

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!

May we always delight to be in the Lord's House and treasure every opportunity to learn how we may develop our faith-relationship with God!



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COME AND WORSHIP

As we continue to read Psalm 92, we glean further understanding of how the Sabbath day was meaningfully spent in ancient days.

**“O LORD, how great are Your works!
Your thoughts are very deep.
A senseless man does not know,
Nor does a fool understand this.
When the wicked spring up like grass,
And when all the workers of iniquity flourish,
It is that they may be destroyed forever.”**

PSALM 92:5-7

1. Pondering about God
 - a. His great works
 - b. His thoughts behind His works
2. Power of God displayed in His Works
 - a. The Works of God are great
 - b. They are recorded in the Scriptures
 - c. They can also be observed all around
 - d. Some of His Works include
 - i. Creation of all things
 - ii. Sustaining Creation
 - iii. Redemption of mankind from our fallen state
 - iv. Fulfilment of great and precious Promises in the Bible
 - e. These are works that only God Himself can perform




3. Profundity of God's thoughts

- a. The thoughts of God are deep and profound
- b. The senseless man and the fool cannot comprehend them
- c. They fail to understand that God will judge the wicked
 - i. The workers of iniquity may spring up
 - ii. They may flourish
 - iii. But their life span will be as short as the grass
 - iv. They will be destroyed forever

What can we do when we set aside time for the Lord? Learning from the Psalmist, one of the things that we can do is to ponder the works of God and to consider His thoughts. Taking time to ruminate over these would help us to understand the ways of God, and develop a Biblical Perspective of life.

Let us make special efforts to take time out for God amidst the busyness of school, and deepen our understanding of Him. As we celebrate Bethany's 40 + 8 Anniversary this weekend, let us ponder the works of God in our Bethany IPC family across the decades! May God open our eyes to see and appreciate His marvelous works!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

28 AUGUST 2021

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 21: 22-24
2. Genesis 21: 25-26
3. Genesis 21: 27-31
4. Genesis 21: 32-34

Bethany Toong,
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Message:

“God is with you in all that you do”
Genesis 21:22-34

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan



MY NOTES

28 AUGUST 2021

**"GOD IS WITH YOU
IN ALL THAT YOU DO"**

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REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 21 AUGUST 2021

“THEN GOD OPENED HER EYES”

GENESIS 21:1-21

INTRODUCTION

1. The end of the road

- a. Hagar was the second wife of Abraham
- b. She had a son in this marriage
- c. She had lived in Abraham's family all this while
 - i. Provided for
 - ii. Protected
- d. It had now come to a sudden end

2. Whose fault?

- a. Sarah played a role in her eviction
- b. But Hagar was not free from blame either
 - i. She had despised Sarah

Genesis 16:4

This was uncalled for

- ii. She had not taught Ishmael well

He scoffed (laughed at) Isaac at his weaning party Genesis 21:9

c. Abraham was caught in a bind

- i. He could not come up with a solution
- ii. His heart was torn between Ishmael and Isaac



THE BEGINNING OF A NEW JOURNEY

1. Meagre provision
 - a. He gave a skin of water and some bread to Hagar and Ishmael
 - b. They had to leave the home they had lived in for all this while

Genesis 21:14
2. Despair in the wilderness of Beersheba
 - a. The water was used up
 - b. Hagar placed her son under a shrub
 - c. She distanced herself from Ishmael
 - d. She said to herself
"Let me not see the death of the boy"
 - e. She lifted her voice and wept

Genesis 21:16a
Genesis 21:16b
Genesis 21:16c

DIVINE HELP

1. The Angel of God
 - a. Hagar had met Him before
 - b. He spoke to her again
 - c. Hagar seemed to have forgotten
 - i. Caught up with family problems
 - ii. Caught up with her present woes
 - d. A needed reminder
 - i. Worry
"What ails you?"
 - ii. Fear
"Fear not"
 - iii. God
"God has heard the voice of the lad"

Genesis 16:7-13
Genesis 21:17a
Genesis 21:17b
Genesis 21:17c



e. God had always been there

The question is whether we relate to Him

f. Fulfilling a mother's role

i. "Arise, lift up the lad"

ii. "And hold him with your hand"

g. God's promise to Hagar and Ishmael

"For I will make him a great nation"

Genesis 21:18

i. Ishmael will not die

ii. He will become a nation

2. God opened her eyes

a. The well was always there

"And she saw a well of water"

Genesis 21:19a

i. She could not see

ii. Her mind was on her problems

b. Doing the necessary things

i. Filling the skin with water

"And she went and filled the skin with water"

Genesis 21:19b

ii. Giving a drink of water to Ishmael

"And gave the lad a drink"

Genesis 21:19c

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3. God kept His promise

a. God's presence

i. He gave protection

"So God was with the lad"

Genesis 21:20a

ii. He gave provision

"And he grew and dwelt in the wilderness,
and became an archer"

Genesis 21:20b

iii. Ishmael learned to fend for himself

iv. Archer - He was probably a hunter

b. Ishmael's Future

i. Paran

"He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran"

Genesis 21:21a

ii. Marriage

"His mother took a wife for him
from the land of Egypt"

Genesis 21:21b

CONCLUSION

1. Problems in life
 - a. They will never cease
 - b. They can drive us to distraction!
 - c. Many of our problems are of our own making
2. Person of God
 - a. He has reached out to us before
 - b. But we may not have developed our faith-relationship with Him
 - c. Nevertheless, He reaches out to us again
 - i. Offering assistance
 - ii. Offering grace and mercy
3. Personal Response
 - a. How should we respond?
 - b. How much do we really want to respond to God?
 - c. The choice is ours!

