

# 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 thank God that we can come before His presence and offer Him worship. May our hearts be filled with thanksgiving and praise to our Good and Merciful God!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

## THE WORD OF GOD (II)

As David pondered over the nature of the Word of God, he was moved to testify what the Word of God does in his life.

**“The statutes of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
The commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes”**

PSALM 19:18

1. The statutes of the LORD are right
  - a. The Word of God is true and right
  - b. The heart does not need to remain troubled
  - c. God's Word can bring a special sense of joy to the heart
2. The commandment of the LORD is pure
  - a. The Word of God is indeed pure
  - b. It is like silver which is purified seven times (Psalm 12:6)
  - c. It opens our eyes to see and perceive
  - d. We can be wonderfully enlightened!

### **PERSONAL APPRECIATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

The Word of God is not meant to be merely studied theoretically or academically. It has to be applied and appreciated in our lives personally.

David found great delight and satisfaction in the Word of God experienced in his life. If we are candid with ourselves, God's Word does not always evoke a similar joy in our hearts that David experienced. This may be because we often read the Scriptures out of obligation or desperation and fail to appreciate what it is.

The Word of God has the power to enlighten our eyes. The natural eyes are blinded and blighted by sin and we are unable to clearly perceive and discern. Yet, the Scriptures can dispel darkness and open our spiritual eyes to see. Through the Living Word, we can discover the Person of God, know ourselves better and comprehend the complexities of life. Likened to a lamp, the Word of God directs the path that we should tread on (Psalm 119:105) so that we can walk in the clarity and certainty of light.

How wonderful when we can glean a deeper understanding of the Lord's Word and experience its efficacy in our lives! May we be encouraged to appreciate the Word of the Lord personally and reap the resulting joy that resonates deep within the heart!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

9 APRIL 2022

### Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

### Call to Worship:

1. You Are

Ong Yanning & Olivia Lai

2. How Can I Keep From Singing

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

### Opening Prayer

### Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 31:17-18

Chloe Tang, Ong Yanning,

2. Genesis 31:19-21

Tessa Kang & Asia Tan

3. Genesis 31:22-24

4. Genesis 31:25-30

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

### Message:

"God had come to Laban in a dream by night"

Pastor Charles Tan

Text: Genesis 31:24

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

# WORSHIP SONGS

## YOU ARE

By Mark Roach

You are holy, You are faithful,  
You are Saviour, You are Friend.  
You are all I'll ever need,  
Lord, You are.

You are every question's answer,  
You are every reason why.  
You are moving, You are still,  
Lord, You are.

### **Refrain**

You are the Lord on high,  
You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
You are the Word made flesh;  
You are the Bright Morning Star.  
Lord, You are.

You are "Glory, hallelujah";  
You are hope of peace on earth.  
You are Alpha and Omega,  
You are.

You are comfort, You are refuge,  
You are love, personified.  
You are kindness and compassion,  
You are.

### **Refrain**

You are holy, You are faithful,  
You are Saviour, You are Friend  
You are all I'll ever need, Lord,  
You are.

You are "Glory, hallelujah,"  
You are hope of peace on earth.  
You are Alpha and Omega,  
You are.

***Refrain***

You are my God and my King,  
You are the words that I sing,  
You are the reason I make this offering.


You are my God and my King,  
You are the words that I sing,  
You are the reason I make this offering

You are the Bright Morning Star.  
You are,  
You are,  
You are.


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# HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

By Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman




There is an endless song,  
Echoes in my soul,  
I hear the music ring.  
And though the storms may come,  
I am holding on, to the rock I cling.



## **Refrain**



How can I keep from singing Your praise?  
How can I ever say enough,  
How amazing is Your love?  
How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King  
And it makes my heart want to sing.



I will lift my eyes in the darkest night,  
For I know my Saviour lives.  
And I will walk with You  
Knowing You'll see me through,  
And sing the songs You give.


## **Refrain**

I can sing in the troubled times,  
Sing when I win.  
I can sing when I lose my step  
And I fall down again.




I can sing 'cause You pick me up,  
Sing 'cause You're there.  
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord,  
When I call to You in prayer.

