

# 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 at Youth Worship today! Let us focus our hearts and minds to our great God. May worship refresh our souls and renew our walk with the Lord!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

## "The eyes of all look expectantly to You"

The greatness and the majesty of God are challenging to grasp and fathom. But to David, God is not theoretical nor is He lofty and distant. The Lord is One who is personally involved in the lives of men.

**14** The LORD upholds all who fall,  
And raises up all who are bowed down.

**15** The eyes of all look expectantly to You,  
And You give them their food in due season.

**16** You open Your hand  
And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

PSALM 145:14-16



God relates to us in many different ways:

1. He upholds all who fall
  - a. Those who are weak
  - b. The Lord would sustain and strengthen
  
2. He raises up all who are bowed down
  - a. Those who are troubled and weighed down
  - b. The Lord would uplift and encourage



3. He gives food in due season
  - a. God provides even for our basic physical needs
  - b. He gives us food in His time
  
4. He satisfies the desires of every living thing
  - a. God only has to open His hand
  - b. He would give generously

### **LOOKING TO GOD**

In life, there will be times of need, be it emotional, spiritual or physical. When we feel down-and-out or discouraged, where do we look to for strength and comfort? Many of us are well-provided for, but who is the Source of all that we have? The Lord sees all our needs and provides for them most graciously. Yet, do our eyes see the Lord and His hand in our day-to-day?

Let us learn to relate to the Lord on a daily basis by looking expectantly to Him for all things in life. Let us not take the blessings of God for granted and learn to wait on Him and depend on Him!



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

6 AUGUST 2022

**Prelude**

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

**Call to Worship**

Pastor Charles Tan

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor Charles Tan

**Song Leading**

1. 10,000 Reasons

2. Ancient Words

Ong Yanning & Stanley Woo

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

**Scripture Reading:**

Genesis 38:1-11

Tessa Kang, Chloe Tang &

Bethany Toong

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Benjamin Chong

**Message:**

“Wicked in the sight of the LORD”

Text: Genesis 38:7

Pastor Charles Tan

**Closing Prayer**

Pastor Charles Tan

**Postlude**

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

# MY NOTES

6 AUGUST 2022

**“WICKED IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD”**

GENESIS 38:7

# WORSHIP SONGS

## 10,000 Reasons

By Matt Redman

### ***Chorus***

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass,  
And whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

### ***Chorus***

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

### ***Chorus***



And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come,  
still my soul will sing Your praise unending;  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name,  
Worship Your holy name,  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

(END)





# Ancient Words

By Michael W. Smith

Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart.  
Oh let the ancient words impart

Words of Life, words of Hope  
Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us Home.

## ***Chorus***

Ancient words, ever true,  
changing me and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts,  
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our Faith  
Handed down to this age.  
Came to us through sacrifice.  
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart  
Oh let the ancient words impart.

## ***Chorus***

(end)



# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 30 JULY 2022**

### **“LOOK, THIS DREAMER IS COMING”**

#### **GENESIS 37:19**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The flocks of Jacob
  - a. They were large
  - b. The sons of Jacob were sent out to look after the flocks
  - c. They were in Shechem Genesis 37:12
  
2. But Joseph was at home with Jacob
  - a. He was finally sent to check on his brothers
  - b. No reports had been sent back to Jacob
  - c. Shechem had been the place of massacre of the Hivites  
(Genesis 34)
  - d. Were the brothers well? Genesis 37:14

#### **SEARCHING FOR THE BROTHERS**

1. Joseph left Hebron to search for his brothers in Shechem  
(This was a distance of 140 km)!
  
2. They had left for Dothan  
(This was a distance of over 100 km)
  
3. Each journey would take days!

## SPOTTING JOSEPH FROM AFAR

1. The brothers saw Joseph from a distance Genesis 37:18
2. Some of the brothers were conspiring to kill him Genesis 37:18
3. They said, “Look, this dreamer is coming” Genesis 37:19
  - a. They were prepared to kill him  
“Let us now kill him and cast him into some pit” Genesis 37:20a
  - b. And report to their father that  
a wild beast had devoured him Genesis 37:20b
  - c. They mocked at his dreams  
“We shall see what will become of his dreams” Genesis 37:20c

## REUBEN’S PLEA

1. To kill a brother was unthinkable to him

**21** But Reuben heard *it*, and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, “Let us not kill him.” **22** And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit which *is* in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him”—that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father.

Genesis 37:21-22

2. He was the eldest among the siblings
  - a. He managed to stop the brothers from killing Joseph
  - b. Three pleas:
    - i. “Let us not kill him”
    - ii. “Shed no blood”
    - iii. “Do not lay a hand on him”

## **THE PLIGHT OF JOSEPH**

1. They stripped Joseph of his tunic of many colours
2. They cast him into a dry pit
3. The brothers then sat down for a meal

Genesis 37:24

## **THE PLEA OF JUDAH**

1. The brothers saw a company of Ishmaelites on their way to Egypt
2. He made his pitch to them:
  - a. "Let us sell him to the Ishmaelites"
  - b. "Let not our hand be upon him"
  - c. "He is our brother and our flesh"

Genesis 37:27a

Genesis 37:27b

Genesis 37:27c

## **SELLING JOSEPH TO THE ISHMAELITES/ MIDIANITES**

1. The brothers sold Joseph for just 20 shekels of silver
2. He was taken to Egypt (to be sold as a slave)

Genesis 37:28

## **REUBEN'S RETURN TO THE BROTHERS**

1. He had hoped to rescue Joseph
2. But he found him gone; sold to the Midianites
3. He was in distress

"The lad is no more; and I, where shall I go?"

