

# 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 is a joy that you are joining us for Worship today. May your hearts be greatly encouraged and uplifted by the Lord and His Word!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

## THE LORD LOOKS FROM HEAVEN

As we ruminate on our Creator God, we cannot but be awestruck by His Power. With just His word, the heavens and the earth were set in order. Humbly, we bow to His Sovereignty, recognising that His Counsel stands forever, and His Word is enduring.

Some may go on to think that God who is seated on His high and mighty throne in heaven, is unconcerned and uninterested in feeble mankind. Psalm 33 testifies otherwise.

**13** The LORD looks from heaven;

He sees all the sons of men.

**14** From the place of His dwelling He looks

On all the inhabitants of the earth;

**15** He fashions their hearts individually;

He considers all their works.

PSALM 33:13-15

1. The Lord looks from heaven
  - a. He sees from His dwelling place in heaven
  - b. His watching reflects His deep concern for mankind
  
2. He sees all the sons of men
  - a. He considers every human being from the beginning of time
  - b. He watches over each and every one of the 7.9 billion people in the world today
  
3. His personal involvement in our lives
  - a. God fashions our hearts individually
  - b. We are all uniquely and wonderfully made
  
2. He considers all our works
  - a. What we do matters to God
  - b. He is interested in our every deed, every achievement and every milestone

### **REJOICING IN THE LORD**

Perhaps we may feel alone in our journey in life at times. We may not think that anyone knows what we are going through. But there is One whom we can be certain is interested and personally involved in our lives - God Himself. This is cause for much rejoicing!

What a beautiful and comforting thought to know that God deeply cares for us. May this truth bring much joy and assurance to our hearts as we live each day! Let us also respond to the Lord by drawing closer to Him!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

18 JUNE 2022

**Prelude**

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

**Call to Worship**

Intern-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

**Opening Prayer**

Intern-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

**Song Leading**

Olivia Lai & Joel Tan

1. I Think of You

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

2. You Will Never Walk Alone

**Scripture Reading:**

Genesis 34:11-31

Janelle Tan, Asia Tan,  
Ong Yanning, Tessa Kang  
& Goh Yuanli

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Mitchell Tan

**Message:**

“And spoke deceitfully”

Text: Genesis 34:13-31

Intern-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

**Closing Prayer**

Intern-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

**Postlude**

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

# MY NOTES

18 JUNE 2022

**“AND SPOKE DECEITFULLY”**

GENESIS 34:13 - 31

## I Think of You

By Laura Story

When I think of sunlight piercing through the clouds  
To paint a perfect sky,  
I think of the silver lining of Your love,  
And I think of You.

When I think of streams that weave through desert lands  
As beauty comes alive,  
I think of the healing fountain of Your grace in my life,  
In my life.

### *Chorus:*

And I think of You who shines with endless light  
Through broken jars of clay.  
And I think of You redeeming ev'ry part of each day  
That You've made.  
And I think of You.

When I think of children laughing, full of wonder,  
And fam'lies reconciled,  
I think of the joy that's found in answered prayer,  
And it makes me smile,  
Makes me smile!

