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!

Heaven is God's throne, and the earth His footstool. Let us draw near to our great God with humility, and a deep reverence for Him and His Word!



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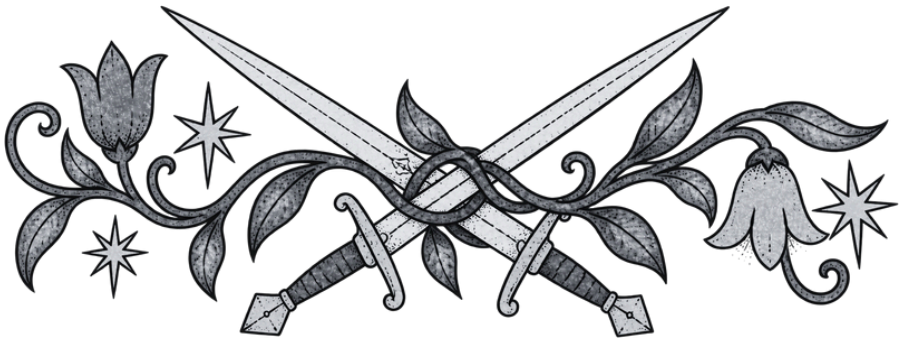
LET THE SAINTS BE JOYFUL IN GLORY

It's good to ponder our reasons to rejoice and praise the LORD. The Psalmist found a profound reason in the prophetic future when the saints of God would be called to execute justice and establish peace in the world.

[5] Let the saints be joyful in glory;
Let them sing aloud on their beds.
[6] *Let* the high praises of God *be* in their mouth,
And a two-edged sword in their hand,
[7] To execute vengeance on the nations,
And punishments on the peoples;
[8] To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;
[9] To execute on them the written judgment—
This honour have all His saints.

Praise the Lord!

PSALM 149:5-9



1. The LORD

   a. He is Righteous

   b. He is the Supreme Judge

2. How the LORD sees those who have come to faith in Him

   a. Not as sinners

   b. But as saints

3. The saints of God will be given a special honour

   a. To execute vengeance on the nations Psalm 149:7a

   b. To punish the wicked Psalm 149:7b

   c. To execute the written judgment Psalm 147:9

      i. On kings Psalm 149:8a

      ii. On nobles Psalm 149:8b

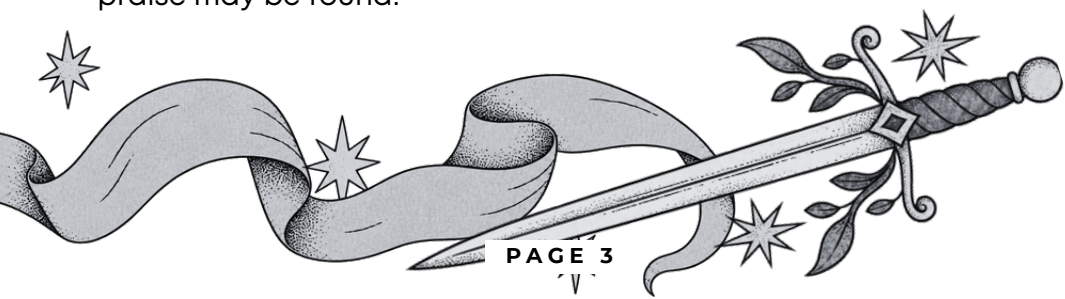
REJOICING IN THE SPECIAL HONOUR GIVEN TO HIS SAINTS

1. Adjudged holy for God's purposes

2. Entrusted with power and authority to execute justice

3. Partakers of the glory when peace is established on earth

Who are we to be called to this higher purpose? May we be challenged to discover the hope of our calling, and the riches of the glory in His saints! Therein, a tremendous sense of joy and praise may be found!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE
21 NOVEMBER 2026

