

Youth Worship



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

WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

We are grateful that you have chosen to join us at Worship today especially with the recent wave of Covid cases. May we treasure this time of worshipping the Lord and learning from His Word!



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COME AND WORSHIP

"UNLESS I HAD BELIEVED"

It would be natural for David to feel afraid and disheartened when faced with enemies who were breathing threats of death. Under such pressure and circumstances, we would probably also cry out to God for immediate deliverance! However, David had learnt to respond differently after he sought the Lord in prayer.

**"I would have lost heart, unless I had believed
That I would see the goodness of the LORD
In the land of the living.**

**Wait on the LORD;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the LORD!"**

PSALM 27:13-14

What did David learn as he sought God's teaching and leading?

1. Believe in God's goodness
 - a. The Lord is intrinsically good
 - b. He cannot be blamed for the challenges and sufferings of life
 - c. He would have His reasons in allowing difficulties to take place
 - d. David sought to trust in God's goodness
 - i. That God would deliver him from his enemies
 - ii. He would not die in their hands, but live on

2. Wait on the LORD

- a. An immediate deliverance would be the heart's desire
- b. No one desires to prolong sufferings
- c. However, David knew that he must not run ahead of God
- d. He encouraged himself to wait on the Lord to deliver him in His time

3. Be of good courage

- a. Fear may cripple us from thinking and acting soundly
- b. But faith teaches us to be of good courage
- c. David did not need to lose heart as he waited on the Lord's deliverance
- d. God would strengthen his heart as he persevered in his waiting

LEARNING TO RESPOND TO CHALLENGES WITH A DEEPER FAITH

Challenges in life may wear us out and cause us to lose heart, especially when we can visibly see the odds against us. We must learn to cultivate a deeper faith that allows us to see beyond the existing predicament to the goodness of the Lord. God's thoughts towards us are of peace and not evil. Let us trust His heart and seek to exercise faith even if we are in deep water.

Instead of questioning when God would deliver us from our difficulties, let us learn the principle of waiting on the Lord who would bring His plans to pass in His time. As we persevere in waiting, let us seek the Lord continuously to strengthen our hearts with good courage!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

12 MARCH 2022

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 30:1-3
2. Genesis 30:4-6
3. Genesis 30:7-8

Tessa Kang, Janelle Tan
& Goh Yuanli

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Choong

Message:

“Give me children, or else I die”

Text: Genesis 30:1

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

MY NOTES

12 MARCH 2022

“GIVE ME CHILDREN, OR ELSE I DIE”

GENESIS 30:1

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 5 MARCH 2022

“LEAH WAS UNLOVED”

GENESIS 29:31



INTRODUCTION

1. The original plan for Jacob
 - a. To escape from the wrath of Esau
 - b. To ensure Jacob does not marry a Canaanite woman
 - c. To find a wife from the family of Laban
2. The original plan did not work out as planned
 - a. Jacob was deceived by Laban
 - b. He ended up with Leah and Rachel as his wives
 - c. This was not a bonus!

JACOB'S RELATIONSHIP WITH LEAH

1. They were married
2. Leah was “unloved”
 - a. It was more than a passive thing
 - b. Jacob was deceived
 - c. He was resentful
 - d. The idea of being “unloved” was like being “hated”



GOD'S HAND OF GRACE

1. One of the reasons for marriage
To have children
2. Rachel was barren Genesis 29:31b
3. God opened Leah's womb Genesis 29:31a

THE CHILDREN OF LEAH

1. The first-born: Reuben Genesis 29:32
 - a. He was the firstborn
 - b. Reuben was the name given
 - c. Meaning: "See, a son"
 - i. Reu (To see)
 - ii. Ben (A son)
2. Leah's thoughts
 - a. God's involvement
"The LORD has surely looked on my affliction." Genesis 29:32a
 - b. Leah's hope
"Now therefore, my husband will love me" Genesis 29:32b
3. Second son: Simeon
 - a. Leah conceived again Genesis 29:33a
 - b. She still felt "unloved" ("hated")

4. Leah's further thoughts
 - a. God has heard
"Because the LORD has heard that I am unloved" Genesis 29:33b
 - b. Given
"He has therefore given me this son also" Genesis 29:33c
 - c. Name
"And she called his name Simeon" Genesis 29:33d
 - d. Meaning: Heard

5. Third son: Levi
She conceived again and bore a son Genesis 29:34a

6. More thoughts of Leah
 - a. "Now this time my husband will become attached to me" Genesis 29:34b
 - b. Name: Levi Genesis 29:34c
 - c. Meaning: Attached

7. Fourth son: Judah
And she conceived again and bore a son Genesis 29:35a

8. Some more thoughts of Leah
 - a. "Now I will praise the LORD" Genesis 29:35b
 - b. Therefore she called his name Judah Genesis 29:35c

9. Then Leah stopped bearing Genesis 29:35d



MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

1. Children

- a. They are the natural result of marriage
- b. They are in answer to prayer
- c. They are to be loved
- d. They can strengthen marriage bonds

2. The Lord's Part

- a. He can cause a person to be fruitful
- b. Children carry great potential within them

3. Parents

- a. They must play a big part
- b. They must do more than produce children
- c. Parents can be a strong and positive factor

