

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 this afternoon. May our souls be deeply enlightened, enriched and enhanced by the Living Word of God!



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COME AND WORSHIP

FOR OUR HEART SHALL REJOICE IN HIM

The Psalmist began with an ardent call to rejoice in the Lord (Psalm 33:1). As he concluded his writing, meditation on the Lord and His Word had culminated in a heartfelt response to rejoice in God!

20 Our soul waits for the LORD;

He is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in Him,

Because we have trusted in His holy name.

22 Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us,

Just as we hope in You.

PSALM 33:20-22

1. The Lord's Part

- a. He watches over us lovingly (Psalm 33:18)
- b. He grants deliverance (Psalm 33:19a)
- c. He specially preserves His people (Psalm 33:19b)
- d. He is our Help
- e. He is our Shield

2. Our Befitting Response

- a. To wait upon the Lord
- b. To rejoice in Him
- c. To exercise trust in Him
- d. To pray humbly and diligently
- e. To strengthen our hope in Him

REJOICING IN GOD, ALWAYS!

“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.” (Genesis 15:1) This immutable truth that the Lord is our Shield is from antiquity! Not only does God surround us with His protection, He will ably help us in times of trouble. Our reasons to rejoice in the Lord are well-founded on these precious truths!

The Person of God and His Word are indisputably powerful. To His people, He lovingly draws near. How may we meaningfully respond to the Lord? Let us learn to patiently wait upon God and trust in His enduring Promises. Let us earnestly call upon Him in prayer with an unwavering hope. May true rejoicing in God be our daily resolve!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

2 JULY 2022

Prelude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

Olivia Lai & Lorraine Lai

1. My Soul Will Sing (Psalm 103)

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

2. He's Always Been Faithful

Scripture Reading:

Ong Yanning, Chloe Tang &

Genesis 35:1-15

Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Moses Kwek

Message:

Pastor Charles Tan

"I am God Almighty"

Text: Genesis 35:11

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Postlude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

MY NOTES

2 JULY 2022

“I AM GOD ALMIGHTY”

GENESIS 35:11

WORSHIP SONGS

My Soul Will Sing

By Kristen Getty & Stuart Townend

My soul will sing with all the strength I have in me;
I will rejoice with ev'ry day He gives.
I will recall the wonders He has shown to me,
His pow'r to heal, His mercy to forgive.
We join with angels to sing His praises.
He does not treat us as our sins deserve.

High as the heavens reach above the earth
Is Your unfailing love, is Your unfailing love.
Far as the east is banished from the west
You took our sins for us, removed our sins from us.
How wide, how high
Is Your unfailing love.

Our King delights to show compassion to the weak;
Their deepest needs He loves to satisfy .
Throughout the earth His justice and His mercy speak,
And He will run to meet the victim's cry.
From everlasting
To everlasting
Our youth renewed with every step we take.

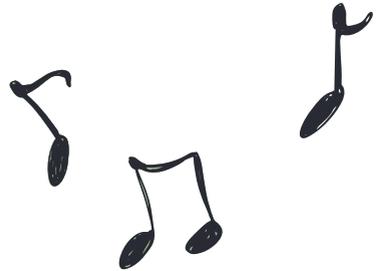


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Far as the east is banished from the west
You took our sins for us, removed our sins from us.
How wide, how high
Is Your unfailing love.

Though we are dust, a moment in eternity,
As flowers bloom today and then are gone,
He crowns our lives with beauty and with dignity;
His patience smiles on all who turn to Him.
From generation
To generation
We'll tell the story of His faithfulness!

High as the heavens reach above the earth
Is Your unfailing love, is Your unfailing love.
Far as the east is banished from the west
You took our sins for us, removed our sins from us.
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Is Your unfailing love.

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He's Always Been Faithful

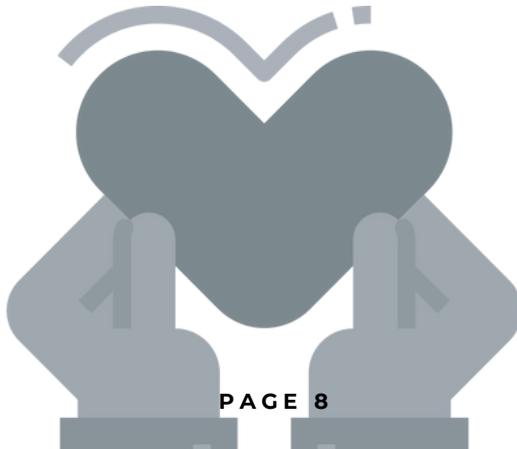
By Sara Groves

Morning by morning, I wake up to find
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine.
Season by season, I watch Him, amazed,
In awe of the mystery of His perfect ways.
All I have need of, His hand will provide.
He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or a pain
He did not recycle to bring me gain.
I can't remember one single regret
In serving God only and trusting His hand.
All I have need of, His hand will provide.
He's always been faithful to me.

