

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 glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Thank God for the precious faith that we can have in Him. Let us ready our hearts to understand His Word and His Way. May worship draw you closer to our Lord!



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COME AND WORSHIP

"Teach me Your way"

While David had found assurance that the Lord would take care of him (Psalm 27:10), he still needed to face the reality of his predicament. How did David exercise his faith practically? He pleaded with the Lord to teach him and to lead him.

**"Teach me Your way, O LORD,
And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.
Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries;
For false witnesses have risen against me,
And such as breathe out violence."**

PSALM 27:11-12

1. A challenging predicament
 - a. Enemies surrounded David
 - b. Adversaries were seeking his life
 - c. Verbally, they spoke falsely against him
 - d. Physically, they employed violence
2. "Teach me Your way"
 - a. David might have thought about resorting to his own way of dealing with his problems
 - b. But his ways might lead him to further distress and conflict
 - c. He recognised that he was limited in his understanding
 - d. He pleaded for God to teach him His Way



2. “Lead me in a smooth path”

- a. David believed that God’s Way would lead him to a smoother path than his own way would
- b. He pleaded for God to lead him
- c. He would inquire of the Lord on the steps to take

Even as a king, David did not have full reins of the situation. Wisely and humbly, he sought the higher Wisdom and Way of God.

ASKING GOD TO TEACH AND TO LEAD

So very often, we try to navigate through life thinking that we can cope on our own, hence, we do not seek the Lord as much. A hard and honest look at the problems in our lives should humble us to realise that our ways are flawed, and we desperately need to seek God and His higher Way.

Let us learn from the example of David, to ask God to teach us His Way. Let us not be presumptuous in our thoughts, and seek the Lord’s leading and guidance in every step. How wonderful it is that we can relate to God in such a personal and practical way!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

5 MARCH 2022

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 29:31-32

2. Genesis 29:33

3. Genesis 29:34

4. Genesis 29:35

Janelle Tan

& Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Message:

“Leah was unloved” Genesis 29:31

Text: Genesis 29:31-35

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

MY NOTES

5 MARCH 2022

“LEAH WAS UNLOVED”

GENESIS 29:31-35

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 26 FEBRUARY 2022

“I WILL SERVE YOU SEVEN YEARS FOR RACHEL”

GENESIS 29:15-30

INTRODUCTION

1. Original intention of going to Haran
 - a. To look for a bride
 - b. From the family of Laban (brother of Rebekah)
2. On the way
 - a. God revealed Himself to Jacob
 - i. Ladder to heaven
 - ii. Promise of Protection and Provision
 - b. Response of Jacob to God
 - i. If God would do as He has promised
 - ii. Then Jacob's faith in God would be confirmed

IN THE LAND OF HARAN

1. Living in the home of Laban
 - a. Laban received Jacob as “My bone and my flesh” Genesis 29:14a
 - b. Jacob was the house guest for a month Genesis 29:14b
2. Long-term Plan
 - a. Jacob had probably begun serving Laban
 - b. Discussion of Wages Genesis 29:15
3. Laban's Family
 - a. He had two daughters
 - b. Leah was the elder daughter; she had delicate eyes Genesis 29:17a
 - c. Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance Genesis 29:17b

JACOB'S LOVE FOR RACHEL

1. Jacob's Request
 - a. He will serve Laban for Seven Years
 - b. This was the price he was willing to pay to marry RachelGenesis 29:18
2. Laban's agreement
 - a. He would marry her off to someone, someday
 - b. He might as well give her to Jacob
 - c. He agreedGenesis 29:19
3. Seven years
 - a. Seven years is 2555 days
 - b. To Jacob"They seemed *only* a few days to him because of the love he had for her" Genesis 29:20

THE WEDDING FEAST

1. Jacob asked for Rachel's hand
"Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled" Genesis 29:21
2. The Wedding feast
 - a. A wedding celebration was held
 - b. All the men came to the wedding feastGenesis 29:22
3. Leah was given to Jacob as his bride in the evening Genesis 29:23
4. Jacob discovered that his wife was Leah Genesis 29:25



CONFRONTING LABAN

1. Three questions were raised up to Laban

a. What?

“What is this you have done to me?” Genesis 29:25a

b. Was it not?

“Was it not for Rachel that I served you?” Genesis 29:25b

c. Why?

“Why then have you deceived me?” Genesis 29:25c

2. Laban's Excuse and Bargain

26 And Laban said, “It must not be done so in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

27 Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another seven years.”

28 Then Jacob did so and fulfilled her week. So he gave him his daughter Rachel as wife also. **29** And Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as a maid. **30** Then *Jacob* also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban still another seven years.

Genesis 29:26-30

a. Culture of the country

The younger cannot marry before the firstborn

b. Fulfilment of the marriage week

Jacob must stay with Leah for the marriage week
(honeymoon week)

c. Serving another seven years

Genesis 29:27

JACOB'S ACCEPTANCE

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30 Then *Jacob* also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban still another seven years.

