

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 brings joy to return to the Lord's house.
May we worship Him with thanksgiving
in our hearts, for His love and all that He
has done for us! Let us also respond well
by inclining our ears to hear His Word.



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COME AND WORSHIP

"The LORD will take care of me"

Conscious of his sinful nature, David was gripped by fear. He was afraid that the Righteous God would turn away from him in anger (Psalm 27:9).

Would God hide His face from one who seeks Him in faith? Would God forsake one who seeks Him with sincerity and humility? Of course not! As David pondered further, he found confidence and assurance in the Lord.

**"When my father and my mother forsake me,
Then the LORD will take care of me."**

PSALM 27:10

1. "When my father and my mother forsake me"
 - a. Parents are our closest kin
 - b. They would demonstrate unconditional love and care for their children
 - c. David was not saying that his parents had forsaken him
 - d. He was drawing a hypothetical scenario

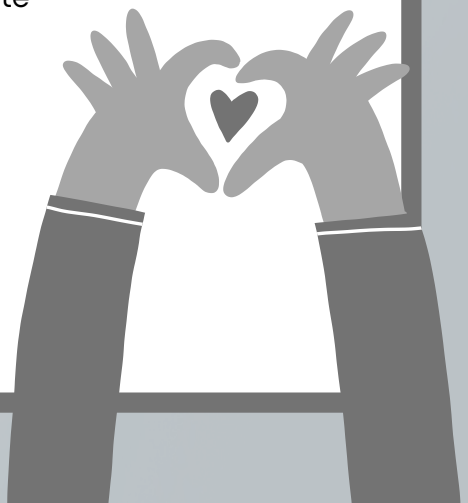
2. “Then the LORD will take care of me”

- a. David did not need to fear
 - i. That the Lord would hide His face
 - ii. That He would turn away in anger
 - iii. That He would leave or forsake David
- b. God would take care of him!
 - i. Even in the unlikely scenario where his parents forsake him, the Lord would not leave David
 - ii. He would continue to take care of him
 - iii. This became David’s hope and assurance

GOD’S IMMENSE MERCY AND LOVE

How precious it is to know that nothing can separate God’s love from us! Out of His abundant mercy and love, the Lord would receive those who humbly seek Him in faith.

Even when the world turns its back on us, we can trust that God will continue to care for us most comprehensively. Let us therefore learn to appreciate His love, and not turn our backs on Him. Let us seek His face and relate to Him personally. May you come to discover the joy and assurance of knowing the Lord deeply and being under His loving care!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

26 FEBRUARY 2022

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 29:15-19
2. Genesis 29:20-24
3. Genesis 29:25-30

Chloe Tang, Tessa Kang
& Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

Message:

"I will serve you seven years for Rachel"

Genesis 29:18

Text: Genesis 29:15-30

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

MY NOTES

26 FEBRUARY 2022

**“I WILL SERVE YOU SEVEN YEARS
FOR RACHEL”**

GENESIS 29:15-30

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 19 FEBRUARY 2022

“SURELY, YOU ARE MY BONE AND MY FLESH”

GENESIS 29:1-14

INTRODUCTION

1. The Promise of the LORD to Jacob

- a. He will be with Jacob
- b. He will keep His word given

Genesis 28:13-15

2. Persevering on

- a. To find the family of Laban
- b. To trust the LORD and His word of promise

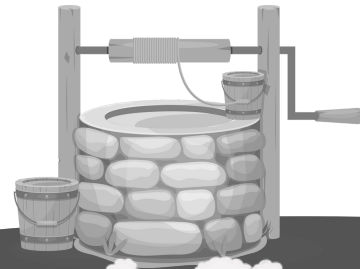
AT A WELL

1. A well in a field

2. Three Flocks of sheep were at the Well

- a. They were waiting at the Well
- b. A stone was over the mouth of the Well
 - i. It would be rolled away for drawing water
 - ii. It would be rolled back after the flocks have been watered

Genesis 29:2-3



MAKING CONVERSATION I

1. Jacob's initiative
 - a. He is friendly
"My brethren" Genesis 29:4a
 - b. Basic question
"Where are you from?" Genesis 29:4b
2. The Response of the shepherds
"We are from Haran" Genesis 29:4c
3. Further conversation
 - a. "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" Genesis 29:5a
 - b. "We know him" Genesis 29:5b
 - c. "Is he well?" Genesis 29:6a
 - d. "He is well" Genesis 29:6b
 - e. "And look, his daughter Rachel
is coming with the sheep" Genesis 29:6c
4. Pause!
 - a. Was the LORD there?
 - b. Was all this part of His promise to lead and bless?

