the men of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh crossed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them. ¹³ About forty thousand prepared for war crossed over before the LORD for battle, to the plains of Jericho. ¹⁴ On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life.

Joshua 4:10-14

1. The Eastern Tribes

- a. Reuben
- b. Gad
- c. Half of Manasseh
- d. They sent 40,000 fighting men to help the other tribes to conquer their Enemies

2. Exalting of Joshua

- a. God exalted Joshua
- b. The people held a high regard for Joshua

THE COMMAND TO THE PRIESTS

¹⁵ Then the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying, ¹⁶ “Command the priests who bear the ark of the Testimony to come up from the Jordan.”

¹⁷ Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, “Come up from the Jordan.” ¹⁸ And it came to pass, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come from the midst of the Jordan, *and* the soles of the priests’ feet touched the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks as before.

Joshua 4:15-18

1. The priests were standing in the River Jordan all this while
2. As long as they were there, the Riverbed remained dry
3. When the Priests came out of the River Jordan, the waters returned
4. This was a historic moment that must not be forgotten

THE MEMORIAL STONES IN GILGAL

¹⁹ Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho.

²⁰ And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal. ²¹ Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: “When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What *are* these stones?’ ²² then you shall let your children know, saying, ‘Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land’; ²³ for the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, ²⁴ that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”

Joshua 4:19-24

1. Base Camp was at Gilgal
2. The Memorial Stones were set up

3. The Reason for these Memorial Stones

- a. For Posterity
- b. This Miracle was to be set up for the future generations to remember God
- c. This Miracle was compared to the Crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 14)

4. Remembering who God is

- a. That the children of Israel might know the mighty hand of God
- b. That they might fear the Lord their God forever

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To face up to the problems of

- a. Forgetfulness
- b. Shallowness

2. To consciously

- a. Recall
- b. Remember
- c. Reverence the Lord

REFLECTIONS



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Michelle Choo

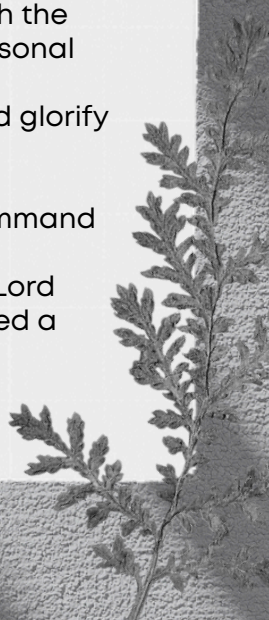
Hello everyone, welcome back to Youth Worship!

Let me start off with two questions I asked myself as I reflected on last week's message: How good is your memory when it comes to the things that are important to you? Perhaps a loved one's birthday, special occasions or milestones. How much effort do we take to remember and commemorate these things?

The Memorial Stones

For the new generation of Israel in Joshua's time, the Lord had brought them through the crossing of the Jordan River, a miracle compared to the crossing of the Red Sea. The Lord commanded Joshua to select twelve men, one from each tribe, to take a stone from the Jordan River in remembrance of the Lord's presence and power displayed through the miraculous crossing. The stones served to carry personal significance as to who the Lord was to them, and subsequently testify of the Lord's blessings, and glorify His Name to the future generations.

What stumped me was that the Lord needed to command the children of Israel to remember Him yet again. The children of Israel had a tendency to forget the Lord and what He had done for them, and even possessed a complaining spirit. This was despite the Lord's commandments and reminders to remember Him. We can trace this pattern through the wilderness





journey. It is sad that all the wondrous things the Lord had done for the children of Israel went forgotten so easily. Yet, I feel simultaneously rebuked as I know that I too can sometimes get caught up with life, or the things of the world, that I forget what God has done for me.

‘Remember the Lord your God’

So back to my questions at the start; the Lord has undoubtedly provided for each and every one of us in different ways, according to our needs, and what He knows we need. Are we able to remember and trace His mighty hand in our lives?

How much effort do we put into remembering what the Lord has done for us? As I look back on life, I recognise that I am nothing without the Lord. Yet, I sometimes fail to appreciate the Lord's provision as I should. When I complain about the inconveniences in life, I know I end up complaining against the Lord. Already being so undeserving, how dare I lack appreciation for this great God and what He has done for me? I am constantly challenged to cultivate an even greater consciousness, love, fear and reverence for the Lord. I'm attempting to do so by filling my heart and mind with spiritual things, and to cultivate a heart of gratitude (Colossians 3:1-2, 16-17). When our focus is sustained on the Lord, it would then guard ourselves against forgetting Him.

