

# 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 thank God that you have chosen to worship with us this afternoon. May the experience of Worship and Fellowship encourage and uplift our hearts!



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## THE WORD OF GOD (III)

What is the end result as we seek to know the Word of God better? King David spoke of a personal fear of the Lord.

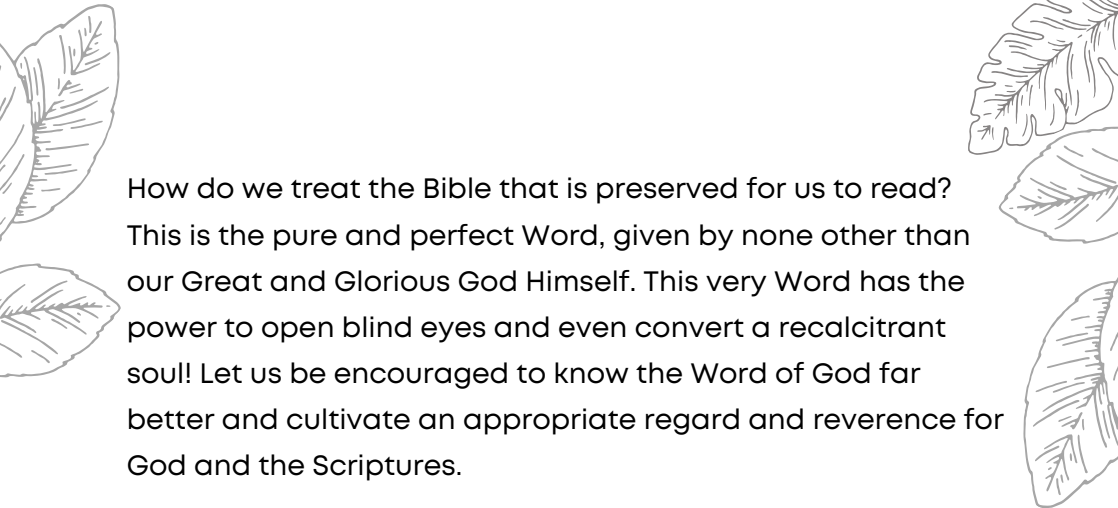
**“The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
The judgments of the LORD are  
true and righteous altogether.”**

PSALM 19:9

1. The fear of the LORD is clean
  - a. God creates a fear of the Lord when we give regard to His Word
  - b. This fear of the Lord is pure and undefiled
  - c. It has an enduring quality
2. The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous
  - a. Human judges may render incorrect judgments at times
  - b. But God's judgments are true and righteous all the time

### **PRACTISING THE FEAR OF THE LORD**

King David held the highest regard for the Lord's Word as he pondered over its nature and its impact. A fear of the Lord was created within him as he experienced the workings of God's Word in his life.



How do we treat the Bible that is preserved for us to read? This is the pure and perfect Word, given by none other than our Great and Glorious God Himself. This very Word has the power to open blind eyes and even convert a recalcitrant soul! Let us be encouraged to know the Word of God far better and cultivate an appropriate regard and reverence for God and the Scriptures.

How else can we practise the fear of the Lord? King David was acutely aware of his errors, secret faults, presumptuous sins and the great transgressions that dominated his life (Psalm 19:12-13). These led him to recognise his utter sinfulness before the Lord and his desperate need for the Word of God to guide him. Let us come before the Lord in humility and recognition of our sinfulness, seeking the Lord to forgive and cleanse us from our sins!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

16 APRIL 2022

### Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

### Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Song Leading

1. That's Why We Praise Him
2. Yesterday, Today, and Forever

Vanessa Quek & Joel Tan

Pianists: Lorraine Lai &  
Gabrielle Wan

### Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 31:31-32
2. Genesis 31:33-35
3. Genesis 31:36-42

Asia Tan, Chloe Tang &  
Bethany Toong

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

### Message:

"God has seen my affliction  
and the labour of my hands"

Text: Genesis 31:42

Pastor Charles Tan

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Postlude


Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

# WORSHIP SONGS

## THAT'S WHY WE PRAISE HIM

Lyrics by Tommy Walker;

Arranged by David Shipps and Dan Galbraith




He came to live, live a perfect life.  
He came to be the Living Word, our light.  
He came to die so we'd be reconciled.  
He came to rise to show His pow'r and might.