*Chorus:*

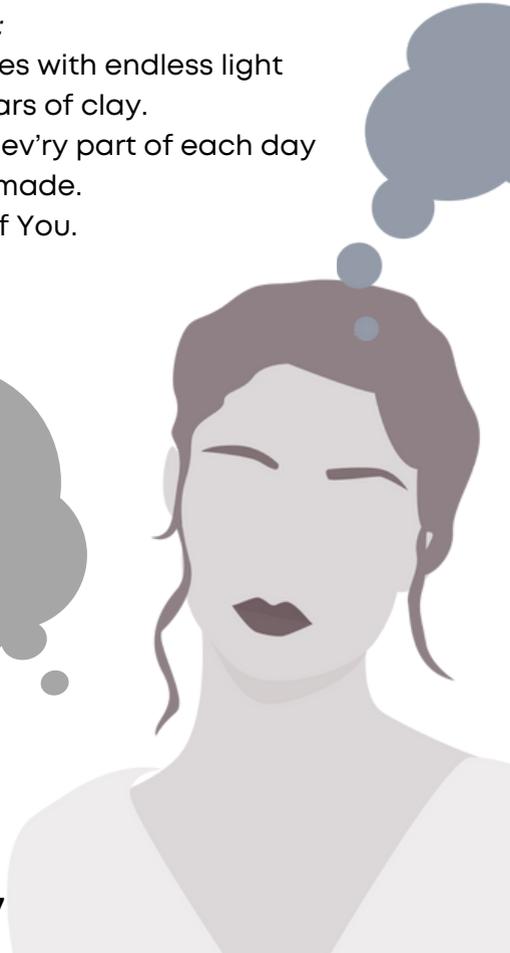
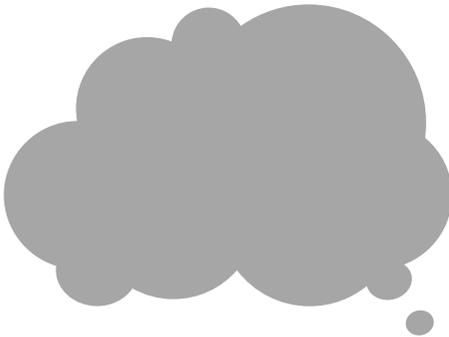
And I think of You who shines with endless light  
Through broken jars of clay.  
And I think of You redeeming ev'ry part of each day  
That You've made.  
And I think of You,

For redemption's now the story of my soul.  
'Cause it was You who paid the highest price  
For broken jars of clay.  
And You still choose to use my life  
For Your glory displayed.

*Chorus:*

And I think of You who shines with endless light  
Through broken jars of clay.  
And I think of You redeeming ev'ry part of each day  
That You've made.  
And I think of You.

(end)



# You Will Never Walk Alone

By Point of Grace

Along life's road there will be  
Sunshine and rain,  
Roses and thorns, laughter and pain.  
And 'cross the miles you will face  
Mountains so steep,  
Deserts so long and valleys so deep.

Sometimes the journey's gentle,  
Sometimes the cold winds blow,  
But I want you to remember,  
I want you to know

*Chorus:*

You will never walk alone,  
As long as you have faith,  
Jesus will be right beside you all the way.  
And you may feel you're far from home,  
But home is where He is,  
And He'll be there down every road;  
You will never walk alone.

*Verse 2:*

The path will wind,  
You will find wonders and fears,  
Labours of love and a few falling tears.  
Across the years there will be  
Some twists and turns,  
Mistakes to make and lessons to learn.





*Chorus:*

You will never walk alone,  
As long as you have faith,  
Jesus will be right beside you all the way.  
And you may feel you're far from home,  
But home is where He is,  
And He'll be there down every road;  
You will never walk alone.

Jesus knows your joy,  
Jesus knows your need;  
He will go the distance with you faithfully.

*Chorus:*



You will never walk alone,  
As long as you have faith,  
Jesus will be right beside you all the way.  
And you may feel you're far from home,  
But home is where He is,  
And He'll be there down every road;  
You will never walk alone.

(end)

# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 11 JUNE 2022**

### **“DINAH, THE DAUGHTER OF JACOB”**

#### **GENESIS 34:3**



#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. All the right things done
  - a. Return to Canaan
  - b. Raising an Altar to worship the LORD
  
2. Bad things can happen
  - a. A terrible thing occurred
  - b. A traumatic event experienced by Dinah

#### **THE DAUGHTERS OF THE LAND**

1. Esau married 2 Daughters of the Hittites                      Genesis 26:34-35  
This was a cause of grief to Isaac and Rebekah
  
2. Rebekah's worry that Jacob may follow suit              Genesis 27:46  
This could not be contemplated
  
3. Dinah's friendship with the daughters of the land  
She went out to visit her Hivite friends                      Genesis 34:1