Prelude	Pianist: Rayne Quek
Call to Worship	Pastor Benjamin Chong
Opening Prayer	Pastor Benjamin Chong
Song Leading 1. You Will Never Walk Alone 2. Deeper In Love	D-P Darrell Ou and Gabriel Ou Pianists: Gabrielle Wan and Rayne Quek Guitarist: Jared Ho Cajonist: Jamie Li
Scripture Reading Text: Joshua 10:1-15	Chloe Tang and Thaddeus Heng
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Mitchell Tan
Message “Do not forsake your servants” Text: Joshua 10:1-15	Pastor Benjamin Chong
Closing Prayer	Pastor Benjamin Chong
Offering	
Postlude	Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

21 NOVEMBER 2026

"DO NOT FORSAKE YOUR SERVANTS"

JOSHUA 10:1-15

You Will Never Walk Alone

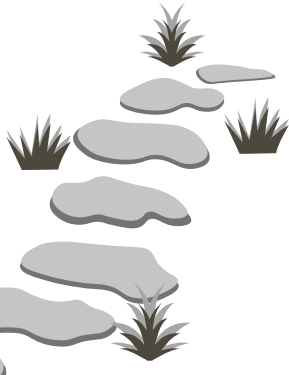
By Lowell Alexander

Along life's road there will be
Sunshine and rain,
Roses and thorns, laughter and pain.
And across the miles you will face
Mountains so steep,
Deserts so long and valleys so deep.

Bridge:
Sometimes the journey's gentle,
Sometimes the cold winds blow,
But I want you to remember,
I want you to know

Chorus:
You will never walk alone,
As long as you have faith,
Jesus will be right beside you all the way.
And you may feel you're far from home,
But home is where He is,
And He'll be there down every road;
You will never walk alone.

The path will wind,
You will find wonders and fears,
Labours of love and a few falling tears.
Across the years there will be
Some twists and turns,
Mistakes to make and lessons to learn.



Bridge

Chorus

Jesus knows your joy,
Jesus knows your need;
He will go the distance with you faithfully.

Final Chorus:
You will never walk alone,
As long as you have faith,
Jesus will be right beside you all the way.
And you may feel you're far from home,
But home is where He is,
And He'll be there down every road;
You will never walk alone.
(end)



Deeper In Love

By Paul Baloche, Geoffrey Cueller, Sandy Hoffman and Ed Kerr

There is a longing, only You can fill;
A raging tempest only You can still.
My soul is thirsting, Lord,
To know You as I'm known;
Drink from the river
That flows before Your throne.

Chorus
Take me deeper, deeper in love with You;
Jesus, hold me close in Your embrace.
Take me deeper,
Deeper than I've ever been before;
I just want to love You more and more,
How I long to be deeper in love.

Sunrise to sunrise, I will seek Your face;
Drawn by the Spirit
To the promise of Your grace.
My heart has found in You
A hope that will abide.
Here in Your presence, forever satisfied.

Chorus

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 14 NOVEMBER 2026
"DO WITH US AS IT SEEMS GOOD AND RIGHT"
TEXT: JOSHUA 9

INTRODUCTION

1. The Battles fought

a. Jericho

b. Ai

2. Initial Dread felt by the Amorites and Canaanites

So it was, when all the kings of the Amorites who *were* on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites who *were* by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel until we had crossed over, that their heart melted; and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the children of Israel.

Joshua 5:1

a. The kings of the Amorites

b. The kings of the Canaanites

3. Subsequent Decision of the Inhabitants of Canaan

[1] And it came to pass when all the kings who *were* on this side of the Jordan, in the hills and in the lowland and in all the coasts of the Great Sea toward Lebanon—the Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite—heard *about it,*

[2] that they gathered together to fight with Joshua and Israel with one accord.

Joshua 9:1-2

a. The Hittite

b. The Amorite

c. The Canaanite

d. The Perizzite

e. The Hivite

f. The Jebusite

g. They formed an alliance among themselves to resist the advancement of the children of Israel

THE GIBEONITES

1. Identity of the Gibeonites

[1] Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years,
year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD
answered, "*It is* because of Saul and *his* bloodthirsty house,
because he killed the Gibeonites."

[2] So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the
Gibeonites *were* not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of
the Amorites; the children of Israel had sworn protection to them,
but Saul had sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel
and Judah.

