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!

God speaks to us personally through His Word. As we come humbly before Him to worship, let us ready our hearts to receive and accept His life-giving Word!



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HE DECLARES HIS WORD TO JACOB

"Praise the LORD!" is a clear and consistent theme throughout Psalm 147. How may praise also become natural and spontaneous in our lives? For the Psalmist, the singing of praises flows from a personal appreciation of God's Word.

> [19] He declares His word to Jacob,
> His statutes and His judgments to Israel.
> [20] He has not dealt thus with any nation;
> And *as for His* judgments, they have not known them.
> Praise the LORD!
>
> PSALM 147:19-20

1. Recognition of the Power in God's Word Psalm 147:15-18
   a. His Word alone can easily send the snow, frost and hail
   b. At His command, He causes the ice to melt
   c. The wind blows and the waters flow at His word

2. The privilege of being given the Word of God
   a. God declared His Word to Jacob Psalm 147:19a
   b. His statutes and judgments to Israel Psalm 147:19b
   c. He had not dealt thus with any nation. Psalm 147:20a

3. Reception of God's Word

a. The Psalmist

i. He understood the privilege of receiving God's Word

ii. He took time to meditate on God and His Word

iii. These became his strong reasons for praise

b. The nation of Israel

i. Many did not know God's judgments Psalm 147:20b

ii. They failed to recognise the value of God's Word

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To Recognise the power in God's Word

a. It wields power over nature

b. It can transform our lives

2. To Rejoice in the privilege of knowing His Word

*And He said to them, "To you **it has been given to know** the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables."*
Mark 4:11

3. To Receive the Word of God well

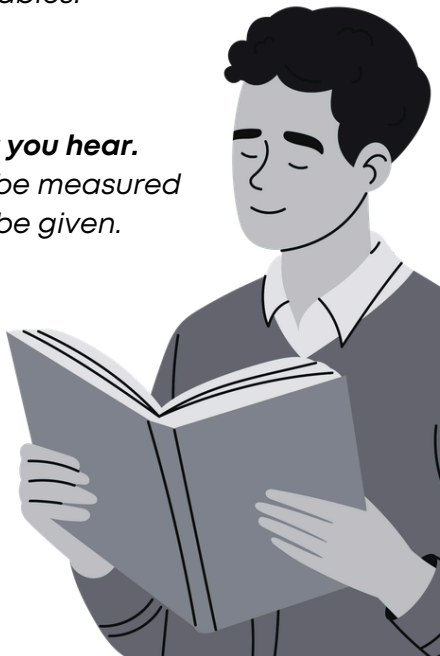
*Then He said to them, "**Take heed what you hear.** With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.*
Mark 4:25

a. Give diligence to Read

b. Take time to Reflect

4. Response of praise

Knowing the LORD through His Word gives rise to heartfelt praise!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE
17 OCTOBER 2026

Prelude	Pianist: Gabrielle Wan
Call to Worship	Pastor Mark Tan
Opening Prayer	Pastor Mark Tan
Song Leading 1. Bless The Lord 2. Whatever You Ask	Audrey Chia and Ryan Quek Pianist: Gabrielle Wan Guitarist: Jared Ho
Scripture Reading Text: Joshua 7:1-26	Chloe Tang and Laura Chan
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Benjamin Quah
Message "Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God" Text: Joshua 7	Pastor Mark Tan
Closing Prayer	Pastor Mark Tan
Offering	
Postlude	Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

17 OCTOBER 2026

"INDEED I HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD GOD"

JOSHUA 7

Bless The LORD

By Laura Story

You give and take away for my good.
For who am I to say what I need?
For You alone see the hidden parts of me
That need to be stripped away.

And as You begin to refine,
I'm learning to let go and rely
On One who walks with me,
As hard as it may be,
You're teaching me all the while to say:

Chorus:
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
All that's in me bless Your name,
Forget not Your pow'r untold,
Not Your glory or Your fame.
For You came to heal the broken,
To redeem and make me whole.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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Though my faith may falter,
My strength may fail,
I pray for eyes to see
The richness of Your mercy shown to me.
Bless the Lord.
Bless the Lord.

