

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!

With glory and grandeur, the LORD dwells in His Holy Temple. Let us humbly come to the LORD's House being deeply conscious of His Holy Presence!



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COME AND WORSHIP

HE SENDS OUT HIS COMMAND TO THE EARTH

"Great is our Lord, and mighty in power!" (Psalm 147:5)

God's Word reflects His immense and supreme Power. By a sheer command from the LORD, light came and the earth was created. (Genesis 1) The Power of God's Word is not to be undermined. May there be an appropriate response to His Word!

¹⁵ He sends out His command *to the* earth;
His word runs very swiftly.

¹⁶ He gives snow like wool;
He scatters the frost like ashes;

¹⁷ He casts out His hail like morsels;
Who can stand before His cold?

¹⁸ He sends out His word and melts them;
He causes His wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

PSALM 147:15-18

1. God sends forth the Power of His Word

Psalm 147:15

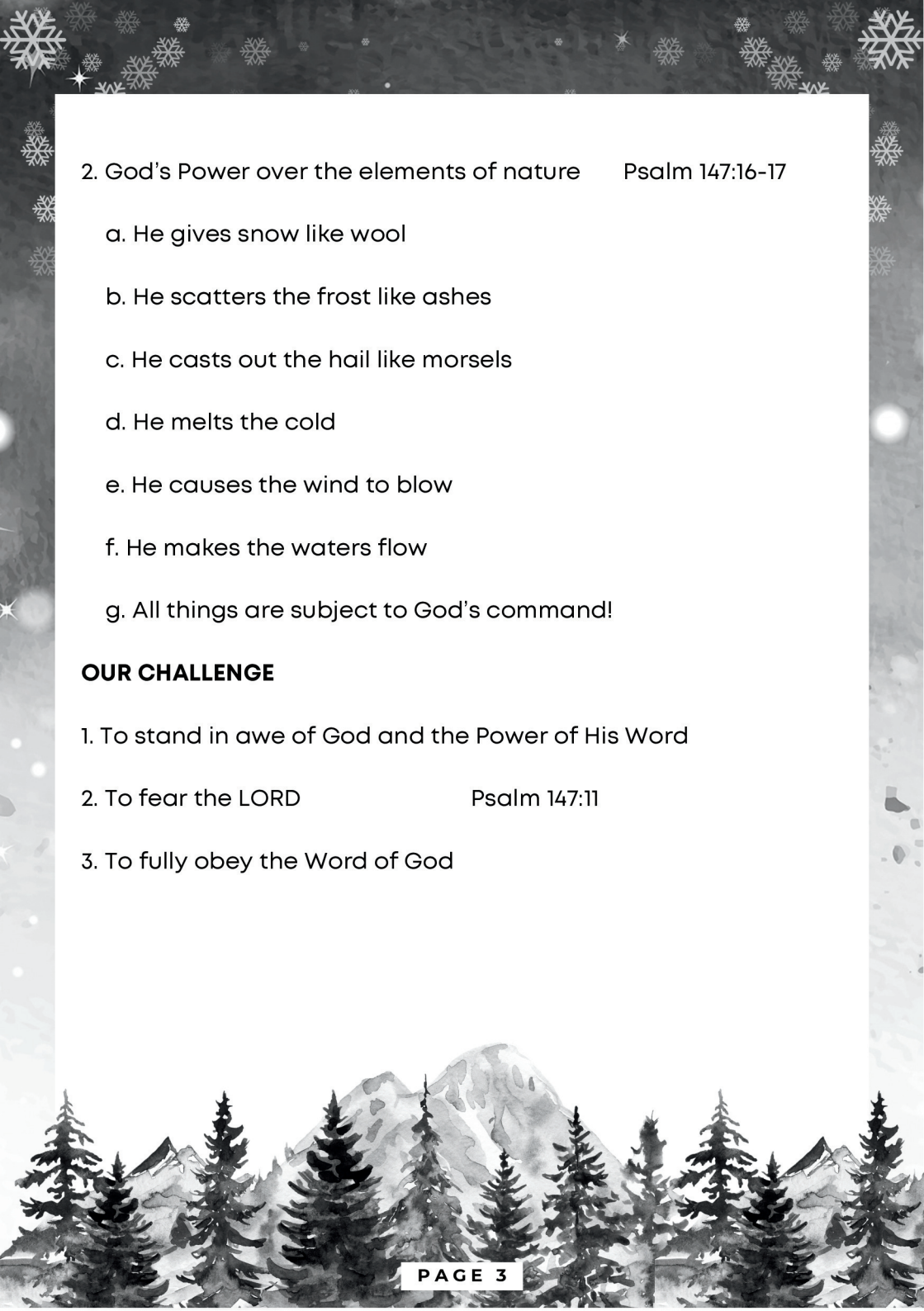
a. There is no limit to what God can do

b. His Word runs swiftly throughout the entire earth

i. The spoken Word

ii. The printed Word





2. God's Power over the elements of nature Psalm 147:16-17

- a. He gives snow like wool
- b. He scatters the frost like ashes
- c. He casts out the hail like morsels
- d. He melts the cold
- e. He causes the wind to blow
- f. He makes the waters flow
- g. All things are subject to God's command!

OUR CHALLENGE

- 1. To stand in awe of God and the Power of His Word
- 2. To fear the LORD Psalm 147:11
- 3. To fully obey the Word of God

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

10 OCTOBER 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Rayne Quek

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. What A Faithful God
2. My Heart Is Filled With
Thankfulness

Ong Yanning and Hannah Hoo
Pianists: Lorraine Lai and Rayne Quek
Cajonist: Jamie Li

Scripture Reading

Text: Joshua 6:1-27

Bethany Toong and Tessa Kang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Moses Kwek

Message

“See! I have given Jericho into
your hand”