### Chorus:

That's why we praise Him,  
That's why we sing.  
That's why we offer Him our everything.  
That's why we bow down  
And worship this King,  
'Cause He gave His ev'rything.

He came to live, live again in us.  
He came to be a conqu'ring king and friend.  
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love.  
He came to go prepare a place for us.

### Chorus:



That's why we praise Him,  
That's why we sing.  
That's why we offer Him our everything.  
That's why we bow down  
And worship this King,  
'Cause He gave His ev'rything.  
'Cause He gave His ev'rything.

(end)

# Yesterday, Today, and Forever

By Vicky Beeching

Everlasting God,  
The years go by but you're unchanging.  
In this fragile world,  
You are the only firm foundation.

Always loving, always true,  
Always merciful and good,  
So good.

## Chorus:

Yesterday, today, and forever,  
You are the same, You never change.  
Yesterday, today, and forever,  
You are faithful and we will trust in You.

Uncreated One,  
You have no end and no beginning.  
Earthly powers fade,  
But there is no end to Your kingdom.

Always loving, always true,  
Always merciful and good,  
So good.

## Chorus:

Yesterday, today, and forever,  
You are the same, You never change.  
Yesterday, today, and forever,  
You are faithful and we will trust in You.

(end)

# MY NOTES

16 APRIL 2022

**“GOD HAS SEEN MY AFFLICTION AND  
THE LABOUR OF MY HANDS”**

GENESIS 31:42

# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 09 APRIL 2022**

### **“GOD HAD COME TO LABAN IN A DREAM BY NIGHT”**

#### **GENESIS 31:24**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The Time had come to leave Laban
2. The family of Jacob had agreed that leaving Laban was the wisest thing to do
  - a. There was growing hostility
  - b. There could be a nasty confrontation between Laban and Jacob

#### **A HASTY DEPARTURE**

1. Jacob and his family
  - a. He had four wives
  - b. He had 12 children
2. He put all of them on camels Genesis 31:17
3. He took away all that was his
  - a. His livestock
  - b. All his possessions
  - c. His livestock acquired in Padan Aram Genesis 31:18

4. His destination

- a. The home of his father Isaac
- b. Canaan

5. Jacob departed stealthily

- a. He did not inform Laban
- b. He departed when Laban was elsewhere  
(sheep-shearing)
- c. Sheep-shearing is always an extra busy time

Genesis 31:19

6. He wanted to be as far away as possible in the fastest possible time

- a. He crossed a river
- b. Heading towards the mountains of Gilead

Genesis 31:21

## **RACHEL'S THEFT**

1. Rachel had stolen her father's idols

Genesis 31:19

2. Understanding why Rachel stole the idols:

- a. Idols were worshipped
- b. Household idols of Laban
  - i. This represented his faith
  - ii. He and his family had become idolatrous
- c. Rachel may have felt "safer" if the idols were brought along
  - i. Her father would be deprived
  - ii. She would have "gained some extra protection"
- d. Rachel's faith was not so great!

## LABAN'S PURSUIT

1. He was informed three days later that Jacob and his family had fled Genesis 31:22
2. He gathered all his brethren
  - a. His sons
  - b. Other clan relatives
  - c. Perhaps even workers
  - d. It took him 7 days to locate Jacob Genesis 31:23

## GOD TO THE RESCUE

1. He came to Laban in a dream Genesis 31:24

But God had come to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said to him, "Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad."

Genesis 31:24

- a. God knew Laban very well
- b. The word of warning

"Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad."

Genesis 31:24

- i. Be careful (Be warned)
- ii. Neither good nor bad

- c. Meaning:
  - i. God knew that Laban was crafty and cunning
  - ii. He had taken advantage of Jacob 10 times and counting
  - iii. Jacob was no match for the cunningness of Laban



## 2. The Intended Impact

- a. God was on the side of Jacob
- b. If Laban tried to fool Jacob, God would deal with him
- c. Laban would certainly be terrified of such a veiled threat

## LABAN OVERTAKES JACOB

**25** So Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountains, and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mountains of Gilead.

