

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 delighted to have you join us for Worship today. May we cultivate a consciousness of God as we come before Him, and may we be moved to extol His name, and learn from His life-giving Word!



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COME AND WORSHIP

I WILL EXTOL YOU, MY GOD, O KING

The superscription of Psalm 145 reads, 'A Praise of David'. This particular psalm was written by David who was filled with exuberant praise for the name of God!

1 "I will extol You, my God, O King;
And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

2 Every day I will bless You,
And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
And His greatness is unsearchable."

PSALM 145:1-3

A DETERMINATION TO EXTOL THE LORD

1. What is extolling?

a. Different words were employed to describe praise

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| i. Extol | Psalm 145:1a |
| ii. Bless | Psalm 145:1b, 2a |
| iii. Praise | Psalm 145:2b, 3a |

b. To extol God is to offer magnificent praise

c. Every faculty of David would be given to extol the Lord

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| i. His heart |
| ii. His mind |
| iii. His soul |

2. Some of David's reasons to extol the Lord

- a. He is his personal God
- b. He is the Sovereign King
- c. He is the great LORD

2. A determination to praise the name of the Lord

- a. To bless God's name for eternity
- b. To bless His name every day

DO WE EXTOL THE LORD?

David held a lofty perspective of God and a personal relationship with Him. The God who personally carried him through the seasons of life is the great Lord over all the universe, and the sovereign King over all the earth. To David, God's greatness was unsearchable! Deeply moved by God's extension of His goodness and tender mercies to him, David summoned every ounce of strength within him to extol the Lord!

We have much to learn from David in his determination to give wholehearted praise to God. Let us be challenged to also extol the Lord when we come to worship every week, and as we live each day. While the demands of school and the responsibilities of life may threaten to consume us, may we learn to cultivate a moment-by-moment consciousness of God and His greatness! May our meditation inspire heartfelt praise!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

9 JULY 2022

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. How Great You Are
2. Lord Reign in Me

Stanley Woo & Vanessa Quek
Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 35:16-29

Chloe Tang, Tessa Kang
& Ong Yanning

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Message:

"The sons of Jacob"
Text: Genesis 35:22

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

9 JULY 2022

“THE SONS OF JACOB”

GENESIS 35:22

WORSHIP SONGS

How Great You Are

Words and Music by Dave Clark & Dan Dean

Arranged by Dave Williamson

A thousand sparkling stars upon
A midnight summer sky,
The majesty and wonder of
The ocean's endless tide

And the more I see, the more I can't explain
How the One who set the world in place
Could even know my name.
And I'm amazed, I'm so amazed.

Chorus:

How great You are, how small I am,
How awesome is Your mighty hand.
And I am captured by the wonder of it all.
And I will offer all my praise
With all my heart for all my days.
How great You are, how great You are,
How great You are.

A million snowflakes gently fall,
Yet no two are the same.
The colours fill the canvas of
The seasons as they change.

Ev'rywhere I look I see Your hand.
Why You would love someone like me,
I'll never understand.
And I'm amazed, I'm so amazed.



Chorus:

How great You are, how small I am,
How awesome is Your mighty hand.
And I am captured by the wonder of it all.

And I will offer all my praise
With all my heart for all my days.
How great You are, how great You are,
How great You are.

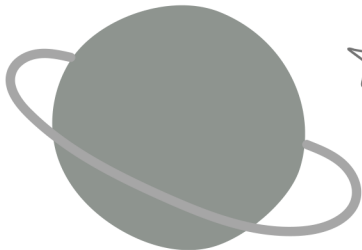


Chorus:

How great You are, how small I am,
How awesome is Your mighty hand.
And I am captured by the wonder of it all.

And I will offer all my praise
With all my heart for all my days.
How great You are, how great You are,
How great You are.

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Lord, Reign In Me

Words and Music by Brenton Brown

Over all the earth,
You reign on high,
Every mountain stream,
Every sunset sky.

But my one request,
Lord, my only aim
Is that You reign in me again.

Chorus:

Lord, reign in me.
Reign in Your power,
Over all my dreams
In my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't You reign in me again?

Over every thought,
Over every word.
May my life reflect
The beauty of my Lord;
'Cause You mean more to me
Than any earthly thing,
So won't You reign in me again?

