

# 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 thankful that we can draw near to our Great and Glorious God in worship. May the privilege of offering praises to Him who is Worthy, be deeply cherished!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

## THE EYE OF THE LORD IS ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

Challenges of life can bring about fear and consternation. The natural man is inclined to seek immediate solutions and solely rely on human defences and earthly resources. The Psalmist offers an uplifting and contrasting perspective of depending on the Lord instead.

**16** No king is saved by the multitude of an army;  
A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

**17** A horse is a vain hope for safety;  
Neither shall it deliver *any* by its great strength.

**18** Behold, the eye of the LORD is is on those who fear Him,  
On those who hope in His mercy,  
**19** To deliver their soul from death,  
And to keep them alive in famine.

PSALM 33:16-19

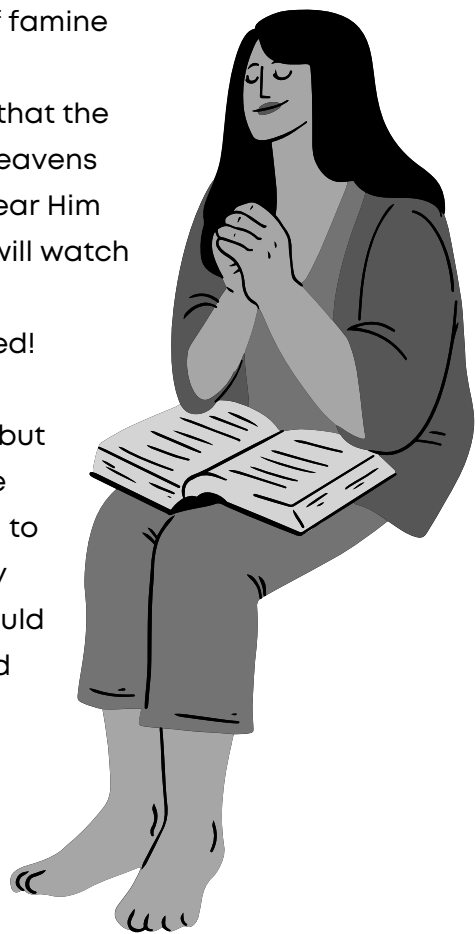




1. Wrong reliance on things earthly for safety
  - a. Powerful kings
  - b. Multitude of armies
  - c. Mighty soldiers
  - d. Valiant horses
  
2. Trusting in the watchful and loving care of the Lord upon those:
  - a. Who fear Him
  - b. Who hope in His mercy
  
3. What the Lord promises to do for His people
  - a. Delivery of the soul from death
  - b. Preservation of life even in times of famine

It is a humbling and awesome thought that the Lord would behold mankind from the Heavens above (Psalm 33:13). And to those who fear Him and exercise hope in His mercies, God will watch over them with tenderness and care. These are assuring truths to be treasured!

Our trust must not be on things earthly but the Lord who is near. As we weather the storms of life, let us be ever determined to cultivate a high regard for God and rely on His mercies. Our hope in the Lord would surely not be in vain. Trusting in the Lord and His Promises are something we will never rue!



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## **YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE**

**25 JUNE 2022**

### **Prelude**

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

### **Call to Worship**

Pastor Charles Tan

### **Opening Prayer**

Pastor Charles Tan

### **Song Leading**

1. The Message of the Cross
2. Have Faith in God

Janelle Tan and Goh Yuanli

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

### **Scripture Reading:**

Genesis 31:17-19, 30-35; 35:1-8

Chloe Tang, Ong Yanning  
& Bethany Toong

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Benjamin Quah

### **Message:**

"Go to Bethel"