Chorus
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All that's in me bless Your name,
Forget not Your pow'r untold,
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To redeem and make me whole.
Bless the Lord…
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

(end)

Whatever You Ask

By Phill McHugh and Michelle Wagner

Lord, I see the things You ask of me:
Faithfulness, holiness and purity.
I love Your truth;
I long to show it to the world for You.

So, Lord, I need Your help to understand
The other person that I sometimes am.
I never want to live a day that I can't say to You,

Chorus

Lord, whatever You ask, I want to obey You,
To let my life beat with a servant's heart.
Lord, whatever You ask,
I know that You can give me wisdom,
And courage to equal the task,
Lord, whatever You ask.



I face so much that steals away
The will to make the time to serve or pray,
And there are days I don't take up
Your cross and follow You.

But I have learned that I can talk to You,
You know ev'rything I'm going through;
If I'll just ask I'll find that You're right there,
Providing me with the strength I need.

Chorus

Lord, whatever You ask, I want to obey You,
To let my life beat with a servant's heart.
Lord, whatever You ask,
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And courage to equal the task,
Lord, whatever You ask.

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And courage to equal the task,
Lord, whatever You ask.
Whatever You ask.
Whatever You ask.

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 10 OCTOBER 2026
"SEE! I HAVE GIVEN JERICHO INTO YOUR HAND"
TEXT: JOSHUA 6:1-27

INTRODUCTION

1. Many battles are recorded in the Book of Joshua

2. The Battle of Jericho was the first major battle that Israel would face

3. What are some important things to bear in mind in a battle?

THE CITY OF JERICHO

Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.

Joshua 6:1

1. It was completely shut

2. No one came in or went out

3. It was preparing for battle

THE REVEALED PLAN OF GOD

2 And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, *and* the mighty men of valour.

3 You shall march around the city, all *you* men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days.

4 And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

5 It shall come to pass, when they make a long *blast* with the ram's horn, *and* when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."

Joshua 6:2-5

1. Joshua was not asked to come up with a battle plan

2. The Lord gives a Word of Assurance

   a. He is the Commander of the Lord's Army Joshua 5:14

   b. He assures Joshua of complete victory

      "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, *and* the mighty men of valour."

      Joshua 6:2

3. The Lord reveals the Battle Plan

   a. A most unusual Plan

   b. Unheard of Battle Plan

4. Involvement of the Following:

   a. The men of war

   b. The priests

   c. The Ark of the Lord

   d. Seven priests with rams' horns

5. Marching around the city of Jericho

a. Six days of marching around the city

b. On the Seventh Day, to march around seven times

c. The seven priests were commanded to blow their rams' horns

2. The walls of Jericho

a. On the Seventh Day, all involved were to shout very loudly

b. The walls of Jericho would fall down

c. The King and his mighty men would be defeated

JOSHUA'S OBEDIENCE

6 Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD."

7 And he said to the people, "Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the LORD."

8 So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

9 The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while *the priests* continued blowing the trumpets.

10 Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout."

11 So he had the ark of the LORD circle the city, going around *it* once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while *the priests* continued blowing the trumpets.

14 And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days.

Joshua 6:6-14

1. Joshua's response

   a. He heard

   b. He heeded

   c. He gave the command to obey God fully

2. Compliance is a necessity

   a. This is not an option

   b. This is of vital importance

3. What would it take to completely comply?

   a. Full faith in God

   b. Full trust in God's Plan

   c. Remembering how God had led the children of Israel so faithfully!

THE FALL OF JERICHO

15 But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early,
about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven
times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around
the city seven times.

16 And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the
trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: “Shout, for the LORD has
given you the city!

17 Now the city shall be doomed by the LORD to destruction, it and all
who *are* in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who *are* with
her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you
become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make
the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron,
are consecrated to the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of
the LORD.”

20 So the people shouted when *the priests* blew the trumpets. And it
happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the
people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat.
Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him,
and they took the city.

21 And they utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and
woman, young and old, ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of
the sword.