I can sing with my last breath,  
Sing for I know  
That I'll sing with the angels,  
And the saints around the throne.



How can I keep from singing Your praise?  
How can I ever say enough,  
How amazing is Your love?



How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King  
And it makes my heart...  
I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart...  
I am loved by the King,  
And it makes my heart want to sing.

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# MY NOTES

09 APRIL 2022

**“GOD HAD COME TO LABAN  
IN A DREAM BY NIGHT”**

GENESIS 31:24

# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE -02 APRIL 2022**

### **“RETURN TO THE LAND OF YOUR FATHERS”**

#### **GENESIS 31:3**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Jacob had been in the land of Haran for a long time
2. He now had a family of 12 children
3. He had become wealthy and strong enough to leave Laban's employ

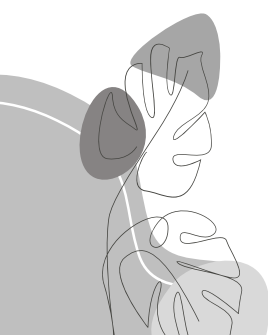
#### **THE DETERIORATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

1. The complaint of the sons of Laban

“Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has acquired all this wealth.”

Genesis 31:1

- a. This was a false accusation
- b. It reflects how Laban's family regarded Jacob
- c. Their observation was that Jacob was now very wealthy
- d. This wealth stemmed from Laban



## 2. The countenance of Laban

- a. And Jacob saw the countenance of Laban, and indeed it *was* not *favourable* toward him as before.

Genesis 31:2

- b. This was vastly different from how he felt when he first saw Jacob

**13** Then it came to pass, when Laban heard the report about Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. So he told Laban all these things. **14** And Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him for a month.

Genesis 29:13-14

- i. Ran to meet Jacob
- ii. Embraced him
- iii. Kissed him
- iv. Brought him to his house
- v. He said

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



## A WORD FROM THE LORD

Then the LORD said to Jacob, “Return to the land of your fathers and to your family, and I will be with you.”

Genesis 31:3

1. The LORD took the initiative again
2. He spoke to Jacob
  - a. Directly
  - b. Personally
  - c. Clearly
    - i. Jacob is to return to his homeland
    - ii. God will be with him all the way

## RESPONDING TO THE LORD’S WORD

1. He called Rachel and Leah for an urgent conference
  - a. Bilhah, Rachel’s maid was not invited
  - b. Zilpah, Leah’s maid was not included either
  - c. They may have borne children for Jacob but their official role was still that of a maid
2. The Place of Meeting
  - a. In a field
  - b. Among his flock
  - c. The home was not the safest place to have this secret conference

Genesis 31:4



## A VERY CANDID FAMILY CONFERENCE

**4** So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field, to his flock, **5** and said to them, “I see your father’s countenance, that it *is* not *favourable* toward me as before; but the God of my father has been with me. **6** And you know that with all my might I have served your father. **7** Yet your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but God did not allow him to hurt me. **8** If he said thus: ‘The speckled shall be your wages,’ then all the flocks bore speckled. And if he said thus: ‘The streaked shall be your wages,’ then all the flocks bore streaked. **9** So God has taken away the livestock of your father and given *them* to me.

Genesis 31:4-9

### 1. The Facts laid before Rachel and Leah

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| a. Laban’s countenance was no longer favourable          | Genesis 31:5a |
| b. Laban had deceived and changed Jacob’s wages 10 times | Genesis 31:7a |

### 2. God’s Hand Appreciated

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| a. “But the God of my father has been with me”                                       | Genesis 31:5b |
| b. “But God did not allow him to hurt me”  | Genesis 31:7b |
| c. “So God has taken away the livestock of your father and given <i>them</i> to me.” | Genesis 31:9  |

### 3. God's word to Jacob

**10** “And it happened, at the time when the flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes and saw in a dream, and behold, the rams which leaped upon the flocks *were* streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted. **11** Then the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, saying, ‘Jacob.’ And I said, ‘Here I am.’ **12** And He said, ‘Lift your eyes now and see, all the rams which leap on the flocks *are* streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted; for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. **13** I *am* the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar *and* where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family.’ ”

Genesis 31:10-13

- a. A special dream given to Jacob
- b. The Angel of God spoke to Jacob personally
- c. He identified Himself as The God of Bethel
- d. He directs Jacob to make plans to return to Canaan

### THE RESPONSE OF RACHEL AND LEAH

**14** Then Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, “Is there still any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? **15** Are we not considered strangers by him? For he has sold us, and also completely consumed our money. **16** For all these riches which God has taken from our father are *really* ours and our children's; now then, whatever God has said to you, do it.”