Text: Genesis 35:1

Pastor Charles Tan

### **Closing Prayer**

Pastor Charles Tan

### **Postlude**

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

# MY NOTES

25 JUNE 2022

**“GO TO BETHEL”**

GENESIS 35:1

## The Message of the Cross

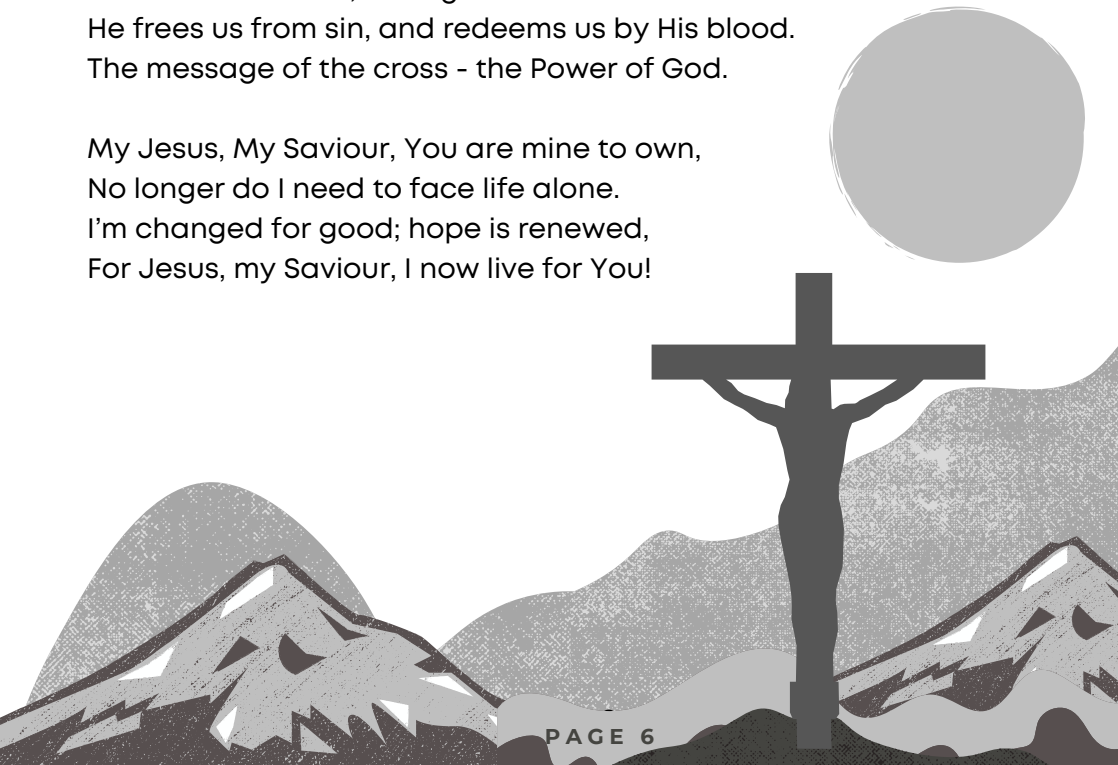
By Camille Tam

Doubts and darkness filled my heart,  
I knew, from God, I was far apart.  
Bound and trapped deep in my sin.  
How could I ever be close to Him?

With mercy, with wisdom, God revealed His plan  
To deliver my soul with His mighty Hand,  
Through Jesus who came from Heaven above  
With measureless grace and unfailing love!

The message of the cross is the Power of God  
To save all the lost, through Jesus Christ the Lord!  
He frees us from sin, and redeems us by His blood.  
The message of the cross - the Power of God.

My Jesus, My Saviour, You are mine to own,  
No longer do I need to face life alone.  
I'm changed for good; hope is renewed,  
For Jesus, my Saviour, I now live for You!



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The message of the cross - the Power...

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To save all the lost, through Jesus Christ the Lord!  
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The message of the cross, the message of the cross -  
The Power of God!

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# Have Faith in God

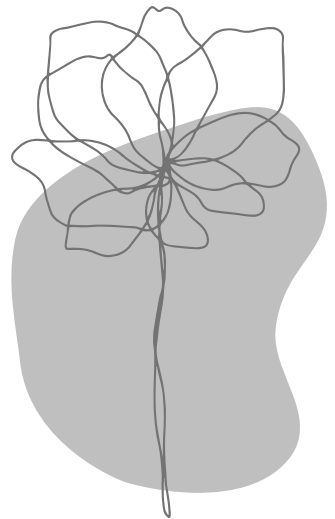
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When the struggles of life seem too rough,  
And the problems that come seem too tough.  
Remember the One who knows all things,  
To His steadfast Word we cling!