Joshua 6:15-21

1. A shout of victory

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Joshua 6:16-17; 20-21

2. The city was doomed by the Lord to destruction

3. The city walls fell down flat

4. City was to be destroyed completely

THE SPOILS OF WAR

18 And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, *are* consecrated to the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.”

Joshua 6:18-19

1. They must not take any spoils of war

2. The spoils of war (silver, gold, bronze and iron) were consecrated to the treasury of the Lord!

KEEPING THE PROMISE MADE TO RAHAB

22 But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, "Go into the harlot's house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her."

23 And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. So they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel.

24 But they burned the city and all that *was* in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25 And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

Joshua 6:22-25

1. Rahab had helped the two spies Joshua 2

2. She had asked for her family to be spared

3. The Two Spies gave a promise to spare Rahab and her family

4. This promise was honoured by Israel Joshua 6:25

CONCLUSION

1. Faith in the Lord

2. Fear to be cast aside

3. Follow through every detail given by the Lord

   a. Obedience

   b. No coveting the spoils of war

   c. Honouring of promises

   d. Dedicating the spoils of war to the Treasury of the Lord

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Joel Tan

Welcome back to Youth Worship! Last week, we learnt from Joshua 6 about Israel's first major battle they had to face - the battle of Jericho. In light of this, God sent the Commander of the Lord's army to Joshua to remind him that while he led the people of Israel, God is the True Commander and He holds the ultimate authority. Joshua was to understand this truth, regard the Lord and take instruction from Him.

The Commander of our lives

In our lives, there are many physical and spiritual battles that we face. Can we recognise and acknowledge that God is the Commander of our lives? We as His servants are to listen to His commands and comply if we want to see success and triumph. However, the battle of Jericho showed me that compliance is much more than simply carrying out orders; there are different aspects that undergird it. These aspects allow us to consider what it truly means to comply.

Complying Fully

We read of how Joshua received God's plan and commands to conquer Jericho. It was a clear and elaborate set of instructions outlining their movement and actions for the people of Israel and the priests. Joshua then went ahead to instruct the people to do exactly what God had commanded. He did not pick and choose parts of the plan that seemed less arduous and neither did he take shortcuts. He complied fully, right down to every detail.



Complying Diligently

To comply with God's commands fully also requires much diligence. To march around the city was no simple feat, especially on the last day when they had to march seven times; this was an arduous task. Yet, we note how Joshua and the people of Israel "rose early" in the morning (Joshua 6:12,15), and ensured that they followed through fully with the instructions. Their diligence in compliance was also seen in how they were committed to keep the oath between Rahab and the two spies to save her and her family.

Being Cautious

Even as the people sought to comply with God's commands, Joshua was also keenly aware that in the context of a battle, coveting the spoils of war was a danger that could detract them from full compliance. Thus, he instructed that the people "by all means abstain from the accursed things" (Joshua 6:18). We would read in the next chapter, that one from among the people had trespassed in this manner, and on his account alone, the whole of Israel was found guilty and suffered the consequences. Such is the importance of being cautious of the dangers that may prevent us from complying with God's commands.



Application

Personally, learning about the extent to which Joshua sought to comply with God has directed me to examine my own approach to His commands.

In this period of school, I find myself being increasingly busy working hard on my assignments, and as I still made it a point to be in Church each week, I thought I was already "complying" with what God wants me to do.

However, in contrast to Joshua who looked into and executed every detail of God's command, I realised I was not always diligent in setting aside time each day to read His Word and to grow in my faith. At times, I had also allowed distractions like social media to disrupt my time with God. I had not fully complied with God's command.

This lesson is a reminder to me that God commands full compliance. Through the example of Joshua, I am seeking to cultivate a regard for God as the Commander of my life through prayer, asking Him to help me develop a greater consciousness of who He is and who I am before Him each day. As Joshua and the people of Israel made sure they rose early each day to follow through with God's instructions, I am also challenged to be consistent in waking up early and devoting time to Him. Moreover, to identify and cast aside potential distractions that would prevent me from full compliance. May you also be impelled to practise full compliance to God!