Text: Joshua 6:1-27

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

10 OCTOBER 2026

**“SEE! I HAVE GIVEN JERICHO INTO
YOUR HAND”**

JOSHUA 6:1-27

WORSHIP SONGS

What A Faithful God

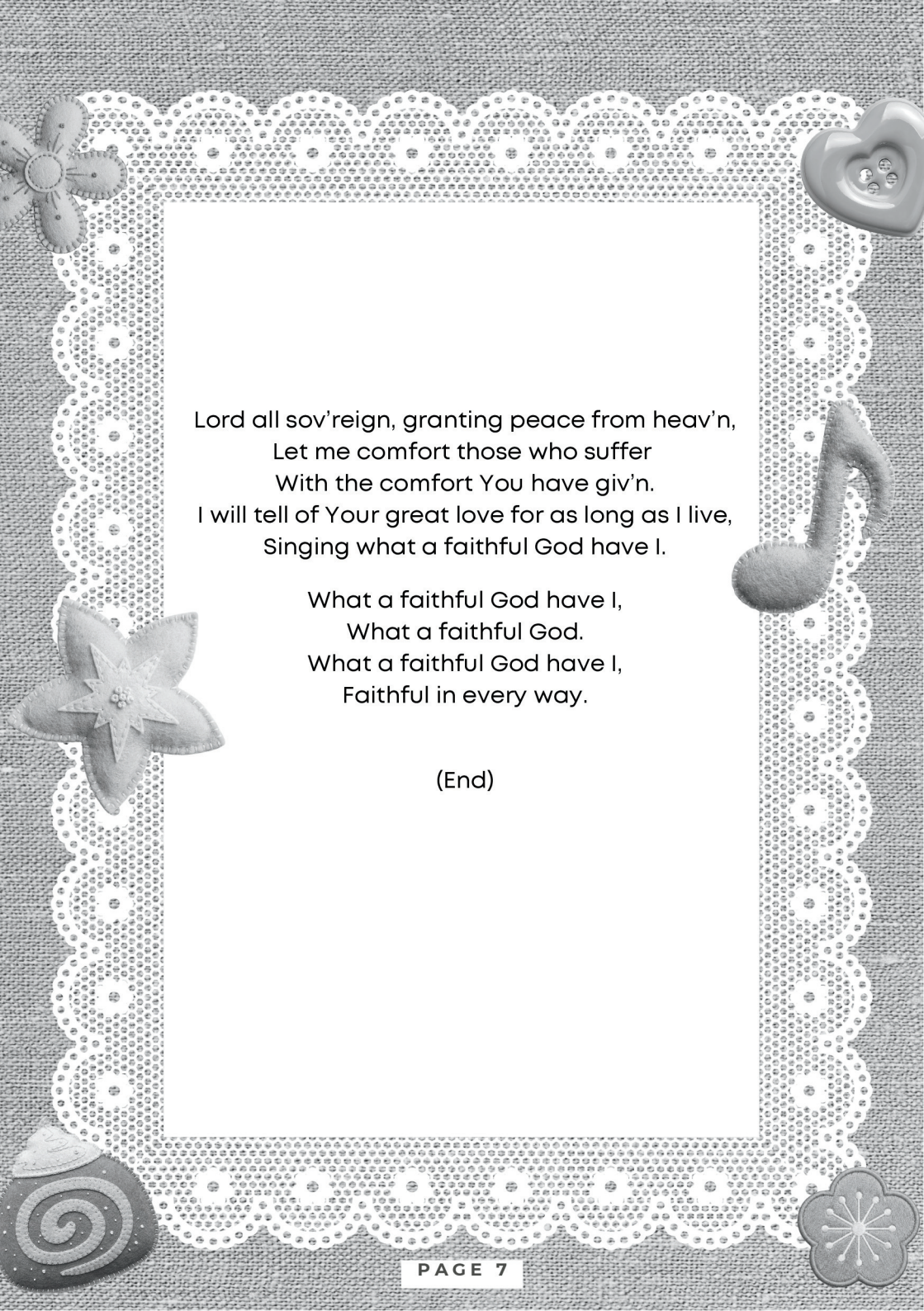
By Robert and Dawn Critchley

Lord, I come before Your throne of grace;
I find rest in Your presence, and fullness of joy.
In worship and wonder I behold Your face,
Singing what a faithful God have I.