Have faith in God,  
He will lead the way.  
Have faith in God,  
His promises are real today.

Don't give up hope,  
Keep holding fast;  
Have faith in God,  
In Him trust!

When the doubts come and fears begin to rise,  
God will draw near to You in the night.  
He'll remind you He loves You; He gave His Son,  
So that ev'ry battle can be won!





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His promises are real today.

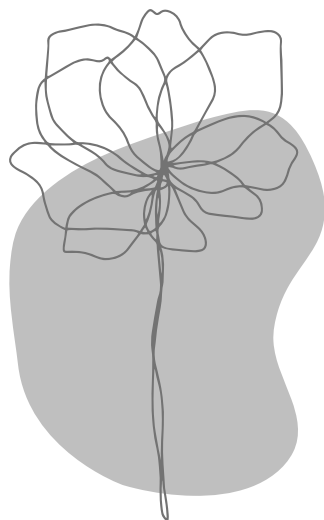
Don't give up hope,  
Keep holding fast;  
Have faith in God,  
In Him trust!

We will believe, we will hold on,  
We'll find the hope and strength to overcome!  
We believe, with God,  
We can overcome!

Have faith in God,  
He will lead the way.  
Have faith in God,  
His promises are real today.

Don't give up hope,  
Keep holding fast;  
Have faith in God,  
In Him trust!

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# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 18 JUNE 2022**

### **“AND SPOKE DECEITFULLY”**

#### **GENESIS 34:13-31**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Review of Genesis 34:1-12
  - a. Evil had been committed
  - b. Shechem had raped Dinah
    - i. He defiled her
    - ii. He violated her
2. Unfortunately, faith was not exercised by Jacob and his family
  - a. Jacob met this evil with silence
    - i. He had no answers
    - ii. He wasn't able to speak out against the rulers of the country he was staying in
  - b. The sons of Jacob met this evil with even more evil
    - i. They schemed
    - ii. They felt they were justified to do so (Genesis 34:13, 27, 31)

# THE EVIL THAT WAS PERPETRATED BY THE SONS OF JACOB

## 1. Deception

- a. They spoke deceitfully (Genesis 34:13-17)
  - i. Shechem and Hamor had been genuine
  - ii. But the sons of Jacob countered with their own offer
  - iii. To become one people, all male Hivites must first be circumcised
- b. The misrepresentation of truth
  - i. The act of circumcision alone would not make them one people
  - ii. What was needed to be of the same faith
    - (1) The Hivites would need to know God first
    - (2) The Hivites would need to believe in Him
    - (3) They would need to give up their wrong and idolatrous ways
  - iii. The sons of Jacob did not share such knowledge with the Hivites

## 2. Wickedness (Genesis 34:25-29)

- a. Their deception was used as a cover
  - i. They disguised their hatred
  - ii. They did not make known their wicked intentions
  - iii. Circumcision was not meant to make them one people but to incapacitate them

- b. A premeditated attack
  - i. They waited till the Hivites were in pain and unable to fight back
  - ii. Simeon and Levi then slaughtered all the males including Shechem and Hamor
- c. The sons of Jacob were also involved in this evil
  - i. They plundered the city
  - ii. They enslaved the women and children

## **THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR EVIL DEEDS**

1. Jacob made known to Simeon and Levi the consequences of their evil deeds
2. The consequences (Genesis 34:30)
  - a. They had troubled their father and their family
    - i. They didn't consider how their actions might affect him, their family, their future
    - ii. They didn't think how it could impact a small family like their own
  - b. They had made him obnoxious among the people of the land
  - c. Jacob feared for his life and the lives of his household
    - i. The cycle of violence and evil would not stop
    - ii. Jacob feared the neighbouring nations destroying all of them

## **CONCLUSION (Ephesians 4:20-24)**

### **1. The old man**

- a. Our former conduct
- b. Corrupt and evil
  - i. Anger and hatred
  - ii. Deceit and wickedness

### **2. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ**

- a. We are a new creation because God works in our lives
- b. We become a new man

### **3. Our challenge**

- a. Put off the old man
- b. Have a renewed mindset to battle and overcome the problem of sin
- c. Put on the new man

# REFLECTION

Written by

*Joel Tan*

Last week, we read about the wicked response of Jacob's sons towards Shechem and Hamor after their request for Dinah to be given to Shechem as wife.