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

RAYNE QUEK

Recap

Last week at Youth Worship, we read about the awesome victory that Israel had over Jericho, as they entered into the Promised Land. Even before the battle began, the Lord had assured Israel of their victory. Israel's victory is wholly attributed to the Lord's power and His plan. We read of how Joshua was instructed by the Lord to carry out His battle plan (Joshua 6). Despite this plan seeming ridiculous by men's standards, Joshua responded with full compliance to the Lord. Following Joshua's instructions, the children of Israel also did as the Lord told them. After seven days of marching, the city of Jericho was defeated by the children of Israel. We also read of how the commitment by the spies to Rahab, the harlot, was kept. All of Jericho, except Rahab and her family, was destroyed. Joshua also warned the people not to take any spoils of war as the silver, gold, bronze and iron were consecrated to the Lord. This is a story I have learnt from young, yet the power of the Lord demonstrated during this battle still amazes me!

Learning from Joshua's Obedience

Joshua's obedience to the Lord did not waver during this time. He complied with all that the Lord instructed and trusted His plan, which led to Israel's victory. His obedience to the Lord is a reflection of his faith and his trust in God's plan.

What is our obedience to the Lord like? Being obedient to the Lord means fully following His commands. Matthew 22: 37 records the Lord Jesus' response to the question of what the greatest commandment in the law is,

"Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'"'"

Complying to this command means that the Lord should come first in my life. As I come to the end of my National Service (NS), I have been reflecting on how the journey has been. For the past 22 months, I have faced many challenges. But each time, the Lord has graciously been with me and watched over me. I truly thank God for His hand of protection and blessing throughout NS. Thinking back, there were many times that I was far from the Lord and distractions drew me away from God and His Word. Each time, the Lord would graciously and mercifully draw me back to Himself through the church, my family or His Word. It is a tall task to have a heart that is filled with a love for the Lord. Moving forward, it is a consciousness I want to develop, to be fully compliant to the Lord by consistently learning from His Word and seeking to grow in my faith and love for Him.

Learning from Joshua's Faith

Joshua's faith was also expressed in his trust in the Lord. The Lord's plan is unlike any feasible battle plan, yet Joshua harboured no doubt in his heart. He trusted that the Lord's power would deliver Jericho into their hands.

This particularly stands out to me as I am approaching a particularly uncertain phase of life. Heading into university seems daunting, with many of my peers securing through-train scholarships with guaranteed employment after graduation, or having a lot of work experience in their field of interest. I am challenged to remember that, just like the children of Israel, the Lord has a plan for me. Although I may not see His complete divine plan, it is my part to do my due diligence in my studies and preparation while trusting in the Lord to be my Guide. One of my favourite texts is taken from Proverbs 3:5-6,

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths."

This text encourages me to trust in the Lord's plan. What I plan for myself may not come to pass, but the Lord's ways are sovereign over mine. I hope to approach university with a spirit of obedience to Him and a heart that trusts in Him. I know that this is how the Lord will be able to work in my life, that I may be a good testimony and servant for Him.