Genesis 31:14-16

- 1. Rachel and Leah
  - a. They were not fighting now
  - b. They spoke as one



## 2. Their observations

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| a. "Is there still any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?"                      | Genesis 31:14  |
| b. "Are we not considered strangers by him?"  | Genesis 31:15a |
| c. "For he has sold us, and also completely consumed our money."                                  | Genesis 31:15b |
| d. "For all these riches which God has taken from our father are really ours and our children's;" | Genesis 31:16a |

## 3. Full support for Jacob

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| "Now then, whatever God has said to you, do it." | Genesis 31:16b |
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## CONCLUSION

### 1. God's hand is to be appreciated

- a. His protection
- b. His provision
- c. His presence

### 2. Family harmony

This was not foreseeable but the family was now fully united!

# REFLECTION

Written by


*Lorraine Lai*

What is your first course of action when you're stuck in a complex circumstance? Personally, I don't do well with managing complex circumstances. I am quick to feel anxious and would much rather escape rather than face it head-on. It thus took me by surprise when we learnt about how calm and collected Jacob was in the way he read the circumstances of life and dealt with the heat of tense family relationships.

## **Reading the circumstances of life**

We have all read the circumstances in life that lead us to respond accordingly. These circumstances include: Making big life choices that would affect our lives in the long term or smaller things like how to relate to a friend who is in need. We look at the circumstances surrounding the decision, and make a judgment on the next course of action.

Very often, we view these circumstances through our own lenses. We decide the next course of action based on what we think is the most "logical" after weighing the pros and cons. This is a good and necessary practice, but we may not always be the best readers of our circumstances.



We must learn to read life's circumstances with wisdom. In Jacob's case, he had worked tirelessly under Laban for 14 years and counting. He knew Laban's character and the woes of working for him. Not only that, Jacob had wisdom from the Lord to make a correct corresponding response to persevere through the hardships.

Jacob had learnt to read the circumstances, and he knew his relatives were not pleased. In fact, his father-in-law's countenance was unfavourable toward him. An immediate human response would be to fear and fret. But how was Jacob so unusually calm?

### **The ultimate Decision Maker**

God confirmed Jacob's plan to return to the land of Canaan with a clear word. The Lord was the ultimate Decision Maker. God guided Jacob to return to the land of his fathers. However, God did not simply stop at telling Jacob what to do. God promised His presence. This meant that Jacob could face his difficulty with peace and confidence. There was no need to second-guess his decision to return to Canaan.

The Lord was guiding Jacob and the ball was now in Jacob's court. Would he trust God?

### **A trusting response**

A seemingly valid question would be to ask God questions about his return to Canaan. How feasible was this plan? Was he to bring everyone including Rachel and Leah?

However, Jacob's mind was not fixated on how he was going to leave for Canaan, or who to bring along with him. Instead, Jacob was acutely aware that though he was in a difficult and dangerous circumstance, God was with him. God did not allow Laban to hurt Jacob (Genesis 31:7). He was the God of Bethel (the place where God first encountered Jacob as he was fleeing from Esau). God was reminding Jacob once again that as He was with him when he fled from Esau, He would be with him once again as he fled from Laban.

With such assurance, Jacob obeyed God and related to Rachel and Leah the plan to return to his own country.

### **Conclusion**

God helped Jacob to respond well. Jacob's wisdom to read the circumstances did not come from nowhere. His boldness and clear direction to return to the land of his fathers were a result of God's confirming word to him. On Jacob's part, it was to trust the Lord's guidance and to obey Him.