Chorus

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 2 JULY 2022

"I AM GOD ALMIGHTY"

GENESIS 35:1-15

INTRODUCTION

1. Returning to Roots

- a. Essential
- b. Wisdom

2. Re-establishing a Faith-Relationship with God

Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there; and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother."

Genesis 35:1

- a.. Go to Bethel
- b. Dwell there (Not Shechem)
- c. Make an altar there to God

VITAL TRUTHS ABOUT GOD

9 Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and blessed him.

10 And God said to him, "Your name *is* Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name." So He called his name Israel.

11 Also God said to him: "I *am* God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body.

12 The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land.”
Genesis 35:9-12

1. God’s appearance to Jacob

Then God appeared to Jacob again Genesis 35:9

- a. He is real
- b. He is relevant
- c. His blessing makes all the difference!

2. God’s word to Jacob

Your name *is* Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name.
Genesis 35:10

- a. Your name is Jacob
- b. Your name shall not be called Jacob anymore
- c. But Israel shall be your name

3. This was what God said on an earlier occasion

26 And He said, “Let Me go, for the day breaks.”
But he said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me!”

27 So He said to him, “What *is* your name?”
He said, “Jacob.”

28 And He said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.”
Genesis 32:26-28

- a. Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel
- b. For you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed

DEEPER TRUTHS TO BE FATHOMED

11 Also God said to him: “I *am* God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body.

12 The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land.”

Genesis 35:11-12

1. Knowledge of God

I am God Almighty Genesis 35:11a

- a. God
- b. All-powerful

2. Challenge

- a. To be fruitful
- b. And multiply

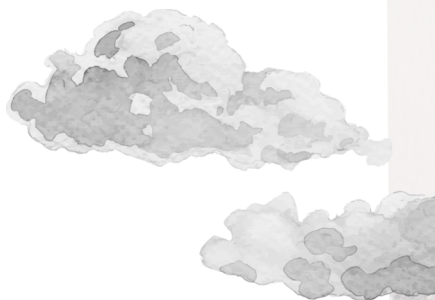
3. God's Promises

- a. A nation
- b. A company of nations
- c. Kings shall come from your body

4. A special promise about “the land”

The land of Canaan

- a. Promised to Abraham
- b. Promised to Isaac
- c. Now promised to Jacob also and his descendants



CONCLUSION

1. God left Bethel after appearing to Jacob

2. Jacob's response

14 So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

Genesis 35:14-15

- a. A pillar of stone was set up
- b. Poured a drink offering on it
- c. He poured oil on it
- d. He called the place "Bethel" (Cf. Genesis 28)

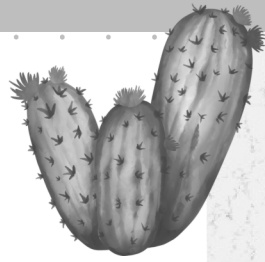
3. Our Challenge

- a. To make an adequate response to what we have learned
- b. To determine not to repeat past mistakes
- c. To have a new sense:
 - i. Of Renewal
 - ii. Of renouncing the wrong things of life
 - iii. Of determination to walk closely with the Lord God

REFLECTION

Written by

Ernest Goh



We read in Genesis 34 that in response to the violation of their sister Dinah, Simeon and Levi pre-meditated and schemed to kill not just Shechem, but all the men of the city. This was more than a rash act of anger, but a malicious plan to punish the Hivites and avenge their sister. Such was the deep-rooted nature of the sin problems faced by Jacob's sons. They failed to consider God and apply faith in such a crisis, and sinned in taking matters into their own hands by attempting to deliver justice through bloodshed. Faced by the threat of neighbouring cities attacking them, Jacob was greatly troubled.

Calling back to Bethel

In the midst of these great troubles, it was God who reached out to Jacob. "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there" (Genesis 35:1), God was calling Jacob back to Him and instructing him to seek a spiritual reset. It would not be Jacob's first time at Bethel. Years ago, he had spent the night there while on the run from his brother Esau (Genesis 28). It was there that God had first promised him, "I am with you and will keep you wherever you go." (Genesis 28:15a) Bethel surely had a significant meaning to Jacob, it was where he first encountered God personally, and where such a wonderful promise had been given.