This is my anthem, this is my song,
The theme of the stories I've heard for so long.
God has been faithful, He will be again.
His loving compassion, it knows no end.
All I have need of, His hand will provide.
He's always been faithful to me.

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 25 JUNE 2022

“GO UP TO BETHEL”

GENESIS 35:1

INTRODUCTION

1. Simeon and Levi had done terrible things:
 - a. They had murdered
 - b. They had stolen
 - c. They had enslaved

2. The family was now in obvious danger
 - a. There were other tribes living in Canaan
 - b. They would have heard about the massacre of the Hivites
 - c. These deeds of Simeon and Levi were wicked and cruel
 - d. They were uncalled for!

THE GREAT MERCY OF 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

1. God’s word of instruction to Jacob
 - a. This was necessary
 - b. This was clear and specific

2. Go to Bethel

- a. This was where God first appeared to him Genesis 28
 - i. Returning to the Commencement of faith in God
 - ii. This represented a returning to the LORD

- b. Dwell there
 - i. There is much wisdom to be found in these words
 - ii. There wasn't any other place that was safe for Jacob at this point of time

- c. Make an altar to God
 - i. Jacob must pay more attention to things spiritual
 - ii. He had not cultivated his faith-relationship with God much

ADDRESSING THE FAMILY

2 And Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments.

3 Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me in the way which I have gone."

4 So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hands, and the earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree which was by Shechem.

Genesis 35:2-4

1. Idolatry had crept into Jacob's family

a. But Jacob had not dealt with this problem

b. He now realised that he could not set this problem aside easily

i. Idols were to be put away

ii. Purification was needed

iii. Change of garments would reflect sincerity of the heart

2. Plans shared with the family

a. To return to Bethel

b. To return to following the LORD

3. Response of the sons of Jacob

a. They yielded their idols to Jacob

b. They gave up their earrings too

c. This was symbolic of the influence that the sons of Jacob were under

4. Jacob's burying of the idols

a. They were best buried

b. These should not have been in their possession in the first place

THE PROTECTION OF THE LORD

1. The journey to Bethel

a. This was a long journey

b. They would be vulnerable en route

2. The protection of the LORD

a. God caused the hearts of the Canaanites to feel fear

b. Nobody attacked Jacob and his family

3. Reaching Bethel

- a. Jacob and family reached Bethel safely
- b. Jacob obeyed the LORD
 - i. He built an altar to Him
 - ii. He renamed the place “El Bethel”
- c. The first appearance of God was remembered Genesis 35:7
 - i. It was not meant to be forgotten
 - ii. Every effort must be made to strengthen faith in the Lord

CONCLUSION

- 1. Deadly Influence of the world
 - a. Idolatry
 - b. Worldly ideas
 - c. Greed
- 2. Putting away sinful things
 - a. This was necessary
 - b. Problems cannot go unaddressed
- 3. Purification
 - a. This was needed
 - b. Returning to spiritual roots was of great importance

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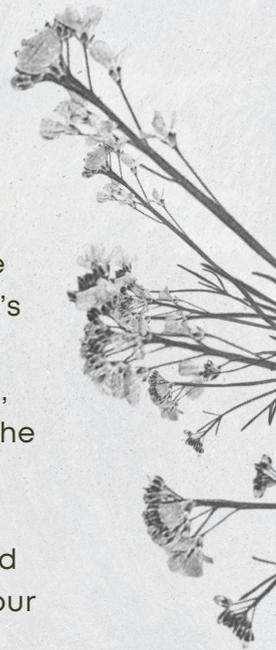
Written by

Bethany Toong

Genesis 34 concluded on a serious note: Dinah was raped and Simeon and Levi reacted violently. These events could not be dismissed, especially since Simeon and Levi's actions now placed Jacob's family in a precarious position, with their safety threatened. For most people, it would seem as if there was no way out of this mess. However, God managed to resolve this situation for Jacob and his family.