Genesis 37:30

## DECEIVING JACOB

1. They took the clothes of Joseph
2. They killed a kid of the goats and smeared the tunic with the goat's blood
3. They made the journey back to their father Jacob  
"We have found this. Do you know whether this is your son's tunic or not?"

Genesis 37:32

### 4. Jacob's response

**33** And he recognised it and said, "*It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces.*" **34** Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days. **35** And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, "For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning." Thus his father wept for him.

Genesis 37:33-35

- a. "It is my son's tunic"
- b. "A wild beast has devoured him"
- c. "Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces"

Genesis 37:33



## THE DEPTH OF SORROW OF JACOB

1. Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days
  - a. Tearing of his clothes
  - b. Putting on sackcloth
  - c. Mourning for many days
  
2. Refusing to be comforted
  - a. All his sons
  - b. All his daughters (“daughters-in-law”)
  - c. “For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning.”
  - d. Thus his father wept for him

Genesis 37:35

## CONCLUSION

1. Tragedy had struck Jacob’s family
  
2. The behaviour of the brothers
  - a. Deplorable
  - b. Deceptive
  - c. Devastating
  
3. The grief of Jacob
  - a. Heart-wrenching
  - b. Hopelessness descended on him

# REFLECTION

WRITTEN BY

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## **The narrative of Joseph and the problem of sin**

We read in Genesis 37 about the strong hatred and resentment that Joseph's brothers bore towards him because of the greater love and preferential treatment he received from their father, Jacob. Because of the persistent sin problems in their lives, their hatred for Joseph escalated into evil physical action to conspire against him. Initially, the brothers planned to kill Joseph, but the plan was later averted by Reuben who attempted to use human deliverance to save Joseph's life. However, human deliverance was not sufficient and Joseph was eventually sold to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver upon Judah's suggestion. The brothers then stained Joseph's tunic with the blood of a kid goat and deceived Jacob that Joseph had been killed by a wild beast. This news resulted in Jacob experiencing a complete meltdown, and the family was threatened to disintegrate.



### **The danger of sin in our lives**

This story illustrates to us the deadly effects of sin. While Joseph's brothers demonstrated the deadening, devious and deceptive nature of sin in the past, the same effects of sin remain relevant to us today. Unfortunately, sin plagues us on many levels - from our hearts to our minds and even to the way in which we live our lives. If left undealt with, sin could begin to overwhelm us to a point of no return, and extend its effects beyond us as individuals. Having the power to pervade our lives and destroy relationships around us, sin is something we should not undermine or take lightly.

### **Our challenge and response**

Having understood the gravity of sin, it is of utmost importance that we deal with it immediately. Yet, the problem of sin cannot be tackled solely by us due to our human limitations. Only God alone has the power to cleanse and deliver us out of the darkness of sin. Let us be challenged to be honest with ourselves to identify the sin problems that plague our daily lives, and seek cleansing through receiving salvation from the Lord. Upon initial cleansing, it is also important that we seek daily cleansing moving forward as we earnestly confess our sins to Him and pray for Him to help us change for the better.



## AND THE LORD BLESSED HIM

Isaac would discover how greatly God would bless;  
Power from God would accompany His promises.  
God's blessings would be unmatched totally;  
Isaac began to discover the power of God fully.

One of the blessings was through giving prosperity;  
Many people could see God's blessings literally.  
The chances of Isaac to succeed was quite uncertain;  
But behind the promises was the power of God in heaven.

The blessings of God were becoming most obvious;  
The Philistines were becoming truly envious.  
Gerar was their homeland but they had not succeeded;  
But when Isaac came to live there, he truly prospered.

There was no mistaking the mighty power of God;  
The prosperity that Isaac enjoyed was from the LORD.  
The Philistines soon became very vexed against Isaac;  
Letting him dwell in the land was what they now regret.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 26:12-14



# ANNOUNCEMENT



## YW NEWSLETTER (6 AUG 2022)

While we recognise the need to address our sin problems, many of us find it extremely challenging to break away from our sinful habits. We do not need to lose heart. In fact, let us be deeply encouraged by the promise of God's help to overcome sin.

In this week's YW Newsletter, Edward Koh shares his faith in God to strengthen him in his daily battle with sin.

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# NEXT YWS



**13 AUGUST 2022**

Message: "She has been more righteous than I"

Text: Genesis 38:26

The story of the sons of Jacob continues to paint a melancholic picture of the damaging and devastating effects of sin. Judah had lost two sons because God struck them for their wickedness. Unfortunately, this tragedy did not cause Judah to turn to the Lord. He continued to walk according to what was right in his own eyes.

At Youth Worship next week, we will look at the plight that Judah had left himself in because of his sin.





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