What a faithful God have I,
What a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I,
Faithful in every way.

Lord of mercy, You have heard my cry;
Through the storm You're the beacon,
My song in the night.
In the shelter of Your wings,
Hear my heart's reply,
Singing what a faithful God have I.

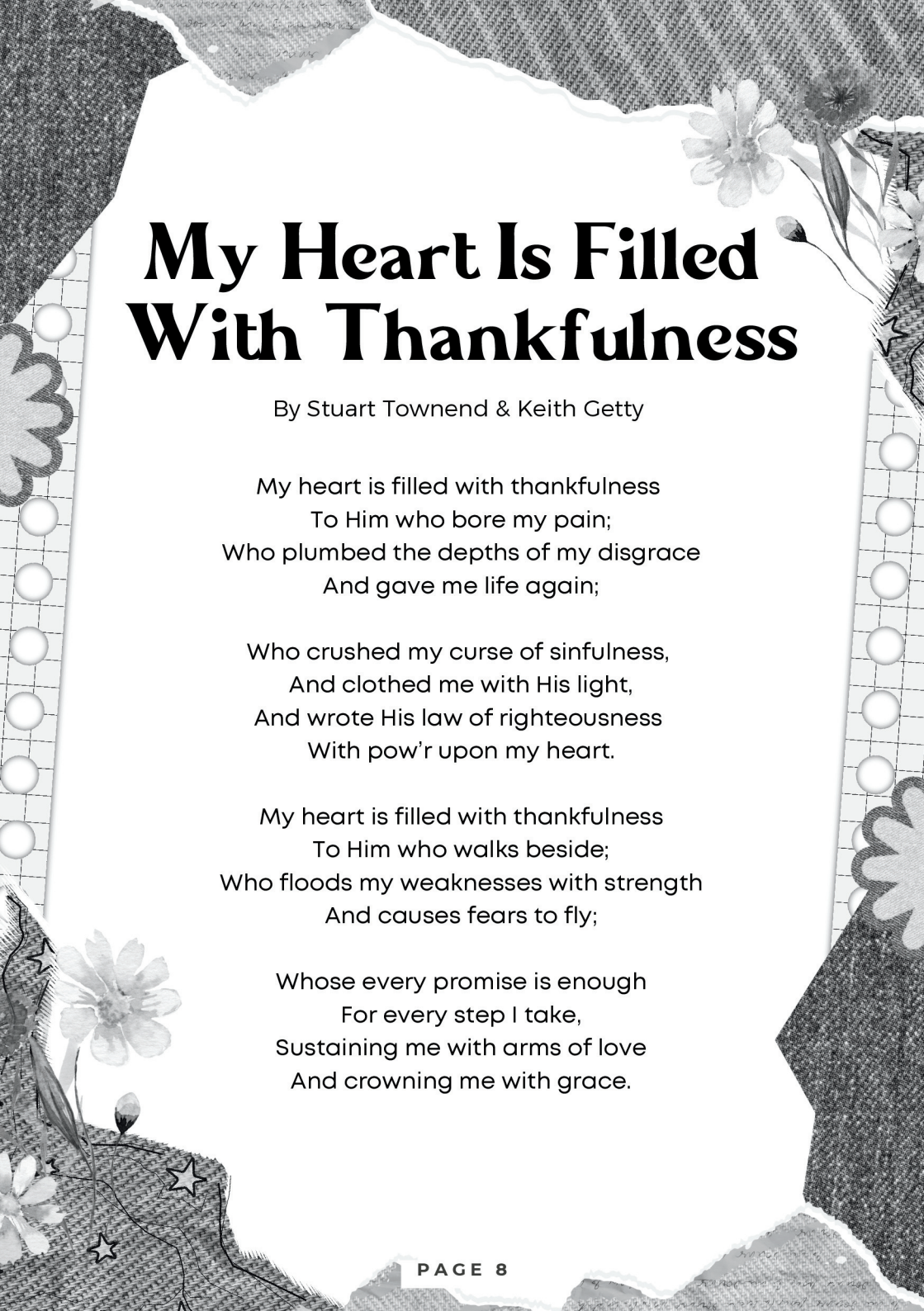
What a faithful God have I,
What a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I,
Faithful in every way.



