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 thankful that we can gather in the Lord's House this afternoon for a time of worship and learning from the Scriptures. May we worship the Lord in spirit and in truth!



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COME AND WORSHIP

THE WORD OF GOD (IV)

How do we value the Word of God? King David would not hesitate to testify the worth of the Lord's Word.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward.

PSALM 19:10-11

- 1. The Word of God is to be deeply treasured
 - a. King David was affluent and amassed much wealth during his administration
 - b. Yet none of the gold he possessed could worth more than the Word of God
 - c. The Lord's Word was more desired than gold, even precious fine gold!
- 2. The Word of God is to be appreciated
 - a. It is sweeter than honey and the honeycomb
 - b. It can bring sweetness and delight to the very soul
- 3. The Word of God is to be heeded
 - a. It serves to warn us of the dangers of sin
 - b. It contains examples which were written for our admonition (1 Corinthians 10:11)

COME AND WORSHIP

- 4. The blessing of great reward
 - a. Keeping the Word of God diligently can lead to great reward
 - b. We can experience the favour of God
 - c. We can discover the blessings of God

THE WORD OF GOD AS OUR TREASURE

We catch a glimpse of how David approached the Scriptures, appreciated them personally and rightly applied them in his life. The Word of God became his treasure.

There are many things we value in life. Yet we may often fail to appreciate the Word of God and its significance. As we take time to ponder over the multi-faceted nature and effects of the Lord's Word as described in Psalm 19:7-9, we cannot but be drawn to discover the Power and the Glory of God manifested in His very Word. As we seek to relish in the Living Word, there yields a sweetness and pleasure to the soul!

The Word of God is indeed a treasure. We read in Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." May we bestir ourselves to deeply desire the Word of God! May our hearts be moved to love the Scriptures as our greatest Treasure!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE 23 APRIL 2022

Genesis 31:33-35
 Genesis 31:36-42

Text: Genesis 31:44

Closing Prayer

Prelude Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Call to Worship Pastor Mitchell Tan

Opening Prayer Pastor Mitchell Tan

Song Leading Lorraine Lai & Stanley Woo

1. That's Why We Praise Him Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

2. Yesterday, Today, and Forever

Scripture Reading: Tessa Kang, Ong Yanning &

1. Genesis 31:31-32 Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Benjamin Chong

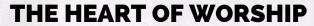
Message: Pastor Mitchell Tan

"Let us make a covenant"

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Postlude Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

WORSHIP SONGS



By Matt Redman

Verse 1:

When the music fades, All is stripped away, And I simply come;

Longing just to bring Something that's of worth That will bless Your heart.

I'll bring You more than a song, For a song in itself Is not what You have required.

You search much deeper within Through the way things appear. You're looking into my heart.

Chorus:

I'm coming back to the heart of worship, And it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus.

I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, When it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus.





Verse 2:

King of endless worth, No one could express How much You deserve.

Though I'm weak and poor, All I have is Yours, Every single breath.

I'll bring You more than a song, For a song in itself Is not what You have required.

You search much deeper within Through the way things appear. You're looking into my heart.

Chorus:

I'm coming back to the heart of worship, And it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus.

I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, When it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus.

(end)









I KNOW YOU LOVE ME

By Stuart Townend

Verse 1:

In every day that dawns,
I see the light of Your splendour around me;
And everywhere I turn,
I know the gift of Your favour upon me.

What can I do but give You glory, Lord?

Everything good has come from You.

Chorus:

I'm grateful for the air I breathe,
I'm so thankful for this life I live,
For the mercies that You pour on me,
And the blessings that meet every need.

And the grace that is changing me
From a hopeless case to a child that's free,
Free to give You praise, for in everything
I know You love me. I know You love me.









Verse 2:

Through all that I have known,
I have been held in the shelter of Your hand;
And as my life unfolds,
You are revealing the wisdom of
Your sovereign plan.

There are no shadows in Your faithfulness,

There are no limits to Your love.

Chorus:

I'm grateful for the air I breathe,
I'm so thankful for this life I live,
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(end)





MY NOTES

23 APRIL 2022 "LET US MAKE A COVENANT"

GENESIS 31:44

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 16 APRIL 2022
"GOD HAS SEEN MY AFFLICTION AND THE
LABOUR OF MY HANDS"
GENESIS 31:42

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Laban pursued Jacob with armed men
- 2. But he was warned by God not to harm Jacob
- 3. Laban caught up with Jacob after seven days
- 4. He confronts Jacob
 - a. For departing without informing him
 - b. For stealing his household idols

JACOB'S ANSWER TO LABAN'S QUERY

- **31** Then Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I said, 'Perhaps you would take your daughters from me by force.'
- **32** With whomever you find your gods, do not let him live. In the presence of our brethren, identify what I have of yours and take it with you." For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

Genesis 31:31-32

- 1. Fear in the heart
 - a. Fear of Laban
 - b. Fear that Laban would take his daughters away from him by force
- 2. The household idols
 - a. Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen the idols
 - b. He was willing that the thief be severely punished, even with death!

LABAN'S SEARCH FOR THE HOUSEHOLD IDOLS

- 1. All the tents were searched
 - a. Jacob's tent
 - b. Leah's tent
 - c. The tents of the maids Genesis 31:33
 - d. No idols were found
- 2. Rachel's tent
 - a. Laban searched Rachel's tent too
 - b. She had hidden the idols in the saddle of her camel
 - c. She then sat on the saddle Genesis 31:34
- 3. Rachel's Excuse
 - a. It was customary for a son or daughter to stand in the presence of the father
 - b. Rachel asked to be excused for not rising up because she was having her menses
 - c. No idols were found in Rachel's tent also

Genesis 31:35

THE ANGER OF JACOB

36 Then Jacob was angry and rebuked Laban, and Jacob answered and said to Laban: "What is my trespass? What is my sin, that you have so hotly pursued me? **37** Although you have searched all my things, what part of your household things have you found? Set it here before my brethren and your brethren, that they may judge between us both!

