

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 you for choosing to worship with us at Bethany today. May our hearts gladly receive and welcome the Word of God as we learn deeper lessons about life and faith!



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COME AND WORSHIP

By the word of the LORD

The Psalmist testified the Word of the Lord is right (Psalm 33:4). He pondered further and was deeply inspired by the power of God's Word displayed in His Creation.

6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;
He lays up the deep in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

9 For He spoke, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.

PSALM 33:6-9

1. The word of the Lord
 - a. The Spoken Word of God is in mind here
 - i. By the breath of His mouth
 - ii. He spoke
 - iii. He commanded
 - b. We also have the Written Word of God which is a reference to the Scriptures (Psalm 19)

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2. By the sheer word of the Lord
 - a. The majestic heavens were created
 - b. The infinite seas were put in place
 - c. The earth is solidly established and sustained

 3. Appreciating the Power of the Word of God
 - a. God spoke and what He said was fulfilled
 - b. God commanded and what He said stood firm

 4. Cultivating an appropriate response
 - a. To fear the Lord
 - b. To stand in awe of God

The power behind the Word of the Lord is formidable. All it takes is for God to say “Let there be light” and there was light (Genesis 1:3)! Such is the magnitude and magnificence of God’s Power in His Word!

The Lord speaks to us today through His Written Word, which is the Bible. The words we read in the Scriptures are not merely words of history, but they are words which bear stupendous and profound power. One cannot undermine the power of God’s Word for it can effectuate changes in one’s life and heal a barren soul!

As we discover the power of God and His Word, our response would be to appreciate and stand in awe of our Great God. Let us seek to cultivate a healthy fear of the Lord by reading the Scriptures with greater regard and carefulness. May we, as believers, be desirous to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

28 MAY 2022

Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Call to Worship

Pastor Mark Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

Song Leading

1. Immortal, Invisible

2. In The Secret

Goh Yuanli & Joel Tan

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 33:8-20

Ong Yanning, Asia Tan &
Tessa Kang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Moses Kwek

Message:

“Please, take my blessing that is
brought to you”

Text: Genesis 33:8-20

Pastor Mark Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

28 MAY 2022

**“PLEASE, TAKE MY BLESSING THAT IS
BROUGHT TO YOU”**

GENESIS 33:8-20

WORSHIP SONGS



Immortal, Invisible

by Laura Story

Immortal, You are not like a man
That You change Your mind
Or change Your plan
Invisible, our human eyes can't see
The depths of Your majesty.

Chorus:

You're the God of forever and ever Amen
The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End
We sing hallelujah, we worship in awe
Immortal, invisible God.

Immortal, You are not bound by death
You're the living God, my very breath
Invisible You are not bound by space
But Your glory is filling this place
Yes Your glory is filling this place.

Chorus

Immortal yet You once died for me,
To pay my debt to set me free
Invisible You will not always be
Cause You're coming to reign as our King
And the saints will fall down at Your feet.

Chorus

(end)

In The Secret

by Shane Barnard & Shane Everett

In the secret, in the quiet place,
In the stillness You are there.
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You,
'Cause I want to know You more.

Chorus:

I want to know You,
I want to hear Your voice,
I want to know You more.
I want to touch You,
I want to see Your face,
I want to know You more.

I am reaching for the highest goal
That I might receive the prize.
Pressing onward, pushing ev'ry hindrance aside,
Out of my way,
'Cause I want to know You more.