Lord all sov'reign, granting peace from heav'n,
Let me comfort those who suffer
With the comfort You have giv'n.
I will tell of Your great love for as long as I live,
Singing what a faithful God have I.

What a faithful God have I,
What a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I,
Faithful in every way.

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My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

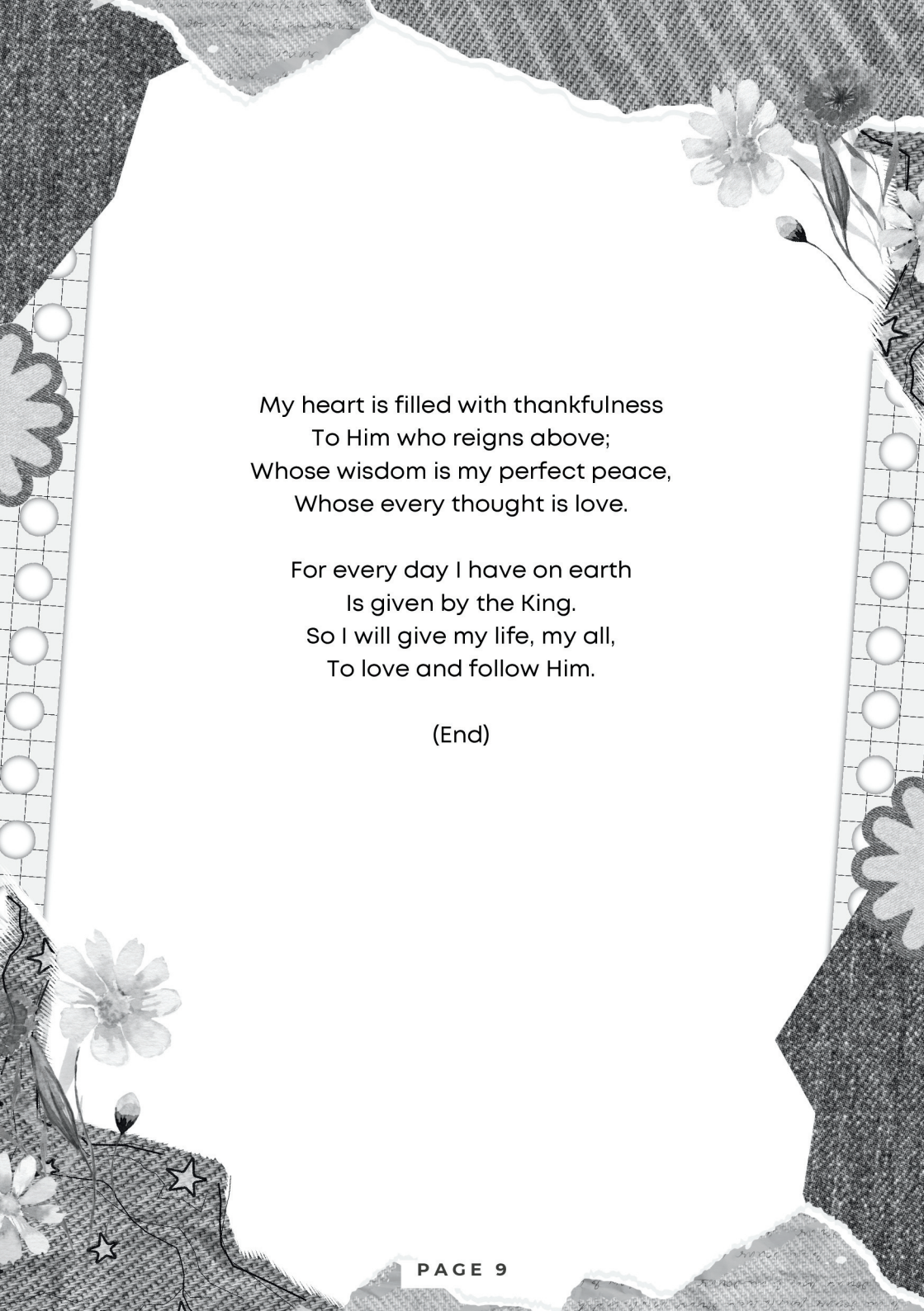
By Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again;

