

Youth Worship

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WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

It is a joy to gather as fellow brethren to worship the Lord! Let us look forward to a time of learning how we can better relate to our Lord. May we be refreshed by His word today!

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COME AND WORSHIP

The Meditation of My Heart

What is meditation? Contrary to what the secular world promotes, our Christian practice of meditation is not about 'emptying' the mind, but filling it with God's Word.

The Psalmist David had cultivated a practice of meditation, and his thoughts had been well articulated in the writing of numerous Psalms. In Psalm 19, his foci of meditation were on God's glory in Creation (Psalm 19:1-6) and His perfect and precious Word (Psalm 19:7-11).

Having internalised the excellent Word of God, David desired his words to be of similar quality. He brought this desire to the Lord in prayer as he concluded Psalm 19.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.**

PSALM 19:14

1. Proneness to sin
 - a. Words are outward expressions of what fills a person internally
 - b. David knew that his heart and mind were inclined to sin (Psalm 19:13)
 - c. This would not be acceptable to our Holy God!

2. Prayerful desire to meditate on God's Word
 - a. The Word of God must dwell in David in order to work effectively in his life
 - b. His heart and mind would be strengthened by the filling of God's Word
 - c. Only then, he would be able to overcome his sinful tendencies
 - d. His words and meditation would be acceptable to God
3. Personal relationship with God
 - a. David had a personal relationship with God that drove his noble desire
 - b. David regarded God as
 - i. His LORD
 - ii. His Strength
 - iii. His Redeemer

THE CHALLENGE TO MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

By default, our minds are filled with the many things that we have to do to fulfil our responsibilities, and our hearts are very often distracted. Without active steps to fill our minds with the Lord's teachings, we will remain weak in our battle against sin. Let us be better equipped with a strong mind by setting aside time in our daily schedules to pray and to meditate on God's Word; reading and pondering over it deeply.

Let us not stop at being acutely aware and convicted of our sins, but progress to overcome sin by doing our part to internalise the Word of God. May we come to experience the power of God's Word in our lives when we make prayer and meditation a part of us!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

7 MAY 2022

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Come, Praise the Lord

2. By Faith

Joel Tan & Ong Yanning

Pianists: Gabrielle Wan &

Lorraine Lai

Scripture Reading:

Text: Genesis 28:18-22; 32:9-12

Tessa Kang & Asia Tan

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

Message:

"I am not worthy of the least of

Your mercies"

Text: Genesis 32:10

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

WORSHIP SONGS

Come, Praise the Lord

By Keith Getty & Kristyn Getty

Come, praise the Lord,
He is life in all its fullness;
Will you lift your voice?
Come, praise the Lord,
He is light that shatters darkness;
We have come to rejoice.

Chorus:

All around the world He is calling
People who would take up His call and follow Him.
Ev'ry breath be praise, ev'ry heart be raised
To the King of all creation.
Ev'ry breath be praise, ev'ry heart be raised
To the Lord of all.

Come, praise the Lord,
He is love that welcomes sinners;
Will you give your life?
Come, praise the Lord,
He is great above all others;
All His ways are right.

Chorus

By Faith

By Keith Getty & Kristyn Getty

By faith we see the hand of God,
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness;
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a Holy City built by God's own hand:
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus:

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done;
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go;
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost;
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

Chorus

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail;
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus



MY NOTES

7 MAY 2022

**“I AM NOT WORTHY OF
THE LEAST OF YOUR MERCIES”**

GENESIS 32:10

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 30 APRIL 2022

“THIS IS GOD’S CAMP”

GENESIS 32:2

INTRODUCTION

1. The Covenant between Laban and Jacob had been sealed
2. There was no going back on what has been confirmed
3. The only way is “forward!”

MANIFESTATIONS OF ANGELS

1. The first manifestation of angels at Bethel
 - a. A ladder that reached up to heaven
 - b. Angels were ascending and descending Genesis 28:10-22
2. A second manifestation of angels at Mahanaim
 - a. Jacob was returning to Canaan
 - b. How he may have felt:
 - i. Some anxiety
 - ii. Some uncertainty
 - iii. Some fear
 - c. He saw them Genesis 32:2a
 - d. He understood in a fresh new way the presence of God’s angels
“This is God’s camp” Genesis 32:2b

3. The presence of angels

- a. They surround God's people
- b. But they may not manifest themselves
- c. They are God's servants attending to His children

Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

Hebrews 1:14

SENDING MESSENGERS TO ESAU

1. Esau

- a. He lived in Edom, or the land of Seir Genesis 32:3
- b. This is a mountainous region that includes Mount Seir

2. Messengers sent to Esau

- a. Jacob had many servants
- b. Some of them were sent to Esau with a message from Jacob

3. The Message of Jacob

4 *And he commanded them, saying, "Speak thus to my lord Esau, 'Thus your servant Jacob says: "I have dwelt with Laban and stayed there until now.*

