

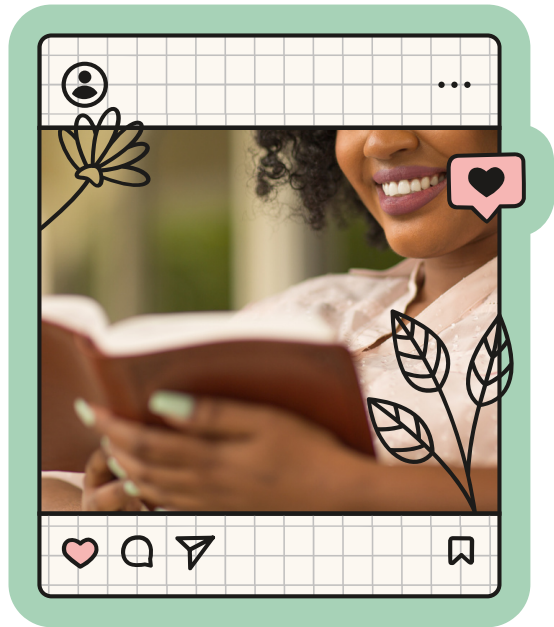
Youth Worship

BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people care for people.

WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

It is always a delight to return to the Lord's house for worship. Let us still our hearts and have it ready to receive the word of God. May worship draw you closer to our Lord!



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COME AND WORSHIP

“SEEK MY FACE”

As David prayed to God, he was looking for answers to overcome the challenges before him. What shall he do with the encroaching enemies and foes? As he listened intently to what the Lord had to say, he found God's deep and profound response.

**“When You said, “Seek My face,”
My heart said to You, “Your face, LORD, I will seek.””**

PSALM 27:8

1. “Seek My Face”

- a. God did not give David the answers he had expected
- b. He admonished David to seek His face
- c. The Lord was inviting him into a deeper relationship

2. “Your face, LORD, I will seek”

- a. David responded to God's word in obedience and humility
- b. He must have recognised that He had not been seeking God's face
- c. He had sought answers and blessings from God
 - i. Deliverance from his wicked enemies
 - ii. Strength to cope with his immediate challenges
 - iii. Protection from those who were after his life
 - iv. Comfort and safety in the house of God
- d. These do not constitute seeking the Lord's face

A black and white photograph of a person kneeling on a large, smooth rock by the water's edge. The person is wearing a dark jacket and pants, and is looking down with their hands clasped in prayer. The background shows a body of water and a cloudy sky with a bright light source, possibly the sun, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?

Often, we are driven to pray because we desire God's blessings. We seek answers and immediate relief from the challenges of life. God has all authority and power to bless us physically, but the greater blessing is to possess a deep and personal relationship with Him. Let us be challenged to go beyond seeking God's hand of blessing to seek His face. Our prayers need not be filled with just our needs and wants, we must be challenged to relate to God and consider who He is to us personally.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

12 FEBRUARY 2022

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 28:10-12

2. Genesis 28:13-15

3. Genesis 28:16-17

4. Genesis 28:18-22

Asia Tan, Tessa Kang,

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Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Message:

Pastor Charles Tan

“How awesome is this place!” Genesis 28:17

Text: Genesis 28:10-22

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan



MY NOTES

12 FEBRUARY 2022

“HOW AWESOME IS THIS PLACE!”

GENESIS 28:10-22

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 5 FEBRUARY 2022

“AND ESAU SAW”

GENESIS 28:6-9; 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-16

INTRODUCTION

1. There are a number of aspects of understanding to consider
2. The following may be noted about the Human Being:
 - a. The Natural Aspect
 - i. The natural senses we are endowed with
 - ii. Without the involvement of the Spirit of God
 - b. The Spiritual Aspect
 - i. Wisdom
 - ii. With the involvement of the Spirit of God

THE EXAMPLE OF ESAU

1. What Esau observed

6 Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,”

7 and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Padan Aram.

Genesis 28:6-7

- a. Isaac had blessed Jacob
- b. He had sent Jacob away to Padan Aram to find a wife
- c. That he had given Jacob a charge
Not to marry a Canaanite woman

2. What Esau observed next

Also Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac.

Genesis 28:8

- a. He noted that his wives did not please Isaac
- b. He wanted his father to be happy with him

3. What Esau did next

So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.