Chorus x2

(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

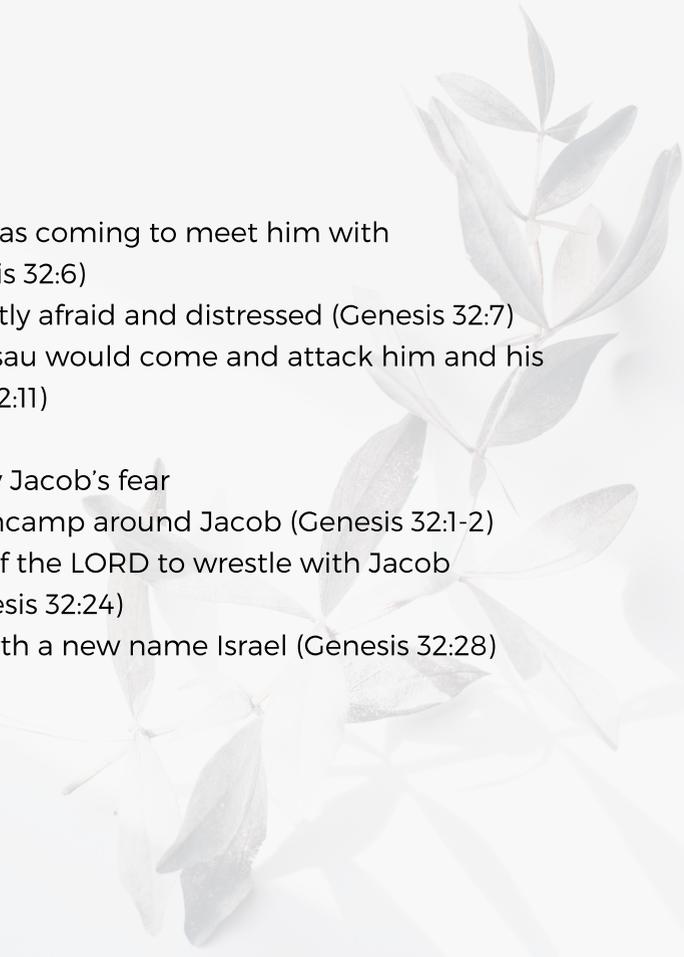
YWS MESSAGE - 21 MAY 2022

“AND THEY WEPT”

GENESIS 33:1-7

INTRODUCTION

1. Jacob's fear of Esau
 - a. He heard Esau was coming to meet him with 400 men (Genesis 32:6)
 - b. He became greatly afraid and distressed (Genesis 32:7)
 - c. He feared that Esau would come and attack him and his family (Genesis 32:11)

 2. God sought to allay Jacob's fear
 - a. Sent angels to encamp around Jacob (Genesis 32:1-2)
 - b. Sent the Angel of the LORD to wrestle with Jacob until dawn (Genesis 32:24)
 - c. Blessed Jacob with a new name Israel (Genesis 32:28)
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EXERCISING FAITH TO FACE HIS FEAR

1 Now Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and there, Esau was coming, and with him were four hundred men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two maidservants.

2 And he put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children behind, and Rachel and Joseph last.

3 Then he crossed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

Genesis 33:1-3

1. Jacob lifted his eyes and looked

- a. He saw Esau coming
- b. With him were 400 men

2. Jacob's response of faith

- a. There was no more mention of fear
 - i. His fear of Esau had abated significantly
 - ii. He was not fearful at the sight of Esau with his 400 men

- b. There was now a display of courage
 - i. He crossed over before his family to face Esau alone
 - ii. He bowed himself to the ground 7 times until he came near to his brother

3. Yet there was still some carnality in his response

a. He divided his family in the following order

- i. The maidservants (his secondary wives) and their children in front
- ii. Leah and her children behind
- iii. Rachel and Joseph last

b. This reflected his partiality towards Rachel and Joseph

- i. If Esau were to attack, Jacob would die first
- ii. Followed by the maidservants and Leah
- iii. This would hopefully give Rachel and Joseph enough time to escape

AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS

4 But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

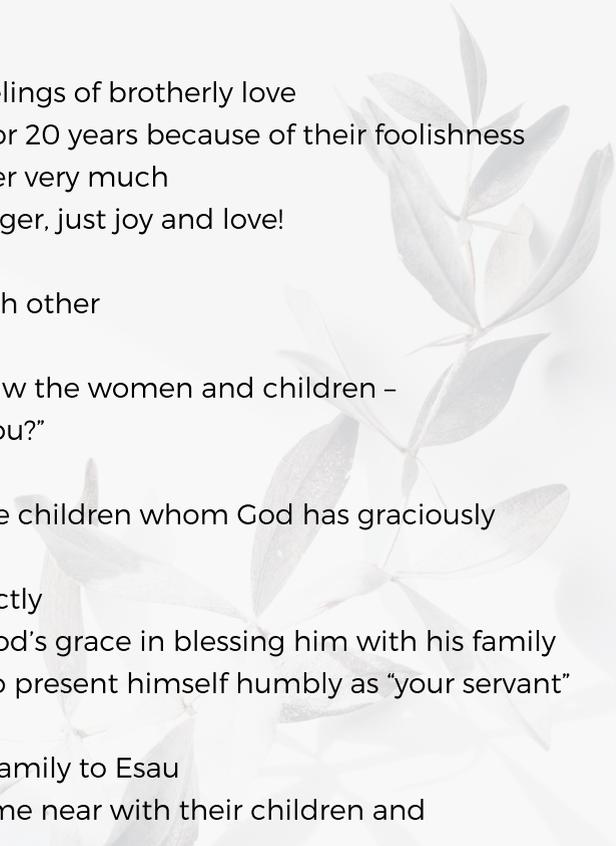
5 And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, "Who are these with you?"

So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

6 Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and bowed down.

7 And Leah also came near with her children, and they bowed down. Afterward Joseph and Rachel came near, and they bowed down.