#### **THE LOCAL INHABITANTS OF THE LAND**

1. The Hittites  
Esau's wives were Hittites    Genesis 26:34-35
  
2. The Hethites  
Rebekah did not want Jacob to marry  
any of the daughters    Genesis 27:46

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3. Shechem the son of Hamor, a Hivite
    - a. He was a prince of the country
    - b. He violated Dinah Genesis 34:2
  
  4. He then felt strongly attracted to Dinah Genesis 34:3
    - a. He felt he loved her
    - b. He spoke kindly to her
  
  5. He asked his father to ask for her hand in marriage Genesis 34:4

### **NEWS OF THE RAPE OF DINAH**

1. Jacob learned about the rape of Dinah Genesis 34:5
  
2. Note the different words used:
  - a. Violated her Genesis 34:2
  - b. Defiled her Genesis 34:5
  
3. Jacob waited for his sons to return from the fields
  - a. He did not react though he must have been grieved
  - b. He had waited for years to marry Rachel
  - c. And now Dinah was raped!
  
4. News of Dinah's rape was shared with his sons
  - a. They were grieved
  - b. They were very angry
  - c. This was a disgrace Genesis 34:7



## HAMOR'S PLEA TO JACOB

1. He informs Jacob that Shechem loved Dinah
2. He asked for her hand in marriage                      Genesis 34:8
3. He expressed a wish that there could be inter-marriage
  - a. Jacob/ Israel
  - b. The Hivites    Genesis 34:9
4. Offer of Hamor if this is accepted
  - a. To dwell in the land freely
  - b. Jacob can do the following:
    - i. Dwell with the Hivites
    - ii. Trade
    - iii. Acquire possessions                              Genesis 34:10

## SHECHEM'S WORD TO JACOB AND HIS SONS

1. He promises that he would give any amount of dowry asked for    Genesis 34:11
2. All he asks was the hand of Dinah in marriage      Genesis 34:12

## WHAT WAS MISSING IN THE STORY

1. Dinah's side of the story
2. How did she feel?
  - a. Violation
  - b. Defilement
  - c. Disgrace
3. Her silence
  - a. Reflected the time she lived in
  - b. How a woman feels is of no consequence



## CONCLUSION: VITAL LESSONS FOR US TO LEARN

**17** This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, **18** having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; **19** who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

**20** But you have not so learned Christ, **21** if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: **22** that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, **23** and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **24** and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:17-24

### 1. Reject ungodly ways

- a. Futility of the mind
- b. Darkness of the understanding
- c. Alienated from the life of God
- d. Ignorance
- e. Blindness of the heart
- f. Past feeling
- g. Lewdness
- h. Uncleanness with greediness

### 2. Renewal to be sought always

- a. Learning
- b. Putting off any corrupting influence
- c. Seek renewal in the spirit of the mind
- d. Put on the new man
- e. Created in true righteousness and holiness



# REFLECTION

Written by

*Tessa kang*

## **New problems arising in the land of Canaan**

After over 20 years, Jacob had finally returned to Canaan, yet he made the mistake in assuming that all the problems he had faced would end there. Shortly after they had settled in Shechem, Dinah shared a friendship with the daughters of the land. As she was visiting her Hivite friends, Shechem, the son of Hamor, who was the prince of the country, defiled Dinah. He was strongly attracted to her and spoke kindly to her.

## **The need for wisdom**

On Dinah's part, she was ignorant of the dangers in the foreign land, assuming that the land was safe. She had failed to exercise wisdom which led to a decision that had a price to pay. In finding out about the incident, Jacob and his sons were very grieved and angry, knowing that a man from a foreign land had violated their very own sister. However, Shechem in his plea to Jacob, was willing to offer any amount of dowry as long as the family was willing to allow Dinah to be his wife.