5 *I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favour in your sight.'"*

Genesis 32:4-5

- a. Jacob gave strict instructions to his servants ("*commanded them*")
- b. They were to address Esau as, "*My lord Esau*" Genesis 32:4a
- c. They were to speak on behalf of Jacob
"Your servant Jacob" Genesis 32:4b

- d. A brief word about his stay with Laban
"I have dwelt with Laban and stayed there
until now"

Genesis 32:4c

- e. An explanation

*I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants;
and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favour
in your sight
Genesis 32:5*

- i. A plain statement
- ii. This was not stated boastfully
- iii. Jacob had been successful
- iv. He seeks to find favour in Esau's sight

THE RETURN OF THE MESSENGERS

1. They had delivered Jacob's message
2. But Esau had not replied to Jacob's message
3. The report of the messengers

*Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying,
"We came to your brother Esau, and he also is coming to meet you,
and four hundred men are with him."*

Genesis 32:6

- a. The servants of Jacob had seen Esau
- b. They did not have a message from Esau
- c. But Esau was coming to see Jacob
- d. And he was coming with 400 men

THE REACTION OF JACOB

7 So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies.

8 And he said, "If Esau comes to the one company and attacks it, then the other company which is left will escape."

Genesis 32:7-8

1. Fear threatened to overwhelm Jacob
 - a. He was "greatly afraid"
 - b. He was "distressed"

2. A quick plan
 - a. He divided the people that were with him
 - b. This included the flocks, herds and camels
 - c. They were divided into two companies

3. The reasoning behind this plan
 - a. If Esau attacked one company
 - b. The other company may escape

4. This was an emergency plan
 - a. "Worst case scenario" thinking
 - b. Jacob was preparing for the worst

CONCLUSION

1. The presence of God's angels
 - a. This was all but forgotten
 - b. There was no application of what he had seen
2. The power of Fear
 - a. It can cause very negative feelings
 - b. It can overwhelm a person
3. Faith in God
 - a. If Faith is little, it can do very little
 - b. If Faith is not strong, it cannot be applied meaningfully
4. We are reminded of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus who were caught in a storm

The Lord Jesus spoke to them:

"Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?"

Matthew 8:26

"Why are you so fearful?"

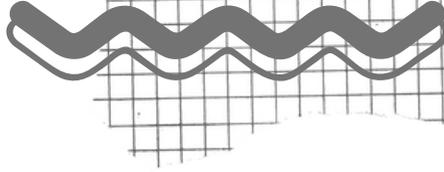
How is it that you have no faith?"

Mark 4:40

REFLECTION

Written by

JOEL TAN



In last week's lesson, we carried on with our study of Jacob's life, as he journeyed back to the land of Canaan after the covenant made with Laban. The Lord had yet again protected Jacob from Laban's cunning, thereby allowing him to move on to the land of Canaan. Nevertheless, the road ahead was still marked with uncertainty for Jacob.

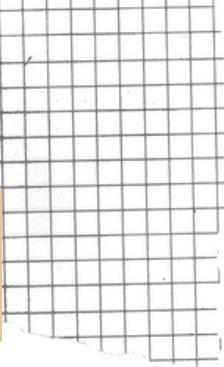
Second manifestation of Angels

In Genesis 28, we read of Jacob's first encounter with angels in a dream. Fast forward to 20 years later, the angels of God were manifested to Jacob again while he was on his way back to the land of Canaan, at Mahanaim. This was a timely occurrence which brought much assurance to Jacob's heart, especially after a roller-coaster of events since he fled from Laban. Jacob had understood God's presence with him at a deeper level now, so much so that it prompted him to name the place as 'God's camp.'

Sending messengers to Esau

Jacob displayed humility and sensitivity as he sent the messengers to Esau. He addressed Esau as 'lord' and himself as 'servant' when giving instructions to his messengers. He had learnt the right lessons from being one who tried to usurp the first-born blessing, to taking on an inferior position.





Receiving news from the messengers

What was said of Esau's response by the messengers required careful interpretation. Esau still regarded Jacob as his brother. However, he was also bringing 400 men with him to meet Jacob. At this instance, fear had overwhelmed Jacob as he did not know how to interpret this piece of news. He was greatly distressed and this led him to quickly devise a plan in anticipation of an attack by Esau. In the heat of the moment, Jacob seemed to have forgotten his meaningful encounter with the angels and how God had been protecting him all this while.

Dealing with Fear

Even though Jacob might have initially been impacted by the presence of angels and had taken the necessary precautions in approaching Esau, the problem of fear was still very real.

What then is God's answer to the problem of fear? Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is how we may conquer it in our lives! Personally, there are many things that cause me to fear. From exams, interviews, enlistment to the Army and so on, it is hard to eradicate fear from the heart. Nevertheless, even as I approach the challenges and uncertainties of life, I am actively seeking to exercise faith over fear, being certain that the Lord Jesus Christ has defeated the Evil One, and He possesses power over sin and death. Young people, may we also find great comfort in knowing that we can bring our deepest fears to the Lord, and He will graciously help us to overcome them!

