

# 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!

We are glad that you are able to join us for Worship today. May this time with the Lord greatly uplift and encourage your hearts!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

*"Do not hide Your face from me"*

David had agreed to the Lord's exhortation to seek His face. How did he go about doing that? We read of his subsequent response.

**"Do not hide Your face from me;  
Do not turn Your servant away in anger;  
You have been my help;  
Do not leave me nor forsake me,  
O God of my salvation."**

PSALM 27:9

1. David pleaded with the God of his salvation
  - a. Do not hide Your face from me
  - b. Do not turn Your servant away in anger
  - c. Do not leave me or forsake me
2. Why did David make this plea?
  - a. It was God who had asked David to seek His face
    - i. Why would He hide His face?
    - ii. Why would He be angry with David?
  - b. David was fearful
    - i. He had seen how God distanced Himself from King Saul  
(1 Samuel 15-16)
    - ii. He feared that the Lord could also hide His face from him
    - iii. He was afraid that he could also be rejected and abandoned by God

### 3. David's self-awareness as he approached God

#### a. His sinfulness

- i. Sin would arouse the anger of God
- ii. It would separate him from the Lord

#### b. He was only a servant to God

#### c. He needed God and His help

### **CULTIVATING A HEALTHY GODLY FEAR**

As David sought to know the Lord more deeply, he was filled with godly fear. Who was he before the Righteous and Sovereign God? Even though David would dwell in the Lord's house and his heart was desirous to learn more about Him, these did not make him any less of a sinner. His sinful nature could still arouse God's righteous anger. Humbly and appropriately, David pleaded for God's mercy to not hide His face nor His grace from him.

At times, we run into the danger of approaching God too casually. We may even be presumptuous to think that He is with us and would help us. Let us develop an understanding and consciousness of how sinful we are. Some sins are blatant and obvious, while some others are so insidious that we may not even be aware of them. We too, must come to recognise our own sinfulness and plead that God would not hide His face from us!



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## **YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE**

**19 FEBRUARY 2022**

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 29:1-3
2. Genesis 29:4-8
3. Genesis 29:9-14

Bethany Toong,  
Tessa Kang,  
& Chloe Tang

Pastoral Prayer

Intern-Pastor  
Jonathan Jacob

Message:

“Surely, you are my bone and my flesh”  
Genesis 29:14  
Text: Genesis 29:1-14

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

# MY NOTES

19 FEBRUARY 2022

**“SURELY, YOU ARE MY BONE  
AND MY FLESH”**

GENESIS 29:1-14

# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 12 FEBRUARY 2022**

### **“HOW AWESOME IS THIS PLACE!” GENESIS 28:17 GENESIS 28:10-22**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Where all human efforts have failed
  - a. Mistakes were still being made
  - b. Sins were not dealt with
  - c. The family becomes dysfunctional
2. Divine Help is necessary
  - a. God graciously steps in
  - b. He reveals Himself
  - c. A new beginning is available

#### **JACOB'S CIRCUMSTANCES**

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Alone and far from home            | Genesis 28:10  |
| a. He could not go back               |                |
| b. He was not sure what lay ahead     |                |
| c. No mother to advise or comfort him |                |
| 2. He did not know where he was       |                |
| “A certain place”                     | Genesis 28:11a |
| a. It was night                       |                |
| b. A stone was his pillow             | Genesis 28:11b |

## GOD REACHES OUT TO JACOB

### 1. God gave Jacob a dream

- a. Often called “Jacob’s Ladder”
- b. A ladder that led all the way to heaven      Genesis 28:12a
- c. Angels were ascending and descending      Genesis 28:12b

### 2. God speaks to Jacob

**13** And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: “I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.

**14** Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

**15** Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.”

Genesis 28:13-15

- a. The LORD God
    - i. Of Abraham
    - ii. Of Isaac
  - b. The land
    - i. This will be given
    - ii. Many descendants
    - iii. In his seed all the families will be blessed
  - c. The Presence of God
    - i. I am with you
    - ii. And will keep you wherever you go
    - iii. I will bring you back to this land
    - iv. I will not leave you
- Until I have done what I have spoken to you

## THE FIRST RESPONSE OF JACOB

**16** Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know *it*.”

**17** And he was afraid and said, “How awesome *is* this place! This *is* none other than the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven!”

Genesis 28:16-17

1. This is the initial response
2. It was an appropriate response
  - a. Ignorance addressed
  - b. New knowledge obtained
  - c. A sense of fear arose
    - i. How awesome is this place
    - ii. This is none other than the house of God
    - iii. This is the gate of heaven

## THE SECOND RESPONSE OF JACOB

**18** Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it.

**19** And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.

**20** Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,

**21** so that I come back to my father’s house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God.

**22** And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God’s house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.”