Who crushed my curse of sinfulness,
And clothed me with His light,
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;

Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.



My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose every thought is love.

For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow Him.

(End)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 3 OCTOBER 2026

“AS COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF THE LORD”

TEXT: JOSHUA 5

INTRODUCTION

1. Lessons that Joshua had to learn as the new leader of Israel

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| a. God's promise to be with Joshua | Joshua 1 |
| b. God's instruction to be strong and to keep His word | Joshua 1 |
| c. God's power to dry up the Jordan River | Joshua 3 |
| d. The preparation to enter the Promised Land | Joshua 4-5 |
| i. Set up memorial stones to remember this event | |
| ii. Circumcised the men who were born in the wilderness | |
| iii. Kept the Passover in Gilgal | |
| e. Joshua had proven himself to be a good leader so far! | |

2. What lessons did Joshua need to learn before he leads them to battle in the Promised Land?

RECOGNISING GOD AS THE TRUE LEADER

And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, “Are You for us or for our adversaries?”

So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come."

Joshua 5:13-14a

1. Joshua's encounter with the Commander of the army of the LORD
 - a. Joshua was by Jericho
 - b. He saw a Man standing opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand
2. Joshua's interaction with the Commander of the army of the LORD
 - a. Query - "Are You for us or for our adversaries?"
 - i. Joshua challenged Him
 - ii. He was concerned whether He is for them or for the enemy
 - b. Reply – "No, but as Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come."
 - i. He did not give Joshua an answer
 - ii. He simply introduced Himself as the Commander of the army of the LORD!
3. Purpose of this encounter – for Joshua to recognise who is the true Leader in charge!
 - a. God had promised to go before them and fight for them
cf. Deuteronomy 1:30
 - b. He had sent the Commander of His army to fulfil this
 - c. Joshua had to remember that while he was made leader, it was God who was in charge!

RESPONDING HUMBLY AS GOD'S SERVANT

And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshipped, and said to Him, "What does my LORD say to His servant?"

Joshua 5:14b

1. Joshua's response to the Commander of the army of the LORD
 - a. He fell on his face to the earth
 - b. He worshipped Him
 - c. He said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"
2. His response was one of humble submission
 - a. That God was rightfully the Lord and Leader of Israel
 - b. Joshua was but a humble servant before God
 - c. He would submit himself humbly in worship
 - d. He would wait on God to give him orders as His servant

RENEWING HIS APPRECIATION OF GOD'S HOLINESS

*Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy."
And Joshua did so.*

Joshua 5:15

1. The Commander's instruction to Joshua
 - a. To take his sandal off his foot
 - b. For the place where he stood was holy
 - c. Reminiscent of the Lord's instruction to Moses cf. Exodus 3:5

2. This was to teach Joshua about the holiness of God
 - a. That God is holy
 - b. There must be proper regard for God's holiness
 - c. Removing his sandals is an expression of revering Him in His holiness!