2 Samuel 21:1-2

a. They were identified as of the remnant of the Amorites

b. Sihon was an Amorite king Numbers 21:21-35; Deuteronomy 1:4

c. Og was also an Amorite King Numbers 21:31-35; Deuteronomy 1:4

d. Og was the last of the Rephaim (giants)

THE CUNNING OF THE GIBEONITES IN THE DAYS OF JOSHUA

[3] But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai,

[4] they worked craftily, and went and pretended to be ambassadors. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins torn and mended,

[5] old and patched sandals on their feet, and old garments on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* mouldy.

[6] And they went to Joshua, to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us."

Joshua 9:3-6

1. The Gibeonites heard about the battles of Jericho and Ai

2. They came up with a crafty plan to deceive Joshua and the leaders (rulers)

3. Their disguise

    a. Pretended to be ambassadors

    b. Took old sacks, old wineskins that were torn and mended

    c. Old and patched sandals and old garments

    d. Brought old and mouldy bread with them

4. They went to Gilgal

    a. This was the command centre of Israel

    b. Joshua and the rulers were there

    c. They offered to make a Covenant with Israel

THE INITIAL RESPONSE OF THE MEN OF ISRAEL

7 Then the men of Israel said to the Hivites, “Perhaps you dwell
among us; so how can we make a covenant with you?”

8 But they said to Joshua, “We *are* your servants.”
And Joshua said to them, “Who *are* you, and where do you
come from?”

9 So they said to him: “From a very far country your servants have
come, because of the name of the LORD your God; for we have heard
of His fame, and all that He did in Egypt,

10 and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who *were*
beyond the Jordan—to Sihon king of Heshbon, and Og king of
Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth.

11 Therefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke
to us, saying, ‘Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to
meet them, and say to them, “We *are* your servants; now therefore,
make a covenant with us.” ’

12 This bread of ours we took hot *for* our provision from our houses on
the day we departed to come to you. But now look, it is dry and
mouldy.

13 And these wineskins which we filled *were* new, and see, they are
torn; and these our garments and our sandals have become old
because of the very long journey.”

14 Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did
not ask counsel of the LORD.

15 So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them
to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.

Joshua 9:7-15

1. The men of Israel

   a. They took them as Hivites

   b. They did not verify their identities

2. The Gibeonites presented their story

   a. They are from a country far away

   b. They presented what they possessed

3. The leaders of Israel

   a. They did not consult with the Lord

   b. They made a treaty with the Gibeonites

   c. A covenant made becomes a sacred treaty

DISCOVERY OF THE IDENTITY OF THE GIBEONITES

[16] And it happened at the end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they *were* their neighbours who dwelt near them.

[17] Then the children of Israel journeyed and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kirjath Jearim.

[18] But the children of Israel did not attack them, because the rulers of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel.
And all the congregation complained against the rulers.

Joshua 9:16-18

1. The children of Israel discovered that the Gibeonites were neighbours

2. They could not attack the Gibeonites because of their Covenant treaty

3. The congregation complained against the rulers!

COMMITTED TO KEEPING THE COVENANT WITH THE GIBEONITES

[19] Then all the rulers said to all the congregation, “We have sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel; now therefore, we may not touch them.

[20] This we will do to them: We will let them live, lest wrath be upon us because of the oath which we swore to them.”

[21] And the rulers said to them, “Let them live, but let them be woodcutters and water carriers for all the congregation, as the rulers had promised them.”

[22] Then Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, “Why have you deceived us, saying, ‘We *are* very far from you,’ when you dwell near us?

[23] Now therefore, you *are* cursed, and none of you shall be freed from being slaves—woodcutters and water carriers for the house of my God.”

[24] So they answered Joshua and said, “Because your servants were clearly told that the LORD your God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore we were very much afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

[25] And now, here we are, in your hands; do with us as it seems good and right to do to us.”

[26] So he did to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, so that they did not kill them.

[27] And that day Joshua made them woodcutters and water carriers for the congregation and for the altar of the LORD, in the place which He would choose, even to this day.