Genesis 28:18-22





## 1. Calling the place “Bethel”

Genesis 28:19

## 2. Making a vow to God

### a. IF

- i. God will be with me
- ii. And keep me
- iii. And give me bread to eat
- iv. And clothing to put on
- v. So that I come back to my father’s house in peace

### b. THEN

- i. The LORD shall be my God
- ii. And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God’s house
- iii. And of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You

## CONCLUSION

## 1. Our Need for God

- a. This is obvious
- b. His Help is vital

## 2. Our Response to God

- a. Genuine
- b. Meaningful
- c. True and faithful

# REFLECTIONS




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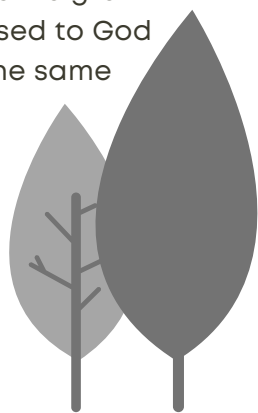



Last week, we continued from when Jacob was making his way towards Haran. As things seemed to be getting worse for Jacob, we read about a beautiful encounter between God and Jacob in the wilderness.

## **God reaching out**





As Jacob travelled further and further away from home, he must have had a lot on his mind. The recent incident with his family had forced him to leave his home in search of his uncle. Jacob must have been scared, distressed and uncomfortable. Despite everything he was going through, Jacob's exhaustion got the better of him and he fell asleep. This was when God reached out to him through a beautiful dream and introduced Himself to Jacob. Although Jacob had not developed a relationship with God, the Lord graciously and lovingly reached out to him. Some of us might find ourselves in a similar situation as Jacob: he grew up with parents who knew the Lord and was exposed to God from a young age, but this did not mean he had the same faith as his father. Personally, I sometimes ask myself – is my faith my own or is it my parents'? It is crucial that we take time to check ourselves and evaluate if we truly have a faith we can call our own.





## Jacob's Responses

After Jacob's encounter with God through the dream, he had a few responses. Initially, he recognised his ignorance towards God and developed a fear and reverence for Him. Though Jacob would have heard about this God from his father and grandfather, he did not show any interest nor understanding until this point in his life. Jacob's second response was a heartening one. He set up an altar and made a vow to God, signifying the beginning of his relationship with God.



When we are on a spiritual high after activities such as Youth Conference, it is easier to give a good response. However, when all these emotions die down and we revert back to our mundane daily routines, it may be significantly harder to give that same genuine and certain response similar to Jacob's.

## Our Response

Even though God no longer speaks to us through dreams like He did with Jacob, He still reaches out to each of us. There is no doubt that He is speaking to us, through messages from Pastor or lessons from our Sunday School teachers. Hopefully, last week's message got you thinking: Have I developed a personal relationship with God yet? If your answer was no, start today! God is lovingly reaching out to you, waiting for your response. May we all seek to cultivate a far deeper and personal relationship with this awesome God we have!

# POETRY CORNER

## *Isaac*

When God told Abraham that he would have a son;  
He could not believe easily; Was God poking fun?  
Abraham was old, so how could he become a father?  
He kept this thought within, but there was Laughter!

When Sarah heard that she would become a mother;  
She too could not but be filled with incredulous Laughter.  
When the Lord confronted her and asked why she Laughed;  
She denied Laughing; but this word was initially rebuffed!

Then came the day when Isaac was born a healthy baby;  
Sarah then said, "God has made me Laugh," truly!  
All who would hear of this miracle baby would also Laugh;  
For Isaac was given by God as a demonstration of His love.

God's word is to be believed in, with all our heart;  
From our heart, His promises, ought never to depart.  
Though we may struggle to believe in God's promises;  
Blessed is the resolute one who, God's word, cherishes!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 17:17; 18:12-15; 21:1-7



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Yw Newsletter

(19 FEB 2022)

In this week's Newsletter, Michelle Choo traced the Lord's hand and found the matchless grace of God that had carried her through the toughest year in her life thus far. She is inspired by the example of Isaac to respond in worship!

Scan QR code to read the Newsletter:



# Finding answers to questions about faith and life

Having questions about God and about life is good and natural. It is important that we find answers to these questions so that we may know the truth and find certainty in our belief.

We are going to have a column in our next YW “A Living Faith” Magazine to address your questions! Pastor Charles Tan will personally respond to them to help us find Biblical answers to our queries.

Scan QR code to submit your questions:



# NEXT YWS



**26 FEB 2022**

Message: "I will serve you seven years for Rachel" Genesis 29:18

Text: Genesis 29:15-30

Jacob was overjoyed seeing how things were turning out so smoothly. After months of hardship and uncertainty in the wilderness, he had finally arrived at Haran and found his uncle Laban's family.

He had also met Rachel, Laban's daughter, whom he desired to marry. He was even willing to serve Laban for 7 years to obtain Rachel's hand in marriage! Will things continue to go down smoothly? Join us at Youth Worship next week to find out!

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