A spiritual reset

Appearing before God in Bethel, Jacob chose to return to his spiritual roots. He was reminded of the God who had promised to be with him always, and was reminded of the relationship he had with God. Was this not the same God who had watched over him in the 20 years he worked for Laban? Not only did Jacob leave Laban unharmed, he also accumulated great wealth. Was this not the same God who promised to bring Jacob back to his country in peace? Not only did Esau not attack Jacob, but he embraced and kissed him. Jacob had experienced God's grace time after time. Now once again in this period of tribulation, Jacob was reminded of the Lord's grace.



Personal application

There are times in our lives when it is necessary for a spiritual reset. Jacob sought a reset as neighbouring cities threatened to destroy him and as his family made him realise he needed a return to God. For us, it could be family issues or challenges faced in school that make us realise that we have not learnt the right spiritual lessons. We need a spiritual reset to renew our walk with God. We need to come before Him humbly, and remember that not only is God the God of Jacob, but also the God of Bethel. Bethel is different for each and every one of us, it is the place where we first came to faith and found our faith personal and real. Our God is not just One whom we read of in the Bible, but a God that is living and alive. We all have a personal relationship with Him, and all of us have our own unique journey of faith.

While we may not face daunting circumstances as Jacob did, we need to consider whether we too need a spiritual reset. It could be lessons of trusting in God and seeking His wisdom, or about prayer and its importance in our lives. These were lessons I needed to relearn as I faced important decisions and felt uncertain about my path in JC. The problem of pride is something I continue to deal with when I am too proud to admit I need God and attempt to stand on my own. There are times I feel lost and I doubt where God is leading me. I draw encouragement from Jacob. He had stumbled over and over, and yet God still graciously called him back to Bethel to seek a reset. The spiritual reset I am seeking is not one that happens overnight, but a process. I am comforted to know that God is working in my life, and that my faith can only grow stronger as He works in me.

As we approach the second half of 2022, we are sure to face more challenges. Our task is to arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. We must recall our personal walk with God. What has He done for us in the past and how have we grown? We must renew the relationship we have with Him. What part does God play in our lives now and how can He play a greater part? We must rejuvenate our faith. Are we trusting in Him and are we confident in His work in our lives?

May we all choose to return to Bethel, and find encouragement in both His promise and past works.

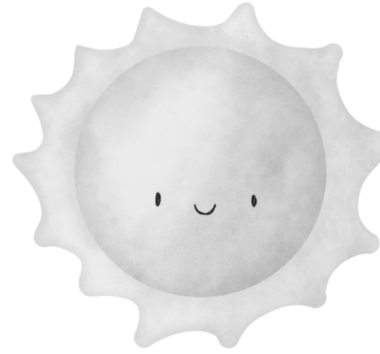


POETRY CORNER

#1

ISAAC AND REBEKAH

Life was not easy for Isaac in any way;
His father Abraham was busy most days.
They had many servants under their employ;
Many challenges make life hard to enjoy.



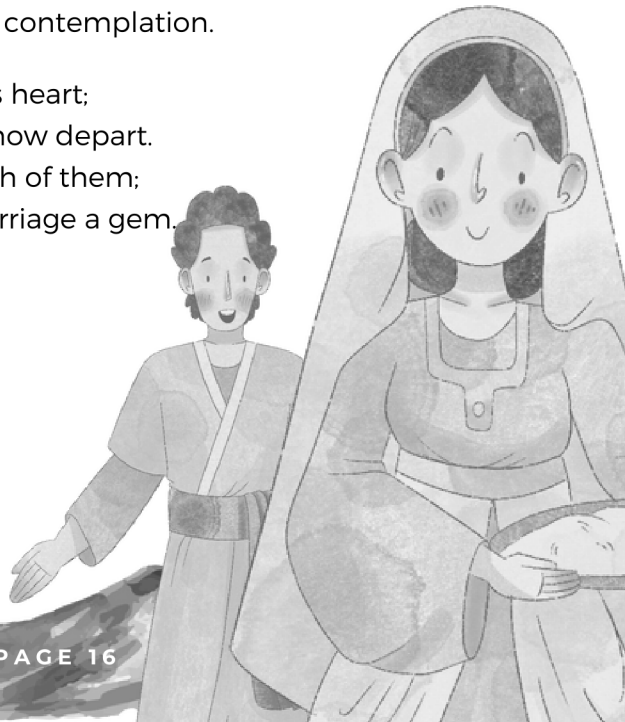
Isaac lost his mother and he was in much grief;
Would Rebekah be able to bring some relief?
The journey to Canaan was nearing its end;
Rebekah was now in sight of the promised land.