Written by Asia Tan

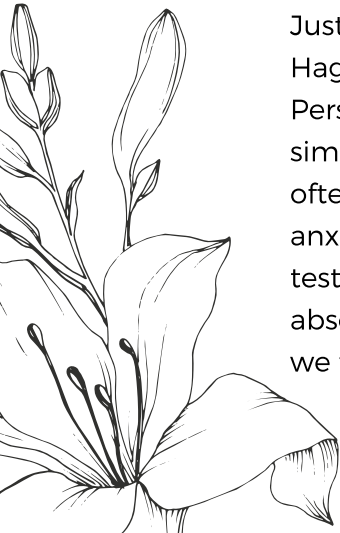


Hagar's narrative - Having eyes but lacking sight

Despite having met the Angel of God before, Hagar seemed to have forgotten that special encounter, as a result of her being overly caught up with her present woes. While wandering in the wilderness of Beersheba, Hagar focused her attention on her problems and her son's impending death, causing her faith to diminish significantly. It was only when "God opened her eyes" that Hagar was able to see the well of water, which had always been there, to resolve her problem of a lack of water.

Parallel to our lives

Just as the physical distractions of life prevented Hagar from having clear sight and focusing on the Person of God, we too, often find ourselves in similar situations. Many of us who are in school are often preoccupied with feelings of fear and anxiousness when faced with seemingly endless tests and examinations. Some may even be absorbed in our busy schedules to the point where we find ourselves guilty of neglecting our





relationship with God. In being overly caught up with our physical circumstances, we find ourselves not involving God in our daily lives, which will eventually lead to our downfall as we try to rely on our human strength to face life's challenges.

Our challenge moving forward

Unfortunately, some problems are unavoidable and will ever be present in our lives. Thankfully, as children of God, we can have hope in knowing that we are never facing life's troubles alone, for the Lord is always present. Though problems may come and go, God remains constant throughout, now and forever. Instead of being caught up in our present worries, may we seek to never be blind to the Lord's power and greatness, and instead learn to turn to and trust in Him. Let us be challenged to develop a two-way relationship with the Lord, such that as much as He sees us, we too will be able to see Him. Beyond our physical eyes, let us pray for the Lord to open the eyes of our hearts to trace His presence and involvement in our lives.



POETRY CORNER

PERHAPS

God's Word to Abram was very clear;
The LORD had promised him an heir.
Abram had believed in God's promise;
His Word was to be deeply cherished!

It was a matter of waiting patiently;
God will fulfil His Word assuredly!
But impatience would have its way;
Human wisdom can lead one astray!

"Perhaps..." Sarai began to reason;
Hagar could bear a child for Abram!
"Perhaps..." is not the same as God's word;
To follow through would surely be absurd!

Abram had believed God but he was swayed;
From the Lord's Word he had sadly strayed!
Severe consequences would surely follow;
"Perhaps..." Human alternative is hollow!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 15:1-6; 16:1-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHANY 40+8 ANNIVERSARY

We thank God for His bountiful blessings bestowed upon our Church these 48 years. We also thank God for each one who has faithfully supported Bethany. May our hearts overflow with thanksgiving as we trace God's unmistakable hand of blessing!

ORDINATION SERVICE

We will see Intern-Pastor Moses Kwek and Intern-Pastor Eugene Seow ordained as full-time pastors on 29 August 2021. May the Lord's blessings be on them!

"A LIVING FAITH" MAGAZINE (ISSUE 2)

It is vital that we review what has been taught in the Scriptures and we hope that the Magazine serves to refresh and reinforce our understanding of the lessons learnt.

If there are any features which you'd like to see in our next issue or if you'd like to be a part of the team creating this Magazine, reach out to us (Janelle/ Yuanli) and we'll be happy to hear from you!

Also, if you'd like a copy of the second issue of the Magazine, please contact us and we would be glad to send it to you.

YWS NEXT WEEK



4 SEP 2021

Message: "God tested Abraham"

Text: Genesis 22:1-14

It is a truth-principle that our faith will be tried and tested in life. The question is how would our faith fare in the testings of life? Would our faith remain intact and immovable?

Abraham was tested time and again in his journey of faith. There were times when he stumbled and missteps were made due to unbelief. However, there were also moments when his faith prevailed and God graciously blessed and honoured him.

Abraham was faced with the greatest test yet. God had commanded Abraham to offer his only begotten son, Isaac, as a burnt offering! This was the son whom he deeply loved and had waited for 25 years for God to fulfill His Promise of an heir. Would Abraham withhold nothing from the Lord, even his only son? Would his faith still stand?

Let's look forward to learning how we may develop our faith from this lesson at YW next week!

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