CALLED ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

There was much tension in the land;
There had to be trust in God's hand.
Abimelech was with an army commander;
His presence was a strong reminder.

God had laid His hand of blessing on Abraham;
This was noticed by the Philistines in the land.
They were afraid of Abraham's God;
He was none other than the LORD.

Abraham did the wisest thing he could;
He called on the name of God as he should.
He was indeed worshiped as the LORD;
He has shown that He is the everlasting God!

He planted a tamarisk tree on this occasion;
This tree will grow strong according to expectation.
It will become very fruitful with the LORD's blessing;
This will serve as a reminder of God who is everlasting!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 21:22-34



FACING OUR FEARS WITH FAITH

There are many things in life that can cause one to fear,
Death, failure, and ironically, even an incorrect understanding of God drawing near.
Fear threatens to cripple, paralyse and ultimately control,
It is a powerful means of bondage employed by the Devil.

More than we know it, fear is deep-seated, right to our core,
Tribulations see spiritual lessons forgotten, fear instinctively comes to the fore.
An innocuous misinterpretation saw God's presence with Jacob all but forgotten,
The storm caused the Disciples to feel that their lives, their Master, had forsaken.

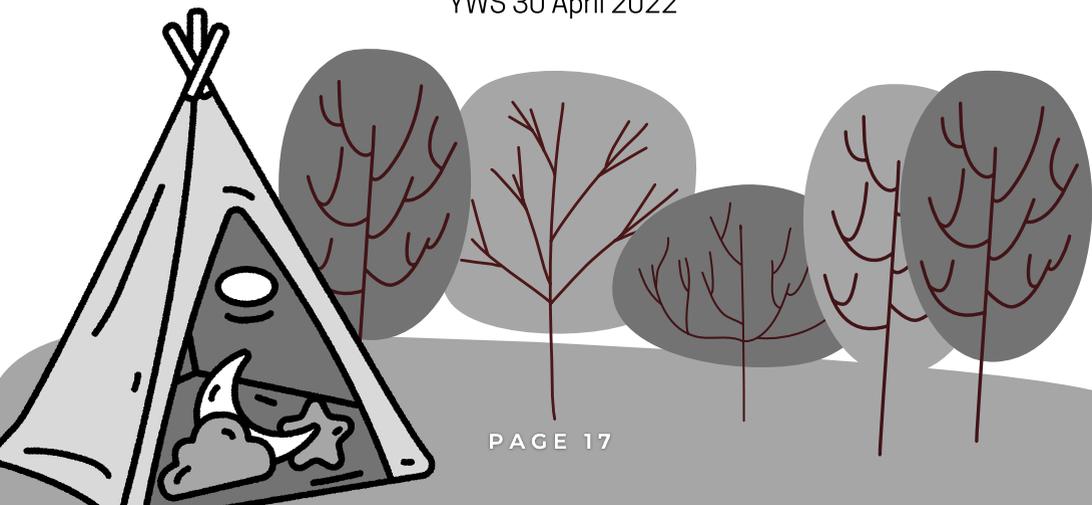
The Lord Jesus has destroyed the Evil One, and released us from this bondage of fear,
We have a Divine way of facing our fears — through faith in God who is near!
The truth that the Angel of the Lord encamps around us, we must behold.
This is clearly seen not just in Jacob's life, but also that of the saints of old!

God has given to us all the Spirit of power, love and a sound mind,
We can face our fears not with mere human effort, but with faith in this promise divine!
God bestows on us all the privilege to bring our fears to Him when we pray,
May our faith be strengthened and not found wanting, as we relate to Him day by day.

Stanley Woo

Inspiration: Genesis 32, Hebrews 2, 2 Timothy 1

YWS 30 April 2022



ANNOUNCEMENT

HAPPY, *Mother's* DAY

We celebrate Mother's Day this weekend. On this occasion, we want to recognise the love of our mothers, and the sacrifices that they have made for us. May we cultivate a heart of appreciation and thanksgiving for them! Let us take time to be with our mothers and to honour them.

NEXT YWS



14 MAY 2022

Message: "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel"

Text: Genesis 32:28

Even after Jacob humbled himself to pray for God's deliverance from the anticipated wrath of his brother, he remained fearful and struggled to overcome his emotions with faith.

It was at this point when Jacob experienced another life-changing encounter with God. Once, Jacob sought physical wealth and employed cunning and deceit to obtain his brother's birthright and first-born blessing. Now, he was willing to part with his wealth to appease Esau and realised that God's blessing was all he needed. This significant change in Jacob came about after much struggle.

Join us at Youth Worship next week, where we will study how Jacob struggled with the Lord till his faith prevailed over powerful emotions that threatened to cripple him.



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