Joshua 9:19-27

1. The Rulers

   a. They honoured the Covenant with the Gibeonites

   b. This was a promise made to them (by an oath)

2. Joshua's Rebuke

   a. He rebuked them for their deception

   b. He declared that they would be "cursed" to become

      i. Woodcutters

      ii. Water carriers

      iii. They would serve God in the Tabernacle ministry

3. The Quiet acceptance of the Gibeonites

   a. It was Fear that drove them

   b. They would accept whatever punishment meted out to them

   c. They became the famed Nethinim who served the Lord all their lives

VITAL LESSONS

1. The Role of Leaders

    a. To check and verify

    b. To consult with the Lord

2. Committed to honouring a Covenant

    a. An error had been made

    b. A Covenant has been established

    c. That Covenant must be honoured



YOUITH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Vera Kang

A covenant made must be kept
Welcome back to Youth Worship! Last week, we learned from Joshua 9 about how the children of Israel covenanted with the Gibeonites to let them live. A covenant is a very significant promise that parties commit to forever. Hence, while the covenant was obtained through deception, it had to be kept because Israel had "sworn to (the Gibeonites) by the LORD God". (Joshua 9:19)

We saw how the covenant was kept even after 400 years. Even though the Gibeonites were from a royal city, they were faithful in being servants from generation to generation.
We read in 2 Samuel 21, when Saul did not keep the covenant by killing the Gibeonites, Israel experienced famine for 3 years. God only lifted the famine when David honoured the covenant by dealing justly with seven of Saul's descendants.



God's covenant with us
God has made an everlasting covenant with us too. This is the new covenant:

"I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."
Jeremiah 31:33-34

This covenant was fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:26-28), when He died for our sins on the cross.

God keeps His covenant
Through this lesson, I was reminded that even as Israel had to keep their covenant with the Gibeonites, so much more the Lord will keep His covenant with us. Since He has promised to be our God, He will be faithful to the end.

As I seek reaffirmation at Christmas this year, I am finding greater appreciation in this covenantal relationship with God. Previously, I only understood reaffirmation as expressing my faith in the Lord and my desire to be identified with Him. However, I now know that I am entering into God's covenant. This is a covenant that He will keep forever. In this covenant, He will always be my God and continually teach me and write on my heart. Through the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus, I stand before God justified, and I can draw near to Him.

Amidst a season of exams, I also find this lesson to be especially comforting. This is because I recognise that the promises in the Bible are made by a faithful God. When He says, "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God" (Isaiah 41:10), I can be assured that the Lord is truly with me and I need not fear.

My part in keeping the covenant

Just as both Israel and the Gibeonites had to keep the covenant, we too must keep our covenant with God. Our part is to seek to be faithful to Him. The Lord has revealed how we may learn to be faithful: to fear Him, to walk in His ways, to love Him, to serve Him with all our heart and with all our soul, and to obey His Word. (Deuteronomy 10:12-13)

Personally, one way I seek to be faithful to the Lord is by loving Him with my whole heart. This firstly means taking time to remember His love that has been demonstrated to me. In response to His love, I want to set God as the first place in my life and guard against things that threaten to take His place such as achievements, activities, or any worldly desires. No matter how busy I may be, I am challenged to keep serving the Lord as my first priority and do so wholeheartedly.

God has given us a very special covenant that we can all be part of. We can be assured that He is faithful in keeping what He has promised; to love, protect, and provide for us as our God. In response, may we be challenged to be faithful to Him too!

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Jared Ho

Hello everyone, welcome back to Youth Worship! How wonderful it is to be in the house of the Lord once again to worship Him and learn from His word! Last week, we learned an interesting lesson about the Gibeonites and how it reveals another wonderful aspect of God as a covenant-keeping God.

As Israel began their conquest of the land of Canaan, many of the residing nations decided to band together to fight against them. However, this was not the case for the Gibeonites. They were descendants of the powerful race of Amorites, but they chose not to fight and devised a crafty plan to trick Israel to sparing their lives by way of a covenant. Unfortunately, because Israel did not consult with the Lord first, they fell for the trick and made the covenant with them and the Gibeonites were spared in the end.