Though we might not face the same set of circumstances as Jacob, I'm sure that we all have experienced a fair share of complex circumstances that make us feel stuck or helpless. As I face different circumstances each day, I am challenged to first ask the Lord for guidance on how to read them. This guidance comes from relating to the Lord and the reading of His word for instruction. Not only so, the greater challenge then is to likewise have the same trusting response as Jacob. So the next time you encounter a complex circumstance in life, what will your first course of action be? May it be a response of seeking the Lord humbly and applying faith and trust in the Lord to face the situation!

# POETRY CORNER

## WE WILL COME BACK TO YOU



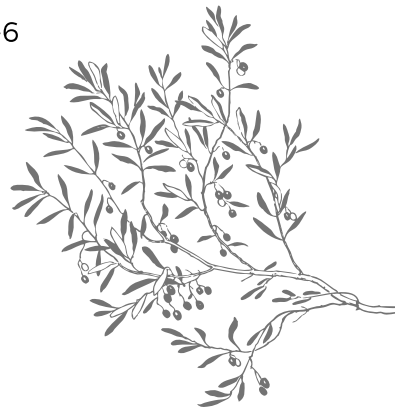
Abraham sought to be very faithful to God;  
He determined he would fully obey the LORD.  
He got two servants to go on this journey;  
He would exercise his faith in God's mercy!

Abraham prepared to make the sacrifice;  
He would fulfil all that God had advised.  
He had split the wood for the fire;  
He walked steadfastly to Mount Moriah.

Abraham was now at his journey's end;  
He was still determined to fulfil God's Plan.  
He gave the servants a word that was amazing;  
"We will come back to you;" His faith was astounding!

Abraham exercised his faith in the LORD strongly;  
He would not doubt God's power in any eventuality.  
The faith of Abraham must be truly admired;  
Let us read this story again and be inspired!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Genesis 22:1-6



# ANNOUNCEMENT

## YOUNG PEOPLE Q&A SESSION (16 APR 2022)

Thank you for the questions that you have submitted for the YW magazine! It is wise and good for us to seek Biblical answers to questions about God, the Scriptures and life.

In order to address your questions directly and interact with you further, we'd be arranging a Q&A session for all of you, instead of publishing the answers in our next Magazine! Pastor will teach us from the Scriptures and provide answers to your queries in person.

### Details:

Date: 16 April 2022

Time: 2:00 – 2:45pm

Venue: L2 Main Sanctuary

### Questions that will be addressed during this session:

1. How do we know that the Bible is true?
2. Why does our church use the NKJV of the Bible, instead of the NIV or KJV?
3. How do we understand the deaths of our loved ones who did not know the Lord?
4. What is the difference between pre-destination and free will?

If you have further questions to raise, we'd be happy to receive them!

Scan QR code to submit your questions:



## PROGRAMME THIS COMING WEEK

May we look forward to celebrating Easter with a personal appreciation for our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ!

**a. Palm Sunday**

10 April 2022

Baptismal Worship Service | 10.00am

**b. Maundy Thursday**

14 April 2022

Worship Service | 8.00pm

**c. Young People Q&A Session**

16 April 2022

Q&A Session | 2.00pm

**d. Youth Worship**

16 April 2022

Worship Service | 3.00pm

**e. Easter Sunday**

17 April 2022

Worship Service | 10.00am

# NEXT YWS



**16 APR 2022**

Message: "God has seen my affliction and the labour of my hands"

Text: Genesis 31:42

We read of Laban's relentless pursuit of Jacob and his family. They were unharmed by Laban because of God's divine and timely intervention. God's hand of protection was certainly unmistakable!

One would wonder whether Jacob's faith was outstanding at this juncture. The Angel of God had reassured Jacob that his afflictions were not unnoticed (Genesis 31:12). Jacob was to return to Canaan and God would be with him and bring him back to the land (Genesis 28:15).

Unfortunately, fear loomed larger than faith! It was fear that drove Jacob to flee from Laban's wrath. He failed to follow through in exercising his trust in the Lord's promises. What lessons can we learn from the difficult circumstances of life? What is the Lord teaching us as we face hardships?

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!





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