Genesis 31:36-37

- 1. Jacob was angry with Laban
- 2. He had been accused of theft of the household idols
- 3. But they were not found among his possessions!

RECALLING TWENTY YEARS OF LABOUR WITH LABAN

38 These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your flock. **39** That which was torn by beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it. You required it from my hand, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. **40** There I was! In the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep departed from my eyes. **41** Thus I have been in your house twenty years; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times.

Genesis 31:38-41

- 1. He had endured much, serving Laban
- 2. He had to bear the loss:
 - a. If anything had been stolen
 - b. If any animal had been attacked by wild animals
- 3. The hard work put in
 - a. The drought b. The frost
 - c. Many sleepless nights
 - d. Years of work
 - i. 14 years for the daughters
 - ii. 6 years for his flocks
 - e. Changing of payment: 10 times!

INVOKING THE NAME OF GOD

Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the labour of my

hands, and rebuked you last night.

- Genesis 31:42
- 1. God's name
- a. The God of my father
 - b. The God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac
- 2. God's Presence with Jacob
- a. If God had not been with him
 - b. Laban would have sent him away empty-handed!

3. God as the Judge
a. He had seen all things
i. The affliction of Jacob
ii. The labour of Jacob
b. He had rebuked Laban
i. In a dream given
ii. The judgment of God had been declared

CONCLUSION

- Endurance of hardship and hard work
 a. Strength is needed
 - b. Perseverance must be applied
- 2. God's Presence
 - a. Faith is necessaryb. Trust in God's promises
 - i. His power
 - i. His power
 - ii. His provision
 - iii. His protection

REFLECTION

Written by

Ong Yanning

During Youth Worship last week, we studied Laban's pursuit of Jacob. In this passage, Laban confronted Jacob and proceeded to ransack all tents in search for the household idols hidden by Rachel. Laban could not find them and Jacob responded in anger towards Laban for the accusation. Through these 20 years that Jacob was working for Laban, we see Jacob's character development and God's sustenance. I was reminded that sometimes God allows difficult circumstances to come. However, it is always to help us learn deeper lessons of faith and life.

Twenty difficult years of labour

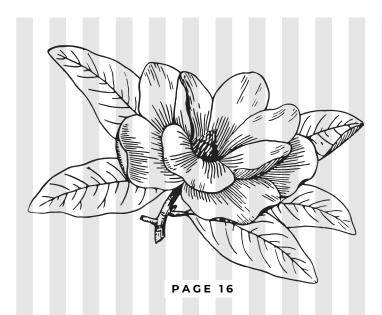
In Genesis 31, we see a different Jacob as compared to the one described in Genesis 25. Jacob was no longer the mild man who dwelt in tents (Genesis 25:27). In the past 20 years, he had endured harsh weather conditions, borne the loss for anything that was stolen or lost from Laban's possessions, and had his wages changed 10 times. However, despite the unfair circumstances, Jacob persevered in righteousness and worked hard. Though he began this journey out of his love for Rachel, he also learned to rely on God for sustenance.

Recognition of God

Jacob recognized God's provision, power, and presence. He knew that Laban would have sent him away empty-handed if God had not warned Laban. The Lord had seen all that had happened and graciously provided for him.

Perseverance, Character and Hope

In Romans 5, we learn that through the Lord Jesus, we need not be shaken when tribulations come our way. This is because God uses these tribulations to help us learn perseverance, build our character, and find a personal hope in Him that is sustained by the love of God freely given to us. Just like Jacob, you may be in a season whereby you have been struggling with friends in school, battling mental health challenges or being in an unfair work situation. Instead of bowing down to our challenges, may we be conscious of who God is and learn lessons of faith, hope and love!



POETRY CORNER

THE-LORD-WILL-PROVIDE

God Himself will provide the lamb, Abraham said;
This was his answer to Isaac who may have been afraid
An altar was made and young Isaac was laid on it;
What would happen next? Was this Isaac's exit?

Abraham raised his hand to slay Isaac, his beloved son; He was determined to offer him before the day was done. The Angel of the LORD called out to Abraham then; He must not hurt Isaac; He must withhold his hand!

Abraham was commended for his faith in God; He had sincerely sought to fully obey the LORD. He had proven the quality of the faith that he had; This act of faith was one that made the LORD glad!

God enabled Abraham to see a ram caught in a thicket; Abraham remembered all that the LORD had provided. "The-LORD-Will-Provide" was his new appreciation; There was now an even deeper bond of affection!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 22:8-14

ANNOUNCEMENT

YOUNG PEOPLE Q&A SESSION

Thank you for attending the Q&A session on 16 April! We hope it was a fruitful time of learning how to inquire and search the Scriptures for answers to the questions about faith and life. We thank you for the questions raised and we hope to find an opportune time to conduct another session!



NEXT YWS



30 APR 2022

Message: "This is God's camp"

Text: Genesis 32:2

After Laban's farewell, Jacob went on his way to Canaan. What was foremost on Jacob's heart and mind as he returned? He feared the wrath of his estranged brother, Esau! Knowing Jacob's fears and concerns, once again God graciously provided His company of angels to greet and assure Jacob. The Lord would continue to protect and provide!

Seeking reconciliation with his brother, Jacob sent messengers to Esau to inform him of his return and asked for his favour to be given. After all these years, would Esau offer forgiveness or take his revenge on Jacob who had cunningly stolen his birthright and firstborn blessing?

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!



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