What is striking in this story is not the deceit of the Gibeonites, rather, it is their commitment to their oath made to Israel. In Joshua 10:2, we read that Gibeon was in fact a great city, like one of the royal cities and they could have easily turned on Israel after their agreement; as they were crafty people. However, they instead chose to humble themselves and do menial work for Israel as

servants even until the days of King David!
Like Caleb, who was originally an outsider but adopted into Israel, the Gibeonites were also faithful in serving the Lord. Wonderfully, the Lord also honoured their faith, and their heart of faithful service to Him by preserving them and their interests through the generations.

Moreover, what was even more impactful to me in this story was the Person of God and how He is a God who honours covenants. Even though the covenant made between Gibeon and Israel was originally built on deceit, God still took it very seriously as the covenant was made in the name of the LORD. He brought about judgment when this covenant was broken by King Saul! We as believers have a special covenantal relationship with God through the blood of the Lord Jesus. Through this covenant, we can enjoy a special relationship with God and the forgiveness of our sins. How wonderful it is to know that God will remain faithful to the covenant He has made with us!

As I reflected upon this lesson, I find a deep appreciation for the Lord as a God who takes covenants very seriously. I also find great comfort in the fact that He will honour the new covenant He made through the death of the Lord Jesus to bring salvation and forgiveness of sins to all who believe. I am also deeply challenged to do my part as well. A covenant is always 2-sided, we know that God will do His part, thus we must also do ours!
Like the Gibeonites, I recognise that it was through

the mercy of God that I can be counted as a part of His kingdom, spared from the death that sin brings. I wish to also humble myself in faithful service to the Lord in whatever He calls me to do. Even if the Lord requires me to do hard or seemingly menial labour, I want to develop a heart of faithful service in response to the covenant the Lord has made with me!

This also means applying faith as I look forward to the future and submitting myself to the will of the Lord as He guides me to do the work He has planned for me. I have hope that if I do my part faithfully, God would bless and protect me just as He did for the Gibeonites and preserve me even in perilous times.

For the rest of us, it is my hope and encouragement that we can all find a special joy in the knowledge that God is a faithful God. Let us also be challenged to do our part for the Lord and serve Him humbly, gratefully and with a spirit of faith and joy!

SEE MY FACE NO MORE

Nine times, dreadful plagues fell upon the Egyptians;
These terrible plaques had brought great devastation.
Pharaoh and his advisors had failed to protect their land;
All Egypt trembled as they witnessed God's mighty hand!

Pharaoh tried to deceive Moses time and again;
But his grand promises were uttered in vain.
He did not keep any word promised to Moses;
He was just a despot, steeped in his stubbornness.

At the end of the ninth plague, he threatened Moses;
If Moses attempted to see him, he would be ruthless.
He would kill Moses if another audience was sought;
Moses was not perturbed, for he had a deep trust in God.

Nine plagues had been unleashed on the Pharaoh;
The country had reeled under these painful woes.
God had prevailed over all the deities of the Egyptians;
He was overseeing His glorious plan of Redemption.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 10:24-29



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-CONFERENCE SPECIAL

We are just a week away from Youth Conference 2026. A special meeting will be held next Saturday to prepare us for Camp.

Details:
Date: 28 November 2026, Saturday
Venue: Main Sanctuary
Time: 3:00pm

Followed by Fellowship Tea

Let us come with hearts ready to receive the Lord's instruction!

LAST YOUTH WORSHIP FOR 2026

In view of other programmes taking place, we will not meet for Youth Worship in the next two Saturdays.

28 November 2026 : Pre-Conference Special
5 December 2026 : Christmas Carolling Service

Our final Youth Worship for the year will take place the following week:

Youth Worship Christmas Special
Date: 12 December 2026
Time: 3.00pm
We will take time to remember special lessons learnt this year.

There will be no Youth Worship on 19 & 26 December 2026.
We will resume in the new year.



HOLD FAST WHAT YOU HAVE

REVELATION 3:11

Youth Conference is a month away! At this Youth Conference, we will be looking at how we can grow in our faith as an individual, as a family, and as a Church! We will be studying from various books of the Bible, including Genesis, Galatians and Revelation. We will also be reminded of the dangers and distractions we can face both personally and as a community, and may we be encouraged to hold fast to our faith and be an overcomer!

We look forward to seeing you!

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.
You can register online by scanning the QR Code:

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.



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