Sometimes it's easy to glaze over things because we don't stop to reflect or trace the Lord's hand behind every single thing in our lives; we can get prideful and



think that we have attained what we have by our own merit, or that it was just life taking its course. We fail to see things as blessings from God, and we end up taking Him and His blessings for granted. We can get so caught up with our challenges and what we don't have, and we end up losing sight of the Lord. As the Chinese proverb goes '人往往都是失去后才得珍惜,' sometimes it unfortunately takes losing the Lord's blessings or for Him to just withhold them from us before we realise how precious His hand over our lives is.

As we go through the various challenges at different stages in life, may we never forget the God who brought us through each and every single one, and to appreciate Him in a far greater manner!



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Jamie Li



Hello everyone, welcome back to Youth Worship! Last week we read from Joshua 4, where Joshua was instructed by the LORD to commemorate God's mighty act when the Israelites crossed the Jordan. Twelve men, one from each tribe, were appointed to take up a stone from the midst of the Jordan and bring it to the place where the Israelites lodged. This was a reminder of God's great provision and His presence amongst the Israelites, and how He would remain with Israel as they face their enemies in the Promised Land. Despite it being the harvest time, where the river was gushing and overflowing, God in His power cut off the water for the Israelites to cross the Jordan (Joshua 3:15-16). More importantly, the ark of the covenant was there to lead the Israelites through the Jordan.

Israel's History of Ungratefulness

Crossing the River Jordan dryshod was not the only event where God's power was exemplified. We recall the time when God led Israel out of Egypt, parted the Red Sea and saw them through the wilderness. However, the Israelites had a



complaining and rebellious spirit. Time after time, they complained and forgot God's works and provision (Exodus 15:24, Exodus 16, Numbers 11:4-6). This shows that despite experiencing first-hand God's works and wonders, the Israelites nonetheless responded with discontentment, ungratefulness and forgot about God's mighty works.

The Parallel In Our Lives

As we read about the Israelites, we must be reminded as well that we too are not immune to forgetting God's works in our lives. Sometimes our response to challenges in life is to first question why we are going through them. We easily forget that God has seen us through many other challenges in our lives and we fail to trust Him in the immediate challenge before us. What we learnt from Youth Worship last week serves as an important reminder as to why we must not forget God's works.

Closer to home, after celebrating Bethany's 53rd Anniversary, I am reminded of how God's work and provision have helped us to grow into the church that we are today. From a 1-storey house at 20 Jalan Lakum to a 9-storey (plus one rooftop) building at 301 Upper Paya Lebar! God has blessed us with an amazing community in church and this is something we must not take for granted! As we have heard stories from the previous generation about their experience from

Bethany 1 onwards, it is important that we are reminded of God's works and provision in our church.

Our Part

When we remember God's work in our lives, we will also learn to cultivate a fear of the Lord (Joshua 5:24). The fear of the Lord prevents us from taking what He has done in our lives for granted. We become conscious of God's power to work in our lives, and we learn to respond in fear, in gratitude, setting our hope in the mighty hand of God.

'That they may set their hope in God,
And not forget the works of God,
But keep His commandments;'
Psalms 78:7

As we consider Bethany's 54th year, our generation will have our own experiences of God's works in our lives and more importantly, God's provision for Bethany. On our part, we must never forget His works. Ultimately, we know that God's Hand is mighty and He will never forsake us. May we always give thanks and praise God for all His works and provision in Bethany and our lives!

POETRY CORNER



As Yet You Exalt Yourself Against My People

The Seventh Plague would be a more serious one;
The Pharaoh had witnessed all God had done.
He kept resisting and denying the power of God;
He continued to see himself as Egypt's lord!



Pharaoh's problem was one of great arrogance;
He continued to exalt himself as one of significance.
He saw himself as the son of the gods of Egypt;
He had deluded himself and Egypt's suffering was tragic.

The Seventh Plague was where God would send Hail;
The Hail would be so severe that Egypt would become frail.
A word of warning was graciously given to the Egyptians;
Their livestock would be spared if there was obedience.

There were those who would not heed the word of Moses;
The greatest Plague of Hail fell upon the unrighteous.
They lost their cattle which had been left out in the fields;
Those who heeded the warning enjoyed God's protective shield.



Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 9:13-26

Church SPRING CLEANING

We will be having a Church Spring Cleaning for our Church premises. Thank God for the Church building He has given to us, and for the privilege to care for it.

Details:

Monday, 9 November 2026
9:00am-12:00nn
Followed by Lunch Fellowship

If you would like to be part of the Church Spring Cleaning, please sign up with either Deacon George, Pastor Eugene or Pastor Moses.



ANNOUNCEMENT

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:





10 OCTOBER 2026

"See! I have given Jericho into your hand"

Text: Joshua 6:1-27

God had promised Israel victory over Jericho even before the conquest began. Joshua and the children of Israel were therefore called to be strong and courageous, exercising wholehearted faith in the LORD even when His battle strategy might seem strange to a seasoned warrior. The instructions of the True Commander were to be followed diligently!



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