I WILL BRING LOCUSTS INTO YOUR TERRITORY

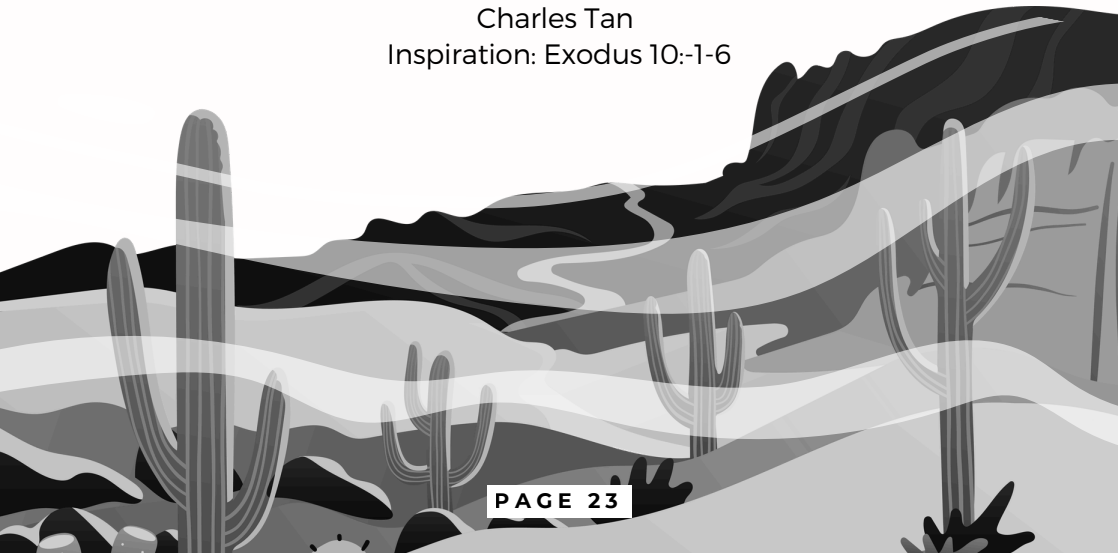
Seven plagues had been unleashed on Egypt;
Each plague was no small magician's trick.
Every plague seemed to get worse and worse;
Yet, Pharaoh's heart had become even more adverse.

God sent Moses and Aaron to warn the Pharaoh of another plague;
Locusts would destroy the land and this warning was not a fake!
These were divine Signs that would display the power of the Lord;
These Signs would be told to generations of the great might of God.

The Seventh Plague was a mighty hail storm that had been alarming;
The Eighth Plague would be even more destructive and damaging.
The mighty land of Egypt would be so badly affected by these plagues;
How long more would the Pharaoh's heart be filled with unreasoning hate?

Pharaoh had hardened his heart and it was filled with great pride;
The Eighth Plague of Locusts would deepen Egypt's existing plight.
The Pharaoh's heart was unmoved by Moses' word of warning;
The Locusts brought in by an East wind would be truly devastating.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 10:-1-6



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

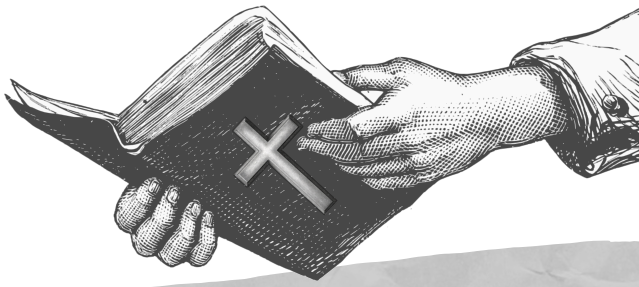
Age: Open to youths aged 13 and above.

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:



CHRISTMAS
CAROLING 2026

Christmas remains a special time of remembering God's everlasting love toward us, in the coming of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.
Let us ready our hearts to worship the Lord and declare His love this Christmas!

Christmas Caroling will be taking place in December. Kindly sign up at the booth at the Fellowship Hall on Sundays if you'd like to attend.

Details

Date: 5 December 2026, Saturday
Venue: Sanctuary
Time: 3.00pm



CHRISTMAS
at Shangri-La 2026

We will be having our special Christmas Worship Service and Christmas Lunch on 25 December 2026.

Details
Date: 25 December 2026, Friday
Venue: Shangri-La
Time: 10.30am

Christmas Worship Service will commence at 10.30am, followed by Christmas Lunch. Kindly plan to sign up early.

Please scan the QR code to register for Christmas Lunch. Kindly approach us at the booth at the Fellowship Hall on Sundays if you've any queries.

NEXT YWS

24 OCTOBER 2026

“So Joshua burned Ai”

Text: Joshua 8:1-29

Having suffered a humiliating defeat and lost fellow Israelites in their first battle against Ai, Israel now faced another test of faith. They had to overcome their fears and doubts to obey God’s command to conquer Ai. This time, Joshua and all Israel had to learn afresh that victory comes only with God, and is dependent on trusting His Word and submitting in full obedience to the Commander of the LORD’s army.



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