### **To learn the lessons of faith well**

The Lord had protected Jacob's family for the past two generations, extending His gracious and merciful hand which allowed his ancestors to be preserved despite their mistakes and missteps. However, this generation had failed to learn from the mistakes of the past. It was now too late, as Dinah had been defiled, and a woman in those times who had been violated would lose her chances of finding marriage in society.

Hamor's and Shechem's examples reflect the wickedness and iniquity of men. They did not hold themselves responsible for the act of rape and simply dismissed it. Their minds were so futile, and their hearts were so blind to righteousness. They were engulfed in so much darkness, and they chose to let themselves become corrupt.

### **Seeking to apply faith in our daily lives**

We must not be like Shechem and Hamor. When learning about this incident, I felt shocked and indignant towards the unrighteousness of people. In a world where such incidents continue to be prevalent today, we need to constantly seek wisdom from the Lord, instead of choosing to remain ignorant.





The challenge to cultivate true righteousness remains. As a student, I have begun to realise that I am vulnerable to falling into the temptation of seeking worldly pleasures such as chasing after friendships or recognition of my achievements in school. Though these are not necessarily wrong, we all fall into the trap of being influenced by worldly pleasures which may cause us to drift far from God when we prioritise such pleasures above our relationship with God. This has challenged me to seek to build a relationship with the Lord, whether by making the effort to read a verse every morning or starting and ending the day with prayer.

Let us seek to not let ourselves be tainted by worldly pleasures which may cause us to fall into deceit and temptation, but to constantly seek to clothe ourselves with faith, righteousness and truth in the Lord's word, as we seek to live in the light each day.



## I AM ABRAHAM'S SERVANT

"I am Abraham's servant," the old man declared;  
To be a servant of Abraham made his heart glad.  
He spoke of Abraham as "My master," humbly;  
He was the most trusted servant of all, truly!

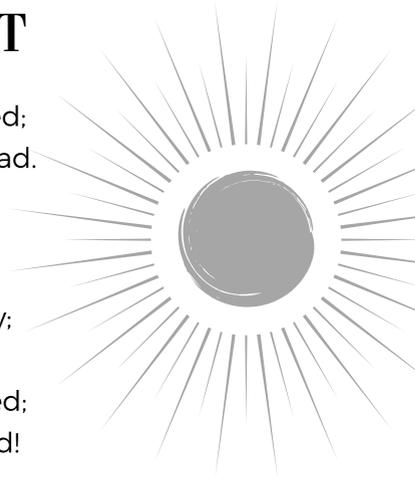
He was entrusted with Abraham's wealth, fully;  
He carried with him many presents faithfully.  
He had servants and camels but he was trusted;  
He would never betray the master he regarded!

He presented the story of Abraham to Laban's family;  
They were deeply impressed as he shared sincerely.  
They could entrust Rebekah on the journey to Canaan;  
They could not, but be impressed, with Abraham's servant.

The old servant had no thought but to serve faithfully;  
What an example he set, serving with such humility!  
"I am Abraham's servant;" and he wore that title well;  
Few, then and now, can match his example, truth to tell!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 24:34-50



# ANNOUNCEMENT

# 1

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

We celebrate Father's Day this weekend. May we honour our fathers who would demonstrate their love for us in real and practical ways! Let us take time to show our appreciation to them.



# 2

## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor Charles Tan sends greetings to all. He is currently on leave to spend time with his family. He will return on 24th June 2022.





**25 JUNE 2022**

Message: "Go up to Bethel"

Text: Genesis 35:1

Once again, we see Jacob overwhelmed by fear. He had imagined that the inhabitants in the land of Canaan would seek to kill him in response to the evil deeds committed by his sons. Faced with such a threat, Jacob still had not learnt to relate to the Lord.

What hindered Jacob and his family from seeking God? Unfortunately, the ungodly ways of the world were both strong and deadly. They needed to learn to put aside the idols that they worshipped, along with the worldly ideas that directed their way of life and thinking. Cleansing was essential as Jacob sought to return to God.



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