Genesis 28:9

- a. He went to Ishmael's family
 - i. Ishmael was Abraham's son
 - ii. He was the older brother of Isaac
- b. He took a wife to add to his family of 2 wives
 - i. He already had two wives
 - ii. He assumed that a third wife might help a dysfunctional family situation

4. What Esau missed out on:

- a. The reasons why Jacob was sent away!
 - i. To prevent a murder
 - ii. To prevent a disastrous future of a possible bad marriage
- b. The spiritual aspects
 - i. Of the involvement of God
 - ii. Of faith in Him
 - iii. Of spiritual values in character

AN IMPORTANT TEACHING FROM THE APOSTLE PAUL

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

1. Two Types of Wisdom distinguished

a. The wisdom of the world

Called “the wisdom of this age”

1 Corinthians 2:6

i. Worldly wisdom

ii. Natural wisdom

b. The wisdom of God

“The hidden wisdom of God”

1 Corinthians 2:7

i. Divine wisdom

ii. Biblical wisdom

2. The Wisdom of God

a. To many, it is “a mystery”

1 Corinthians 2:7a

b. It is “hidden”

1 Corinthians 2:7b

c. This is a wisdom ordained by God

“for our glory”

1 Corinthians 2:7c

3. To whom is this Wisdom of God revealed?

a. To those who are mature

1 Corinthians 2:6a

b. To those who love Him

1 Corinthians 2:9c

4. How is this Wisdom revealed?

a. It is revealed through God’s Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:10

b. It is revealed through His teaching

i. He compares spiritual things

with the spiritual

1 Corinthians 2:13

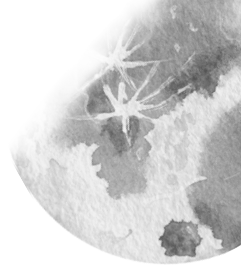
ii. It cannot be discerned

by “the natural man”

1 Corinthians 2:14a

iii. It is spiritually discerned

1 Corinthians 2:14b





CONCLUSION

1. The Necessity to Move on:
 - a. From the carnal to the spiritual
 - b. From natural wisdom to spiritual wisdom
2. Making the Effort to:
 - a. Cultivate knowledge
 - b. Grow in maturity
 - c. Seek to be filled with the Spirit of God
3. The Challenge to find Wisdom
 - a. IF

1 My son, **if** you receive my words,
And treasure my commands within you,

2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom,
And apply your heart to understanding;

3 Yes, **if** you cry out for discernment,
And lift up your voice for understanding,

4 **If** you seek her as silver,
And search for her as for hidden treasures;

Proverbs 2:1-4



b. THEN

5 Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,
And find the knowledge of God.

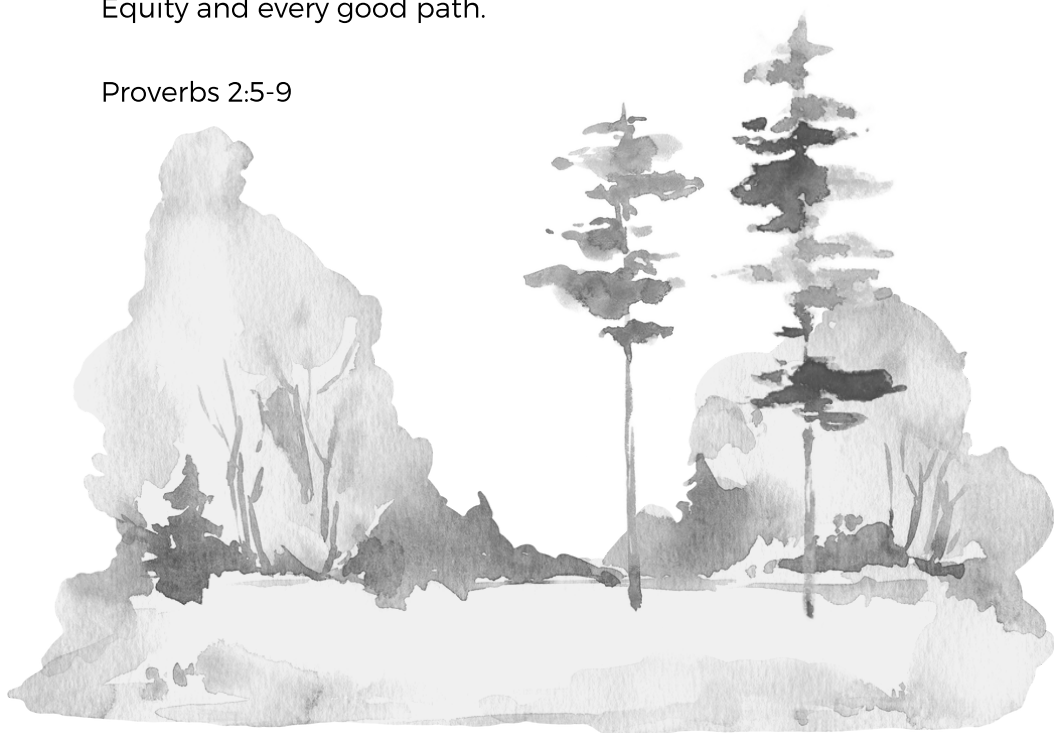
6 For the LORD gives wisdom;
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;

7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;

8 He guards the paths of justice,
And preserves the way of His saints.

9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice,
Equity and every good path.

