

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 14 August 2022

MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 28

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MY STRENGTH AND MY SHIELD

THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE

David was anointed to be the king of ancient Israel. The work of being the ruler was fraught with difficulties.

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1. There were enemies

- a) To battle
- b) To overcome

2. There was economic concern

- a) The progress of the country
- b) The welfare of the citizens

THE NEED FOR THE LORD'S HELP

David knew that he needed the help of the LORD desperately. Two things stood out to him in his reign as king.

⁶Blessed be the LORD,
Because He has heard the voice of my supplications!

⁷The LORD *is* my strength and my shield;
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,
And with my song I will praise Him. Psalm 28:6-7

1. The LORD must be his Strength

- a) The workload of a king was very heavy
- b) He was overall-in-charge of just about everything in the kingdom
 - i) The judiciary

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ii) The defense of the nation

iii) The spiritual state of the people

c) Without God's strength, it would be impossible

2. The LORD must be his Shield

a) David must do his part in raising a strong army

b) But ultimately, only God can give full protection

OUR CHALLENGE

Let us be challenged to emulate the example of David. Let us find in the LORD, our strength and our shield! Thank God He has been our strength and shield for the past 49 years of ministry as a Church!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us today! May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship!



MINISTRY IN BETHANY THIS COMING WEEK

1. Combined Seniors Fellowship Program

Tuesday: 16 August 2022

Time: 9.30am- 11.30am

Focus: Special Fellowship for the Seniors

2. Preparation for Ordination

a) Thursday- Saturday

18-20 August 2022

9.30am- 11.30am

b) Theme: "From Elijah to Elisha"

c) For the Pastoral Teams

i) Bethel, Perth

ii) Bethany, Manipur

iii) Bethany, Singapore

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3. Weekend Ministry Saturday, 20 August 2022

- a) No Catechism Class
- b) Fellowship Group Meetings
(YPG 1-3; YAG 1-2)
2.00pm
- c) Youth Worship
3.15pm



NEXT SUNDAY: 21 August 2022

We will be celebrating our 40+9 Anniversary at the Shangri-La Hotel.
Worship: 10.30am
Lunch: 12.30pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AT SHANGRI-LA

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share with you that we will be having Children's Worship during our Anniversary Worship Service at Shangri-La!

The details for Children's Worship are:

1. Date: 21 August 2022
2. Time: 10.30am
3. Location: Room Azalea (On Level 2)

Drop-off and Dismissal will be at Room Azalea.

We will have ushers at Shangri-La to guide the children.

May our children look forward to this special time of worship and thanksgiving!

With Love,
Children's Worship Team



CONGRATULATIONS!

1. To Samuel and Su-An Tham

On the gift of a baby boy. Baby Caleb was born on 8 August 2022. Both Baby and Mother are doing well.

2. To Anthony and Evelyn Tan

On the gift of another baby boy. Baby Anson was born on 9 August 2022. Both Baby and Mother are doing well.



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 121:7-8

*⁷ The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
He shall preserve your soul.*

*⁸ The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in
From this time forth, and even forevermore.*

1. The LORD's Commitment to His people

- a) He will preserve them
- b) He will protect them

2. The LORD's Consistency

- a) He will keep His people diligently
- b) He will keep them forevermore

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 14 August 2022

Text: "When I am weak, then I am strong"

*Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs,
in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake.*

For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:10

1. A great response to adverse circumstances of life is needed
2. The Apostle Paul was a wonderful example
 - a) He refused to complain
 - b) He chose to speak of "pleasure" amidst problems faced
 - c) He found strength in weakness

NEXT SUNDAY: 21 August 2022

Text: "He increases strength"

He gives power to the weak,

And to those who have no might He increases strength.

Isaiah 40:29

POETRY CORNER

1

MY STRENGTH AND MY SHIELD

The demands at work make many weary;
Life can sometimes, prove to be quite dreary.
Expectations never seem to decrease;
In fact, they actually seem to increase!

Many are worn out mentally;
Others struggle emotionally.
Still others find themselves in despair;
It seems as if, nobody really cares!

The LORD can be our Strength and Shield;
But to Him, we must completely yield.
God will give us all the strength we need;
But we must do our part to humbly seek!

How wonderful to have Strength given;
And the Source is the LORD in heaven.
He is able to be our perfect Shield indeed;
He will protect and provide for our needs!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 28:6

POETRY CORNER

2

Happy National Day

The nation's mood is palpably happy and gay;
As our country celebrates her 57th birthday.
As fears of the Covid-19 virus slowly fade away;
Festivities resume and people come out to play.

But as political and economic challenges over the world hold sway;
Singapore too will not escape unscathed.
We need to ensure that safety nets for our people are in place;
Lest desperation to self-preserve causes ugly instincts to display.

Our freedom to choose regardless of religion or race;
We must strive to protect never to be taken away.
There is a place in our society for him who is rich or poor;
At least the rights to healthcare and education, we try to ensure.

May we pray earnestly for the government of our land;
That our leaders be godly, wise and prudent men.
May the Lord be gracious and merciful to us and our fellow countrymen;
To grant us progress, peace and hope under able hands.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: 1 Timothy 2:1-2

POETRY CORNER

3

Hope in the Lord

Are our souls disquieted, troubled and unsoothed
Suffering in despair and we know not the cause
Ask the Lord to send out His spiritual light and truth
Let them lead and show the way out of darkness

Hope in the Lord and ask Him to uplift us
With prayers and songs of worship in praise of Him impart
Sing, sing out aloud and feel the joy rising in us
Gradually seeping through to encourage the heart

When the Lord distances Himself one feels forsaken
Lost and wandering aimlessly searching for His guiding Hand
For a blessed communion with God our spiritual senses to awaken
Hope in the Lord for His touch to strengthen the inner man

Hope in the Lord for support to grow the fruit of His Spirit
In humility we may enquire of Him our dark providences
May believers triumph in the multitude of His expressed endearment
Hope in the Lord as we are led to His glorious presence

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 43:3-5; Ephesians 3:16

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Dr Tang Kong Choong

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 314 | We Gather Together

CP 450 | Nearer My God to Thee

MESSAGE

“Be strong in the Lord”

Text: Ephesians 6

Rev Dr Charles Tan

PRAYER

HYMN

HWC 293 | Rise Up, O Church of God

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 314 WE GATHER TOGETHER

THEODORE BAKER

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name: He forgets not His own.

2. Beside us to guide us, Our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His Kingdom Divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, All glory be Thine.

3. We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!



HYMNS

CP 450 NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE

SARAH F. ADAMS

1. Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
2. Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
3. Then with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
4. Or if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!



HYMNS

HWC 293 RISE UP O CHURCH OF GOD

WILLIAM P. MERRILL

1. Rise up, O Church of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
To serve the King of kings.

2. Rise up, O Church of God!
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

3. Rise up, O sons of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task,
Rise up, and make her great!

4. Lift high the Cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As foll'wers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O Church of God!



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