**26** And Laban said to Jacob: "What have you done, that you have stolen away unknown to me, and carried away my daughters like captives taken with the sword? **27** Why did you flee away secretly, and steal away from me, and not tell me; for I might have sent you away with joy and songs, with timbrel and harp? **28** And you did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters. Now you have done foolishly in so doing. **29** It is in my power to do you harm, but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad.' **30** And now you have surely gone because you greatly long for your father's house, *but* why did you steal my gods?"

Genesis 31:25-30

### 1. Laban reprimands Jacob

- a. For leaving without informing him
- b. For taking away his daughters as if they were captives

Genesis 31:26

### 2. Laban could have

- a. Given them a farewell party
- b. He did not get a chance to kiss his sons (grandsons) goodbye

Genesis 31:27

Genesis 31:28

3. Laban could have exercised his power
  - a. Clan power (authority)
  - b. He could have caused Jacob to be harmedGenesis 31:29a
4. God's warning rememberedGenesis 31:29b
5. Challenging Jacob
  - a. He cannot prevent him from returning to see Isaac, his father
  - b. But why had he stolen his idols?Genesis 31:30

## CONCLUSION

1. Conflict and Confusion reigned
  - a. Jacob feared for his life
  - b. Rachel desired her father's idols
2. God's Presence
  - a. He had promised Jacob His protection
  - b. He was keeping His word
3. Our Challenge
  - a. To have a clear faith in God
  - b. To have a strong faith in Him
  - c. To not be overwhelmed by conflict and confusion




# REFLECTION

Written by





## MICHELLE CHOO



What is our first instinct when we meet with problems? More often than not, problems set some of us into panic mode and we don't stop to rationalise or plan. On the other hand, the idea of "it is what it is" settles in and nothing is done to tackle the problem. Personally, I find myself panicking most of the time before slowly planning on what to do next.

### **Every Problem needs a Plan**

Earlier, we read in Genesis 31 that God had told Jacob to go back to Canaan. This was an enormous task on Jacob's shoulders as moving his big family across the river to the mountains of Gilead posed a huge logistical challenge. Assured by the promise of the Lord's protection over him and his family, Jacob responded to God's plan for his family by meticulously planning his journey to escape from the deceptive Laban.







## **God's Constant Protection**

Within his plan, Jacob trusted in God's protection, presence and provision. Jacob was assured that the God of his father had been with him (Genesis 31:5) and had prevented Laban from hurting him during the time when he served Laban (Genesis 31:7). God would continue to be faithful to His promise! When Laban discovered that Jacob had fled, he hotly pursued Jacob. However, we see God's continuous promise of protection over Jacob when He warned Laban not to say or do anything against Jacob for God was with him.

It's easy for us to say that we trust God, but how much do we really trust Him in reality? Jacob had put his trust in God and it can be seen in how he readily left for Canaan despite the arduous journey ahead.

## **Personal Challenges**

All of us have our fair share of problems that come at different stages in life. As a student, I felt like I was crumbling under the stress of school and other personal challenges that came my way. While I did plan to tackle some of these challenges, I neglected the other problems I had. Unlike Jacob, I had failed to plan properly, and for the most important part, I had also failed to trust in God's protection, presence and provision. While saying I trusted God, I did not fully trust Him in reality because I have had backup plans that relied on my own abilities and effort. I'm deeply challenged to not only plan for every problem I meet but to always count on and trust in God as my Rock and Refuge.



## WHERE IS THE LAMB FOR THE BURNT OFFERING?

A beautiful love-relationship had grown deeply;  
Father and son cared for each other genuinely.  
But Abraham was asked to offer Isaac as an offering;  
How could he fulfil this request with understanding?

How could a father offer his son as a sacrifice?  
But he had no further word from God, nor advice.  
His faith was strong and his heart must prove true;  
He must place his faith in the Lord all the way through.