Returning to your roots

God instructed Jacob to return to Bethel and dwell there. Jacob was never supposed to stay in Shechem and he definitely could not stay there now. Not only did Jacob need to physically return to Bethel, more importantly, he needed to return to God. Throughout the events of Genesis 34, Jacob failed to involve the Lord. Without consulting God or seeking His wisdom, we see how quickly things spiralled out of Jacob's control. Jacob could not solve his problems using his human wisdom or strength. He needed to realign his focus on God instead.



Restarting and redressing old problems

Aside from returning to God, Jacob also needed to deal with old sin problems that he had previously ignored. The problem of idolatry had begun to take root in Jacob's family when Rachel stole her father's idols before they left for Canaan (Genesis 31:19).

Jacob failed to address this sin problem back then, thus allowing it to fester within the family. We see the extensive impact of this sin problem recorded in Genesis 35: even the garments and earrings that Jacob's family wore were influenced by or affiliated with these foreign gods! When we do not address our sin problems immediately, we are not only ignoring them, but allowing them to take root and worsen.

Jacob needed to tackle the problem of idolatry in order to start afresh with God, so he removed the influence of idols from his family.

The restricting power of God

While Jacob did his part to start over, God also responded in kind. His hand of protection over Jacob and his family was evident- the neighbouring cities that surrounded the family were restricted from attacking them. Jacob's family would have had to pass through these cities in order to leave Shechem and reach Bethel. God's protection over Jacob and his family demonstrates not only the mighty power of God, but also His grace. Jacob's family did not deserve the Lord's protection- Simeon and Levi had done horrible deeds against the people in Shechem.

Even so, the Lord honoured His promise to Jacob and brought him and his family safely back to Bethel. He did so not because He endorsed the violence carried out by Simeon and Levi, but because He is a God who is faithful and keeps His word.

Personal application

Much like Jacob, we often falter in our faith. Each time we stumble, we can and should return back to the Lord instead of continuing to stray. God is a God of love and mercy. Just as He extended grace to Jacob, He extends His grace to us each time we struggle in our faith. Our part is to return to Him. We need to own up to our sin problems and deal with them. While this may not be easy, we can take comfort knowing that God will be there to help us start afresh.



POETRY CORNER

I WILL GO

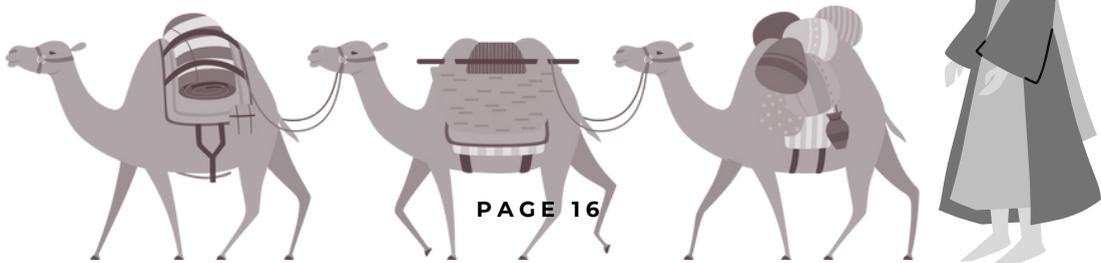
The Marriage Proposal had been presented;
The family of Rebekah had finally consented.
The final decision to leave was given to Rebekah;
Her response was according to her good character.

The servant of Abraham had clear criteria;
He was not one who had hazy ideas.
He wanted to find a woman who was industrious;
He was sure that Rebekah was also good and righteous.

Rebekah already had her family's strong approval;
Hearing Abraham's servant, she made an appraisal.
The family of Abraham had been blessed by God;
She too possessed a personal trust in the LORD.

It was a long journey to undertake to travel;
Things could go wrong, and plans can unravel.
"I will go," she said firmly to her family;
It was time to exercise her faith in God fully.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 24:56-67



ANNOUNCEMENT

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:

- a. Worship Service | 10.30am
- b. Lunch | 12.30pm
- c. Venue: Shangri-La Hotel



Scan to sign up for Anniversary Lunch:

Note: All participants must be vaccinated

NEXT YWS



9 JULY 2022

Message: "The sons of Jacob"

Text: Genesis 35:16-29

A life without the Lord is beset with sin and its grave consequences. Simeon and Levi proved to be instruments of cruelty as they slaughtered the Hivite males in the city of Shechem. The other sons of Jacob were found guilty, being complicit in the deceitful ploy and plunder of the city. Now, Reuben had shamefully laid with Bilhah, Jacob's concubine! Some of the sons of Jacob certainly did not turn out well. May we be deeply warned of the destructive nature of sin and take responsibility for our personal growth in faith and life!



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