Genesis 33:4-7

1. Esau did not attack Jacob as he feared
 2. Esau's response was beyond what Jacob could have imagined!
 - a. He ran to meet Jacob
 - b. He embraced Jacob
 - c. He fell on his neck and kissed him
 3. They wept together
 - a. There were mutual feelings of brotherly love
 - b. They had lived apart for 20 years because of their foolishness
 - c. They missed each other very much
 - d. There was no more anger, just joy and love!
 4. They caught up with each other
 - a. Esau's enquiry as he saw the women and children -
"Who are these with you?"
 - b. Jacob's response - "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."
 - i. He spoke of God directly
 - ii. He acknowledged God's grace in blessing him with his family
 - iii. He also continued to present himself humbly as "your servant"
 - c. Jacob introduced his family to Esau
 - i. The maidservants came near with their children and bowed down
 - ii. Leah also came with her children and bowed down
 - iii. Lastly, Joseph and Rachel came near and bowed down
 - iv. All bowed to Esau in humility as Jacob had done!
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CONCLUSION

1. The problem of fear is real in life

a. There are many fears we struggle with in life

- i. Studies
- ii. Friendship matters
- iii. Family
- iv. Future

b. These fears can be greatly distressing and overwhelming

c. But sometimes these fears may turn out to be wrong

2. The challenge for us – to exercise faith!

a. Not to let these fears cripple us

b. But to hold fast to God

- i. His presence
- ii. His protection
- iii. His promises

3. God will do His part to help us

a. There is nothing too hard for God

b. He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think!



REFLECTION

Written by

Michelle Choo

Fear vs Faith

How often do we let our fears dominate us? It's easy to give in to fear and get consumed by it. Fear becomes a problem when we allow it to fester into abject fear and when God and faith are not in the picture. The best solution is to face these fears with faith and to remember that our faith should always be greater than our fears.

Faith greater than our Fears

In Genesis 33, we see how Jacob no longer had a response that was filled with fear and anxiety. From once responding in fear by running away from his problems, he had adopted a new response- one that involved God and one that stemmed from a renewed faith in God. Instead of running away when confronted with the reality that Esau alongside 400 men were coming his way, he trusted in God's protection and went towards Esau and his men. Jacob's response was now filled with courage and humility as he placed his faith in God.



Flaws do not equate to Faithlessness

Jacob's response, however, was fraught with the problem of favouritism. Seeing Esau's arrival, he divided his family into groups. He expressed partiality to both Rachel and Joseph by placing them at the back to grant them greater safety. This reflected his carnality and indicated that he still had some fear in him of the possibility that Esau and his men would attack his family. Yet, that did not mean that he lacked genuine faith.

Fulfilment of God's Promises

As always, God had fulfilled His promise of presence and protection over Jacob and his family. The reunion of both Jacob and Esau proved how God remained faithful to Jacob despite his shortcomings.

Fighting Fear with Faith

Fear comes in different forms and at different stages in life. We can outgrow some of our fears but the way we choose to respond and face these fears should always remain the same, which is to face them with a steadfast faith. It can be challenging to not let our innate response take over. Yet, I'm personally challenged to cling onto the promises of God and the love He has for us, and to have a response that is filled with faith.



POETRY CORNER

HE WILL SEND HIS ANGEL BEFORE YOU

Abraham planned for his son's future;
Marriage was the next important feature.
He had seen the women of Canaan;
None had godly features in them.

Abraham entrusted authority to his servant;
He was sent to fulfil an important errand.
He must go to Abraham's family members;
And there choose a bride of godly character.

This task was not an easy one to fulfil;
It would be a long journey with some perils.
It was not certain if a bride could be found;
Abraham trusted that God's mercy would abound.

He was confident that God would send an angel to guide;
This heavenly messenger would come alongside, to abide.
The quest of finding a suitable bride was a challenging task;
The servant swore an oath; in the LORD, he too must trust!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 24:2-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES

Pastor Charles sends greetings from Perth!
He has been ministering in Bethel for the entire
week and will return on 30th May.

YW NEWSLETTER

(28 MAY 2022)

How do we face our problems which loom large in life? Fear often comes as our first and natural response. Avoidance unfortunately becomes an approach we adopt. The Scriptures teach us that the way of faith is a wise and excellent approach! Jerome Lai shares with us his determination to develop a personal faith in the Lord and His steadfast word as he faces his challenges and fears.

Scan here to find out more:



NEXT YWS



04 JUNE 2022

Message: "El, Elohe Israel"

Text: Genesis 33:20

Jacob went on his way to the land of Canaan. It had been more than 20 years since he left his own country to flee from the wrath of Esau. Many hard and humbling lessons were learnt. Special encounters were experienced with the Lord. Every part of this journey was meant to strengthen Jacob's faith and cultivate his relationship with God!

Like Abraham, Jacob erected an altar at the city of Shechem and worshipped the Lord. He was determined to fulfil the vow he solemnly made to God twenty years ago at Bethel (Genesis 28:20-22) as he named the place "El Elohe Israel". The Lord had indeed become his personal LORD!

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!



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