THE CHALLENGE FOR US

1. 3 lessons for us to learn in life
 - a. Recognising God as the True Leader of our life
 - b. Responding to Him humbly as His servant
 - c. Renewing our appreciation of His holiness
2. If we can make these lessons a part of our life
 - a. We will find a closer relationship with God
 - b. We will experience His leading in our life
 - c. We will discover His blessings in a wonderful way

REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Gloria Lim

During the last Youth Worship, we studied from Joshua 5. There were preparations that had to be made prior to entering battle, both physically and spiritually.

For Joshua, a manifestation of the Lord appeared to him. God was preparing him to enter not just the physical battle, but a spiritual battle of faith and submission.

3 takeaways for Joshua as he had to spiritually prepare himself to enter battle

1. A recognition of the True Leader of Israel

Even though Joshua was physically the appointed leader who would lead the people in battle, he had to recognise that ultimately God was the One leading Israel in the fight.

2. A response of submission required

If God was the One who leads Israel in battle, Joshua had to learn to submit to God's command as His servant. Joshua may have his own battle plan and strategy, but he had to learn to understand and submit to God's will.

3. A regard for God

God instructed Joshua to take his sandals off as an expression of regard for Him. The place was holy because God's presence was there. The Lord was not to be approached casually, but rightly revered as the great and holy God of Israel.

Personal application to my life - A recognition that God is in charge of my life

Having come to faith and salvation, it must no longer be I who lead, but God who is the Leader in my life! These past 2 months of school have been very challenging as I have been trying to adapt to the new environment and fast learning pace. This has left me often weary, and with my first exam coming up in 2 weeks, I have been having many fears and doubts. Would I be able to pass my exam? What if I cannot finish studying and forget everything during the exam? It was when I stopped to review this lesson and reflect on my heart, that I realised while I had been viewing medical school as my responsibility to see through, I was trying to handle everything by myself. It is often easy to forget about God's place in my life, and I realised the need to consciously remember that God takes precedence in my life. I was very grateful for the timely reminder that God is the Commander of my life and He will guide me through my upcoming studies, see me through to the complete end no matter how long the journey is, and no matter how many twists and turns there may be. I do not have to fear! This is a precious promise that God has given to me, and to all of us.

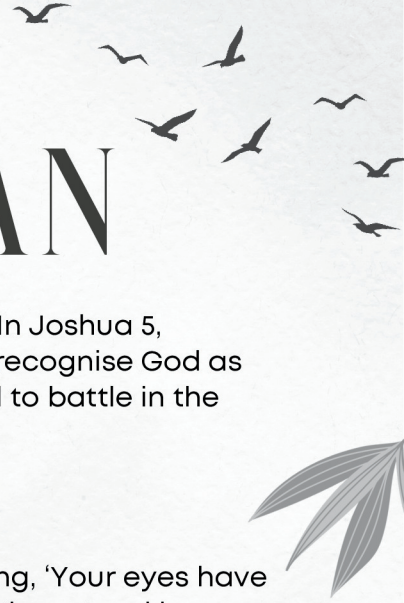


“Then I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified, or afraid of them. The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.’ ”

Deuteronomy 1:29-31

This has taught me to pray differently. In the past, I used to pray and tell God what I was going through and what I wanted Him to help me achieve. I was only focused on asking God for the outcomes that I desired. But I have gradually learnt that if God is in charge of my life, whatever happens should be according to His will and not mine. I sought to practise this when I collected my A Levels results this year. I remember during the period leading up to the collection of my results, I challenged myself to pray differently, not for the Lord to give me the results that I wanted, but that I would be able to accept with praise and thanksgiving any outcome He gives.

Looking ahead, I am challenged to relook at my response to God and His will as I head into my first examination. Instead of wishing for God to pave a certain pathway for me, I want to further strengthen my faith and submission to His will for me. At the same time, I want to practise greater obedience to His Commands, and to turn to the Word of God for instruction in the decisions that I make.