MAKING CONVERSATION II

1. Watering the sheep
 - a. Jacob makes a suggestion to the shepherds
 - b. It was still early (high day) Genesis 29:7a
 - c. Suggestion given
 - i. Water the sheep
 - ii. Feed them Genesis 29:7b



2. The Response of the shepherds
 - a. They cannot do what Jacob suggested
 - b. They must wait till all the flocks have gathered
 - c. Then they will roll the stone away
 - d. They can then water the flocks
3. What this reflects
 - a. They were not very industrious
 - b. They were not prepared to roll the stone away on their own
 - c. They would rather wait
 - d. This was their way of doing things

RACHEL DRAWS NEARER

1. She would be leading the fourth flock Genesis 29:10a
2. She would have to queue up

JACOB'S INITIATIVE AGAIN

1. He rolled the stone away on his own Genesis 29:10b
2. He watered Rachel's flock Genesis 29:10c

PAUSE

1. Why did Jacob do that?
2. Some possible reasons:
 - a. A new Jacob was emerging
 - b. He was trying to help Rachel
 - c. He may have been trying to impress her
 - d. He was different from the Haran shepherds in more ways than one

JACOB'S GREETING OF RACHEL

1. Jacob kissed her Genesis 29:11
 - a. Customary
 - b. Kinship
 - c. Not sexual
2. Jacob was moved with deep emotions
 - a. The LORD's presence may have been felt
 - b. His promises were still fresh and strong
 - c. Things were turning out so well
3. Jacob identified himself
 - a. He was a relative Genesis 29:12a
 - b. He was Rebekah's son Genesis 29:12b

RACHEL RUNS TO INFORM HER FATHER

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| 1. She ran to inform her father | Genesis 29:12c |
| 2. Laban ran to meet Jacob | Genesis 29:13a |
| a. He embraced Jacob | |
| b. He kissed him | |
| c. He brought him to his home | Genesis 29:13b |
| 3. Jacob stayed with the family for a month | Genesis 29:14 |

CONCLUSION

1. God's Promises
 - a. Given
 - b. Honoured
2. Our Part
 - a. Do we believe?
 - b. Can we apply our Faith?



REFLECTIONS



Written by

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In the last 2 weeks, we looked at what happened to Jacob after he was sent away from his home to search for his uncle in Haran. Throughout his journey, God's hand was evident in the way He first reached out to Jacob and in how He kept His Word.

Recap of Jacob's first encounter with God

As Jacob tried to survive in the unfamiliar wilderness, he must have felt helpless, scared and lost. However, in his moment of need, God graciously reached out to Jacob by revealing Himself in a dream. He also made wonderful promises (Genesis 28:15) to Jacob that would have comforted his heart. After waking from his sleep, Jacob responded positively to God which we can learn from too. His initial response was to confess his ignorance about God, and to realise that the place he was at was awesome (although it was not much physically) simply because of God's presence. He went deeper to give a more deliberate response by using the stone to remember God and praying to Him.

God keeps His promises

With newfound faith, Jacob exercised his trust in the Lord and carried on in his journey through the wilderness, where he learned many things and experienced how God really keeps His promises. Indeed, God was with him, kept him wherever he went, and did not leave him (Genesis 28:15). This was seen in

how God protected him in the wilderness, how he was able to chance upon people from Haran who knew his uncle, how he met Rachel, and how he was warmly welcomed by his uncle Laban. The chances of all these things happening were slim given that Jacob was not street-smart especially in an unknown land. But with God's hand involved, Jacob was guided, protected, and provided for. Everything seemed to be going well which made Jacob feel overwhelmed and moved as he "lifted up his voice and wept" (Genesis 29:11). We also saw glimpses of how Jacob's newfound faith had started to change his character for the better when he offered to help roll the stone from the well to water the sheep, something he would not have done before as a rich man's son.

Lessons we can learn

What stands out to me about Jacob's experience is how God would take the initiative to lovingly reach out to him although he was sinful and distant from Him. I am deeply moved by how God would also reach out to us and give us a new beginning even though we may not have regarded Him as we should. This demonstrates the graciousness of God! I am challenged to renew my faith in our gracious God and seek to grow closer to Him.

Another thing that stands out is how God kept His promises to Jacob. Likewise, God will keep His promises to us too. When I feel overwhelmed by school work or even feel distant from God, I am challenged to believe and trust in His promise that He is with me, and apply faith to return to the Lord and persevere on.

POETRY CORNER

GOD HAS MADE ME LAUGH

When God told Abraham that he would have a son;
He laughed; he thought that this was said for fun.
He already had a son, through Hagar, Sarah's maid;
She had given to Abraham a son in his old age!

When Sarah learned that she would be a mother;
This word of the LORD brought unbelieving laughter!
She and Abraham were too old to be parents;
She could not apply her faith to make it relevant;

God's word of promise had come to pass!
Sarah was now able to laugh, at long last!
There was indeed nothing too hard for God;
She realised she should have believed the LORD!

"God has made me laugh," she told her friends;
The LORD's promise was part of a great Plan.
God calls us to believe all that He has said;
To have unbelief would make one truly sad!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 17:15-17; 18:1-15; 21:1-7



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:



NEXT YWS



5 MAR 2022

Message: "Leah was unloved" Genesis 29:31

Text: Genesis 29:31-35

Jacob came to Haran hoping to find himself a wife and he ended up with two – Rachel and Leah! Between them, Jacob clearly loved Rachel more. Leah felt unloved and erroneously thought that her husband would love her if she bore children for him. God saw Leah's sorrow and heard her prayers, but even after He made her fruitful with four sons, she was still unloved by Jacob!

While God had blessed, Leah and Jacob had their part to play to improve their relationship. Jacob's faith had not been evident since his encounter with the Lord. As the family situation became more challenging, God patiently waited for Jacob to learn the right lessons and turn to Him.

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