CONCLUSION

1. Rachel

- a. She was loved
- b. But she could not bear children

2. Leah

- a. She bore four sons
- b. In the hope that her husband would love her

3. Jacob

- a. Spiritually, he did not seem to have made much progress
- b. He had become a father four times over

4. The LORD

- a. He is involved
- b. He blesses
- c. He waits for Jacob patiently
- d. He waits for each person to turn to faith

REFLECTIONS

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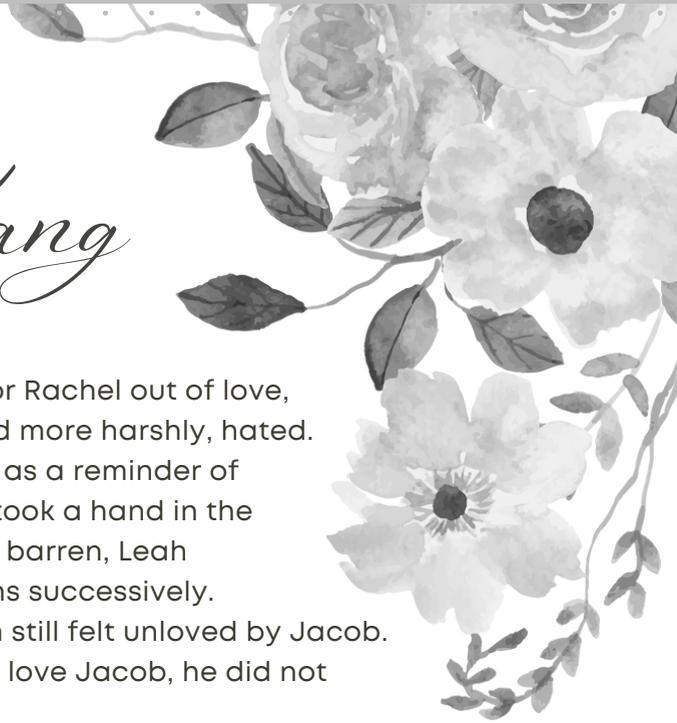
Leah was 'unloved'

Jacob labored 14 years for Rachel out of love, yet Leah was unloved and more harshly, hated. He might have seen Leah as a reminder of Laban's deceit. The Lord took a hand in the matter. While Rachel was barren, Leah conceived and bore 4 sons successively. However, each time, Leah still felt unloved by Jacob. Although she had tried to love Jacob, he did not reciprocate her efforts.

Jacob needed to learn to love

Jacob had not learned to truly love, be it his brother, father, mother or Leah. His love for Rachel was natural and purely emotional, but a learned-love required him to understand and express respect, regard and responsibility. The special moment when he met God in a dream (Genesis 28) seemed to be forgotten. We would imagine that with the love and grace that God had shown to Jacob, that he would respond by also learning to love others. Unfortunately, he was missing the third response, which was to ask God to teach him how to love. The reality is, no matter how real something can be, it can sadly be forgotten!

Consequently, the lessons that Isaac's family had not learned were repeated in Jacob's family, and there were much unhappiness and conflict among them.



We must learn the lessons we were meant to learn

We should not stop at doing the things which are natural to us, but instead work on learning the difficult lessons too. If we do not learn the lessons we were meant to learn, we are bound to repeat them. These lessons of love and God can be learned through His Word, and through our life experiences. Jacob did not know God very well, and he failed to seek God for greater understanding of the situation and the lessons that God wanted him to learn. Hence, he did not know how to truly love. On the other hand, Leah learned to seek the Lord in her great affliction, and the Lord helped her, blessing her with sons.

Let us seek to draw closer to God through meditating on His Word, through prayer, and through our life experiences. This way, we may learn to love, and learn the right lessons. May we seek to deepen our knowledge and faith in the Lord through His Word!

GOD HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LAD

Sarah had demanded Hagar's departure;
She and her son soon faced misadventure.

The food and water were depleted;
Both mother and son were dejected!

There was no returning to Abraham;
This was no longer in their plan!
They had been ejected from their home;
They were now forced to roam.

In the depth of despair, Ishmael prayed;
This prayer was, perhaps, a bit delayed!
Only when the need was desperate truly,
That Ishmael cried out to God urgently.

God heard the pitiful voice of the lad;
He would respond and make him glad.
God promised to look after Ishmael too;
And His word is always good and true!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 21:17



ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

Here are some questions that we have received:

How do we understand the deaths of our loved ones who did not know the Lord?

How do we know that the Bible is true?

What other questions do you have?
Scan QR code to submit your questions:



NEXT YWS



19 MAR 2022

Message: "God remembered Rachel"

Text: Genesis 30:22

Rachel's maid, Bilhah, bore two sons for Jacob, whom Rachel could legally claim them as her own. This had Rachel thinking that God had judged her case and vindicated her, and that she had prevailed.

Unfortunately, these were merely Rachel's thoughts which were untrue. Later, Leah would go on to bear another three children for Jacob, causing Rachel to feel desperate to bear a child in order to win this competition against her sister.

Every attempt to increase her chances of bearing children failed. Finally, Rachel learnt to turn to God to seek His blessing. Would God hear her prayer?

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