## **The first act of evil**

Attempting to conceal their anger, the sons of Jacob spoke deceitfully when they offered a counter-proposal to Shechem and Hamor. The condition they proposed was the circumcision of every male such that both families would become one people and Dinah could be given to Shechem as wife. This was truth misrepresented by Jacob's sons. The physical act of circumcision would not bring people together as one. What was needed was to have the same faith in God. Both Shechem and Hamor had no comprehension of this practice and faith in God, thus the sons of Jacob took advantage of this to deceive them. Believing that this seemingly simple act could garner peace, they were pleased and therefore hastened to perform the circumcision.




## **The second act of evil**

Simeon and Levi, two of the sons of Jacob, followed through from the deception to launch a premeditated attack on not just Shechem and Hamor, but all the males in the land. He knew that those who were circumcised would be in pain and defenceless. Thereafter, the sons of Jacob went further to plunder the city of all their livestock, crops and wealth. As if that was not enough, they also took the children and women captive. Such was the evil that was present in their hearts. Revenge and anger had clouded their judgment and they even felt justified to have done what they did. They spared no thought of the consequences that followed.

## **Responding to evil**

What Shechem did to Dinah was dishonourable, evil and wicked. But we must not dismiss the wickedness that was also present in the response of Jacob's sons. How do we respond to the evil we see and experience around us? I am personally challenged to watch out for my own heart and guard my response to evil with faith in God. Furthermore, I am also reminded of the presence of wickedness deep within my own heart which must be acknowledged, confessed and cleansed by the Lord each day. And more than that, just as it says in Ephesians 4:23-24, “and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness,” I am seeking to actively walk in righteousness and holiness, reflecting the image of God in my life wherever I go and in whatever circumstances I face!

## HE WORSHIPPED THE LORD



The faithful servant of Abraham was exemplary;  
He excelled in serving his master faithfully.  
He showed himself humble in very real ways;  
He served his master wonderfully all his days.

He learned from Abraham faith in the LORD;  
He determined that he too would worship God.  
He practised the worship of God with all his heart;  
From this practice of worship, he did not depart.

He prayed that the LORD would bless his quest;  
Whether he would succeed was anybody's guess.  
But when he saw how God answered his prayer;  
He offered worship to God openly, without a care!

He bowed his head to the ground for all to see;  
He did not worry if some people did not agree.  
His heart was filled with gratitude to the LORD;  
He worshipped and openly spoke of God!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 24:26, 48, 52

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## YW NEWSLETTER (25 JUN 2022)

What happens when sinful mankind takes justice into their own hands? The evil sons of Jacob left immeasurable carnage in the city of Shechem as they took vengeance on the Hivites. In this week's Newsletter, Germaine Kong shares with us how she is warned and conscious of guarding herself against evil which resides in the heart of mankind.

Scan to read this week's Newsletter:



## BETHANY'S 49TH ANNIVERSARY

We will be celebrating Bethany's 49th Anniversary on 21st August 2022. We thank God for His faithfulness and goodness all these years!

The details are as follows:

- a. Worship Service | 10.30am
- b. Lunch | 12.30pm
- c. Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Scan to sign up for Anniversary Lunch:

*Note: All participants must be vaccinated*



# NEXT YWS



**2 JULY 2022**

Message: "I am God Almighty"

Text: Genesis 35:11

The heinous acts of his sons at Shechem had caused Jacob to fear reprisal from the inhabitants of the land. Graciously, God intervened and urged him to return to Bethel and dwell there. Because of the Lord's protection, Jacob and his family fled to Bethel safely.

Once again, God manifested to Jacob at Bethel! Jacob's fears were addressed as the Lord proclaimed Himself as God Almighty. Despite the wickedness of Jacob's sons, the Lord graciously confirmed the significant name change of Jacob and pronounced a blessing upon him and his descendants. What was Jacob learning through this special encounter with God?

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!





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