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

CLAIRE TAN

What do we do in the face of life's "battles"? In Joshua 5, we learnt about how Joshua had to learn to recognise God as the True Leader as he prepared to lead Israel to battle in the Promised Land.

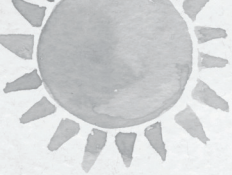
Looking to God in the face of challenges

"And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, 'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings; so will the LORD do to all the kingdoms through which you pass. You must not fear them, for the LORD your God Himself fights for you.'"

Deuteronomy 3:21-22

The Commander of the army of the LORD encountered Joshua to remind him that He would go before them and fight for them, as He had promised. This was a reminder that I, too, needed!

I am currently in my final year of university, which means that my job search has begun. In the midst of it all, I often found myself feeling an immense sense of inadequacy and fear of failure. Although we are all in different stages of life, I am sure that many of you may relate to such feelings as you prepare for your upcoming major exams - I have been there too! Upon further reflection, I learnt that my feelings of fear and anxiety stemmed from the fact that I did not wholly trust in God as the True Leader in charge of my life. Instead, my thoughts often followed a self-centred pattern:



*I am not good enough.
I am not as experienced or as smart as my peers.
I need to do more to keep up with others.*

What I failed to see was that God is far greater than the sum of all my worries and shortcomings! A lesson from Exodus 4 also comes to mind:

Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

*So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth?
Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind?
Have not I, the LORD? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."*

Exodus 4:10-11

This is an account of the first sign that God had asked Moses to perform. It is striking that even someone as significant as Moses began humbly and struggled with his inadequacies! Still, God promised to be with him and urged him to rely on Him alone.

God graciously reminded me through these lessons that He can and will empower me to do the things I once felt too small to do. What He asks of me is to humbly submit my life into His good hands! For me, this has meant paying closer attention to my first reaction when facing new challenges: Do I immediately start worrying about how I will handle them on my own, or do I first turn to God in prayer?



As I committed my worries and uncertainties to God, I also made it a point to write them down on a post-it at the front of my Bible. Over time, I was able to see how God slowly answered each of these prayers in the most wonderful ways! Through this practice, I gradually learnt to shift my focus away from my inadequacies and towards God's leadership and provision in my life, and I began to discover that I had far more reasons to thank Him than to worry about!

Responding in humble submission

In response to these lessons and gracious reminders from the Lord, I want to respond with a heart of humble submission. As I continue in this season of transition from school to working life, I am learning to hold back my instinct to go to Him with my own plans, and instead place my future fully into His hands in prayer. I am also reminded that my life is in the hands of a sovereign and holy God, who sees my story far more clearly than my own limited vision ever could.

*A man's heart plans his way,
But the LORD directs his steps.
Proverbs 16:9*

Like Joshua, let us instead wholly submit our uncertain futures into God's good hands, and remember that no outcome in our life can be a 'curveball' in God's eyes!



HE HARDENED HIS HEART, HE AND HIS SERVANTS

The Seventh Plague of Hail devastated the crops;
Man, Beasts, and many things were lost!
But in the land of Goshen where the children lived;
The Hail did not fall there, to their great relief.

The Pharaoh called Moses in for a consultation;
He had to make what seems a genuine confession.
He admitted that he had sinned against the Lord;
He asked Moses to offer prayers to his God.

Moses knew that Pharaoh was not sincere at all;
He knew that Pharaoh would not yield to God's call.
He would do anything to find reprieve for his people;
But deep down he harboured a hatred for Israel.

The Lord heard and answered the prayer of Moses;
The Thunder and Hail ceased for God was gracious.
The heart of Pharaoh went back to being hardened;
He and his servants continue to resist the Lord of Heaven!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 9:26-35

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.



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:





17 OCTOBER 2026

"Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God"

Text: Joshua 7

While the promise of blessing comes with obedience to the Lord, God's judgment befalls those who walk contrary to His command. Achan, one of the children of Israel, was overtaken by covetousness when he took the accursed things which God forbade. Because of Achan's transgression, Israel suffered an embarrassing defeat by the small city of Ai.



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