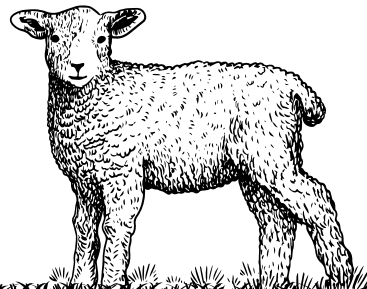
Father and son had come now to Mount Moriah;  
Isaac asked an innocent question as he saw the fire.

“Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”  
Had his father somehow forgotten something?

Abraham bravely answered, trusting God’s hand;

“God will provide for Himself the lamb!”  
His faith was truly stretched to “breaking point;”  
But he held fast; the LORD he will not disappoint!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Genesis 22:6-8



# ANNOUNCEMENT

## EASTER SUNDAY (17 APRIL 2022)

We celebrate Easter tomorrow and we wish you a blessed Easter!

Easter is a special time of remembering the Lord Jesus' love in bringing redemption and salvation to all mankind through His death and obedience. It is in and through His glorious resurrection that we see His triumphant power over sin, Satan and death. Thank God for our Saviour who offers us a restored and regenerated life in Him! May we never cease to be in awe of the Lord's Amazing and Divine love for us and be moved to deepen our love for Him!



## YW NEWSLETTER (16 APRIL 2022)

What is one aspect of Easter that stands out to you? As we take time to think about the Lord and dwell on the significance of His words and deeds before His death, we cannot but be impacted by His complete trust and obedience to His Father's will. Shayna shares with us her appreciation for the Lord's stupendous example of faith and trust in the Father. May our hearts be refreshed and renewed this Easter!

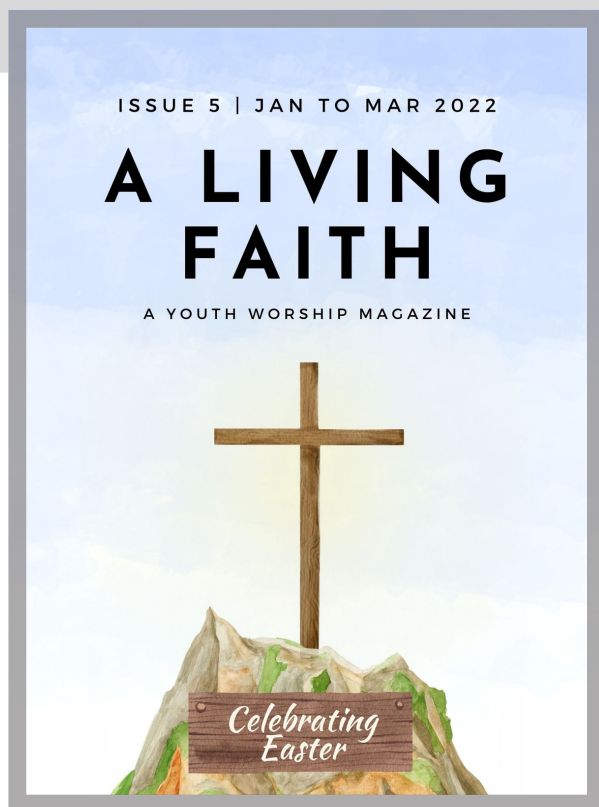
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# **“A LIVING FAITH” MAGAZINE (ISSUE 5)**

**THEME: CELEBRATING EASTER**

We're thrilled to share with you another issue of our Youth Worship Magazine! In this issue, we hope to offer a fresh and personal appreciation for our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, as we anticipate celebrating Easter. Kindly let us (Janelle / Yuanli) know if you'd like a copy of the Magazine and we're happy to assist you.



# NEXT YWS



**23 APR 2022**

Message: "Let us make a covenant"

Text: Genesis 31:44

Having thoroughly searched the tents of Jacob, Laban failed to find the missing household idols. Laban recognised that the tables had turned against him now. God had previously warned him not to harm or threaten Jacob. Laban could not force Jacob to return with him and all that Jacob possessed was indeed righteously earned with his hard work and labour. Fearful for his safety, Laban proposed to establish a covenant with Jacob. What would this covenant entail? How would Jacob respond?

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!





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