Proverbs 2:5-9



REFLECTIONS





Written by

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Just like that, the Chinese New Year holiday has come and gone. A tradition that cannot be separated from Chinese New Year celebrations is the tossing of yusheng. As chopsticks get tangled and shredded vegetables flung across dining tables, wishes for the new year ring out. In my family, it is often the time to joke around. Over the years, the wishes have evolved from 'score a 300 for PSLE!' to 'get a dog', but with the children of the family growing up, it almost seemed like we did not know what to wish for this year. Of course, these wishes were all said in jest, but as I listened to last week's Youth Worship message, I wondered to myself: this year, what do I really want to ask the Lord for?

Esau sees, Esau does

Esau knew what he wanted: to be blessed. He did not really understand where blessings came from, or how they worked, but he knew he wanted them. So when Jacob received yet another blessing from Isaac before he set off for Haran to find a wife, Esau's mind leapt to a simplistic equation: if he were to marry a non-Canaanite, his father would be pleased with him, and he'd receive a blessing too!





Natural wisdom vs Spiritual wisdom

It is easy for us to shake our heads and laugh at Esau for coming to such a conclusion, but the truth is, we might have more in common with Esau than we would like to admit. Like Esau, we have a tendency to rely on the wisdom of the world. We use the knowledge of the world that we have accumulated, based on what we have seen or experienced, and we trust that this wisdom is enough to guide us in life. There is no deeper thought, and no consultation with the Lord. When we trust in this natural wisdom, we are self-reliant and determined to go through life depending on our own abilities.

An infinitely better wisdom to have is the hidden wisdom of God. First, we need to recognise that we lack this wisdom and we need to desire this wisdom for ourselves. It is a wisdom that is only revealed to those who are spiritually mature, to those who love the Lord. Perhaps we need to take the time to reflect and ask ourselves: have I been maturing spiritually? Can I say that I love the Lord personally?

A personal challenge

I wonder what you asked for as you tossed yusheng this year. For students, academic goals are usually the first thing to come to mind. After last week's message, I hope that you will be challenged to also consider setting spiritual goals for yourself.

Personally, I am challenged to desire this spiritual wisdom. I am challenged to want this wisdom for myself, and to diligently seek this wisdom as silver (Proverbs 2:4). How about you? What do you really want to ask the Lord for?

POETRY CORNER

ABRAHAM PRAYED TO GOD

God warned Abimelech of consequences for his sin;
Snatching Sarah away was a great wrongdoing!
Sarah was the wife of Abraham, a prophet of God;
Abimelech would be struck dead by the LORD!

Abimelech appealed to God for forgiveness;
He had acted in ignorance and recklessness!
Abimelech confronted both Sarah and Abraham;
Their conduct could have led to great mayhem!

God had told Abimelech to ask Abraham to pray;
If he does not do that, his life, God would slay.
Abimelech did what he could to make amends;
He feared the power of the Lord's Mighty Hand!

Abraham had to humbly admit his error and sin;
He and Sarah had to confess and come clean.
He then prayed for Abimelech and his family;
God had closed the wombs of his wives effectively!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 20:7, 14-18



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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:





INVITATION TO JOIN THE CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

We would like to invite you to join us in the Custodial Ministry! Every week, many of our young people make time and effort to upkeep the Lord's house. They would wipe the pews, sweep the floors, scrub the toilets and do much more so that we can enjoy a clean church to worship in. Above all, they do this as a response to God for all that He has done for us!

If you would like to be a part of this special ministry, please reach out to Pastor Eugene (9047 8466) or Pastor Moses (9634 5334) or indicate your interest by scanning this QR code and filling up the online form:

Thank you!



NEXT YWS



19 FEB 2022

Message: "Surely, you are my bone and my flesh" Genesis 29:14

Text: Genesis 29:1-14

Jacob's extraordinary encounter with God would have invigorated him to make his journey to Padan Aram. Though the long journey was no less arduous, the promises of God would remain fresh in his mind to keep him going.

Finally, Jacob arrived safely at Haran, where his uncle Laban resided. At Youth Worship next week, we will take a look at how God honoured His word and led Jacob to the family of Laban in the most remarkable way, and how Jacob's newfound faith had affected him positively.

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