She covered herself with a veil when Isaac was in view;
This was appropriate and customary, this was not new.
Isaac was in the field in personal meditation;
He was given to reflection and contemplation.

Isaac found love growing in his heart;
The sadness sustained would now depart.
It was a new beginning for both of them;
It was up to them to make marriage a gem.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 24:61-67



#2

DEALING WITH PROBLEMS THROUGH A SPIRITUAL RESET

Our human sinful ways see us run into problems which could leave us in a cul-de-sac. The wisest thing to do is return to the Lord, wiping the slate clean with a spiritual “reset”. “Reset”, however, is not vain repetition of human solutions in hope of a better outcome, Rather, it is about choosing God’s ways over our own — that is when change will come!

A spiritual reset revisits spiritual truths previously taught, but learnt only theoretically. Yet when applied consciously, once theoretical truths can become a wonderful reality! Consider, the significance naming Jacob as “Israel” — it was not understood initially, Only amidst problems could God teach Jacob what the name meant symbolically.

“God Almighty” was now no longer just a saying of old passed down from his forefathers, Jacob now personally recognised who God is — this is God Almighty, above all others! Beyond reminding Jacob of who He is, God further revealed His wonderful divine plan, The Abrahamic covenant extended to Jacob’s lineage — they would dwell in the land!

Do we see problems in our lives that are the result of our sinful and human ways? Let us be brave enough to deal with them, seeking God for His help every day. As with Jacob, amidst problems, God patiently teaches lessons of faith for us to learn, That we may renounce our sinful ways and for a closer walk with Him continually yearn.

Stanley Woo

Inspiration: Genesis 35:1-15

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1

YW NEWSLETTER (9 JULY 2022)

The Scriptures enlighten us to the evil within our hearts, and its potential to fester and destroy our lives. Joseph Pang shares with us his desire to address the potential evil in the heart by seeking to build a strong foundation of faith and pursue godly character as taught and exemplified by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Scan to read this week's Newsletter:



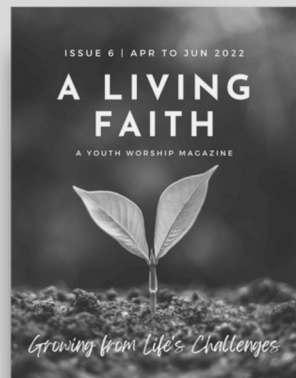
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YW "A LIVING FAITH" MAGAZINE - ISSUE 6 (APR - JUNE 2022)

THEME: GROWING FROM LIFE'S CHALLENGES

We are delighted to share with you our latest issue of the "A Living Faith" Magazine! In this issue, we reviewed the lessons we have learnt from Jacob's life and reflected on how we can grow from life's challenges. May you be deeply encouraged to grow in faith and character too!

The Magazines will be distributed at Youth Worship.



3

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2022

God willing, we will be having our annual Youth Conference at the end of the year!

Theme: "From Strength to Strength"

Date: 5 - 9 December 2022

Be sure to mark your calendars! More details to follow.

4

BETHANY'S 40+9 ANNIVERSARY

We will be celebrating Bethany's 40+9 Anniversary on 21st August 2022. May we take time to remember the blessings of God bestowed upon our Church!

The details are as follows:

- Worship Service | 10.30am
- Lunch | 12.30pm
- Venue: Shangri-La Hotel



Scan this QR Code to sign up for Anniversary Lunch:

Note: All participants must be vaccinated

NEXT YWS



16 JULY 2022

Message: "The genealogy of Esau"

Text: Genesis 36:1

We have seen God's unmistakable hand of blessing in Jacob's life. How about Esau, Jacob's twin brother? Did God also bless Esau and cause him to prosper?

When Abraham displayed faith and obedience to the Lord, God promised His provision and blessings. Specifically, He would greatly multiply Abraham's descendants and they would be victorious over their enemies (Genesis 22:15-18). God had rewarded Abraham for his personal faith in Him. Would the blessing of God cover Abraham's grandson, Esau?

Join us at Youth Worship next week to find out!



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