Genesis 29:28-30

1. Jacob fulfilled his marriage week with Leah
2. He married Rachel a week later
3. He served another seven years for Rachel

CONCLUSION

1. Deceiving and Being Deceived
 - a. He now understood better what it means to be deceived
 - b. He had deceived Esau and his father Isaac without much thought about how they felt
2. His Faith in God
 - a. It had not been in the forefront
 - b. It had taken a back seat somehow
3. Lessons of Life and Faith
 - a. They had to be learned the hard way
 - b. God will patiently wait for Jacob to remember what he promised



REFLECTIONS

Written by
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Jacob deceiving and being deceived

We learnt in the previous chapters (Genesis 25, 27) that Jacob behaved in an ungodly manner, and tricked his father into blessing him with his brother's first-born blessing. In Genesis 29:15-30, we read how Jacob had a taste of his own medicine when he was deceived by Laban into 14 years of labour for his daughter; Rachel's hand in marriage. Unfortunately, due to his ignorance and lack of responsibility, Jacob had to learn how to work and be accountable for his actions the hard way. He had to face the music for his actions, and finally felt the gravity of the situation and extent of pain in being the victim of deception. The deceit reflects Jacob's naivety and lack of maturity.

The state of Jacob's faith

Such unfortunate happenings would give rise to a question - Why did Jacob have to go through so much suffering even though God had revealed Himself to Jacob and promised His presence? This is because God's blessings are not simply given to anyone and everyone, and Jacob's state of faith at the point in time was not yet worthy of the Lord's blessings. Prior to his

encounter with God, Jacob was cunning towards his father. His lack of certainty and understanding of God necessitated the Lord's introduction to Him (Genesis 28:10-15). Since then, though the Lord had remained present, Jacob showed no signs of remorse to repent from his past sins and did not make the effort to reach out to God to cultivate a meaningful relationship. Instead, he focused on himself and did not include God in his life whatsoever. As such, there were many lessons that Jacob had to learn, some of which would require going through painful experiences like being deceived.

Our challenge

From Jacob's story, let us be challenged to start learning how to take responsibility for our actions from a young age. Though the Lord has planned to bless our lives, it is still up to us to live meaningfully and make responsible choices in our day-to-day activities. Additionally, may we also be challenged to cultivate a consistent, deep and personal relationship with God, such that we will be able to hear and learn His teachings, even if they may come in subtle forms! Only then will we be able to walk righteously with Him.

CAST OUT THIS BONDWOMAN AND HER SON

It was Sarah's mistake right from the start;
To suggest that Hagar be asked to do her part.
Ishmael was born in due time to Hagar;
His birth brought on a family disaster!



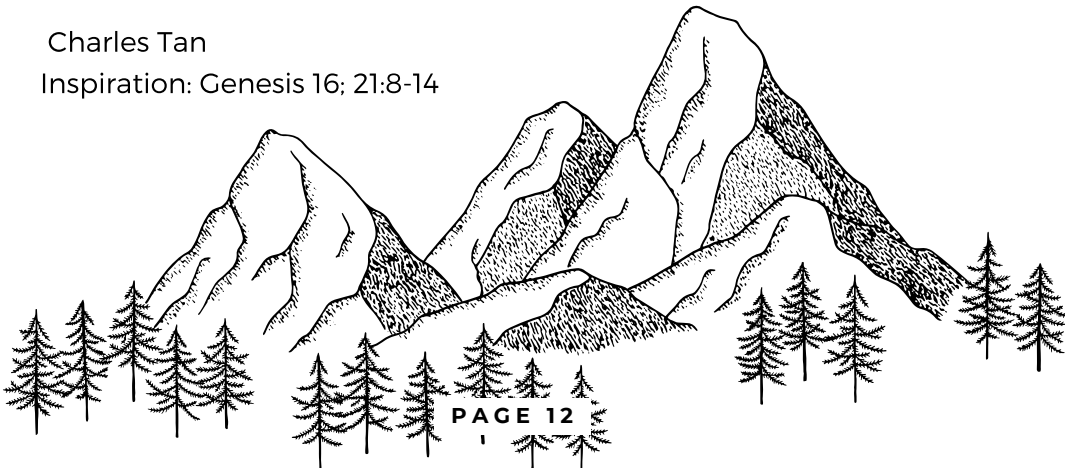
Sarah could not stand Hagar's attitude;
She was accused of not having rectitude.
Hagar was chased out from her home;
Was she now destined to roam?

Abraham was disturbed by Sarah's decision;
How could he come up with a solution?
God drew near and comforted him;
He would give them His blessing.

Sarah's word may seem harsh indeed;
But God would see to Hagar's needs.
The Lord would give His protection.
Hagar would not be without provision!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 16; 21:8-14



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YWS NEWSLETTER (5 MARCH 2022)

From what we have been studying thus far, Jacob's life was far from blessed. He had failed to deepen his initial faith to walk with the Lord.

In this week's Newsletter, Olivia Lai shares how she is learning from this series of YW lessons, the importance of relating to God every day, and in every aspect of her life.

Scan to read this week's Newsletter:



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



12 MAR 2022

Message: "Give me children, or else I die" Genesis 30:1

Text: Genesis 30:1-8

When Rachel saw that her sister, Leah, had borne four sons for Jacob while she remained barren, she was filled with envy. Driven by her emotions and human wisdom, Rachel gave her maid Bilhah to Jacob that she might bear children for her. Unfortunately, the children had become bargaining chips for Jacob's love, and the strife in the family continued to worsen.

How do we understand the problems in Jacob's family? Had not God said that He would be with him and bless him? Jacob had much to learn when it comes to life, and relating to God!

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