

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 18 September 2022 ... Ordination Service

MEDITATION

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Text: Hebrews 11

“BY FAITH”

THE PRINCIPLE OF FAITH

Faith is a principle that must be carefully understood and applied in the kingdom of God. This is clearly and emphatically taught in Hebrews 11.

1. A list of people who lived “By Faith” is presented

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- a) Abel's faith is seen in the offering he presented to God
- b) Enoch's faith is evidenced in the way he maintained his walk with God
- c) Noah's faith was seen in how he moved with godly fear
- d) Abraham expressed his faith in God by leaving Haran for a land he had not seen

2. The list above:

- a) It is not exhaustive
- b) It is only a sample of the many whose lives were marked by their Faith in the LORD

THE PRACTICE OF FAITH

The challenge is to actually live out our Faith in the LORD. Let us consider the Faith of Abel.

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. Hebrews 11:4

- 1. Cain and Abel were brothers
- 2. Both made offerings to God
 - a) Cain's offering was rejected
 - b) But Abel's offering was accepted
 - c) Why was Abel's offering accepted?

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MEDITATION

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3. What were some of the reasons why God accepted his offering?
- a) His offering stemmed from his Faith in God
 - b) His Faith resulted in his righteousness
 - c) God noted his "gifts" and saw his faith and life
 - d) Thus, Abel's offering was accepted!

OUR CHALLENGE

Let us be challenged to examine our Faith in the Lord! Let us not take this Faith for granted!

- 1. Is our Faith seen in the way we present our offerings to God?
- 2. Is our Faith reflected in our life?
- 3. Is God pleased with our faith, our righteousness and our gifts?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ at Bethany today. May your heart be encouraged to cultivate an even stronger faith!



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

a) Tuesday, 20 September 2022 | 9.30am- 11.30am

b) Thursday, 22 September 2022 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 24 September 2022

Catechism Class | 1.00pm

YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm

Youth Worship | 3.15 pm

3. Sunday, 25 September 2022

Sunday School | 8.30am

Morning Worship Service | 10.00am

Chinese Worship Service | 10.00am

Children's Worship Service | 10.00am

Crèche | 10.00am



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 123:1 - 2

¹ Unto You I lift up my eyes,
O You who dwell in the heavens.

² Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* to the hand of their masters,
As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes *look* to the LORD our God,
Until He has mercy on us.

1. Lifting up of eyes to the LORD in heaven
 - a) These are spiritual eyes
 - b) They are eyes of faith
2. They are also eyes of faithful servants of God
 - a) Seeking to know the tasks to be done
 - b) Seeking the mercy of the LORD

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 18 September 2022

Text: “Without faith it is impossible to please Him”

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6

1. An important truth to take note of
 - a) We need to find faith and exercise it
 - b) It is impossible to please God if faith is absent
2. Basic faith
 - a) To believe that God is who He says He is as declared in the Scriptures
 - b) To believe that He will reward those who diligently seek Him

NEXT SUNDAY: 25 September 2022

Text: “By faith Abraham obeyed”

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance.

And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Hebrews 11:8

POETRY CORNER

1

BY FAITH

Living by Faith is a principle in God's Kingdom;
We cannot even enter into it at random.
We must believe in God and the Lord Jesus;
Then would we receive imputed righteousness.

Faith begins with a basic understanding of God;
We must believe that He is indeed the LORD.
True faith will see us seek Him diligently;
The LORD would reward accordingly.

Thank God that it is possible to have faith in Him;
And by His grace and mercy, we are cleansed within.
Our challenge is to cultivate our faith in the LORD;
It is natural that we will desire to walk with God.

Living by Faith may not be easy at all;
But by Faith, we can respond to His Call.
We can follow the Lord as the Disciples of old;
Our heart of Faith can become strong and bold!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Hebrews 11:1-6

POETRY CORNER

2

A WORKING FAITH

Faith is the lifeblood of every believer,
To cultivate a working faith we must endeavour.
Theoretical faith is limited when faced with fears, weariness or strife,
A real and working faith is needed to overcome these storms of life.

A working faith is marked by the path we choose to walk,
Whether we choose the narrow path less taken, avoiding empty talk.
A working faith is evidenced in the fruit that we eventually bear,
Whether in cultivating our garden of faith, every effort is made to tarry there.

A working faith is one that constantly seeks and embraces correction,
Where biblical truths are sought out, and humbly put into action.

A working faith will cause one to pursue God's will,
Forsaking selfish worldly ideas, God's plans instead to fulfil.

To have a working faith is something we must all strive toward,
A faith built on solid rock, a faith that stands strong as a bulwark.
"These sayings of Mine" are not written for us to merely comprehend,
They must form the core of our working faith, strong till the very end!

Stanley Woo
Inspiration: Matthew 7:13-29

POETRY CORNER

3

Cultivating Faith

Challenges in life are ubiquitous;
Our natural instinct is to become anxious.
When doubtful are the prospects for our future;
These uncertainties make us fearful beyond measure.

Desperation dictates we seek help from others;
We wish for God to become our refuge and shelter.
Yet, as our knowledge and understanding of God is meagre;
We struggle to make sense of how faith in God can feature.

Now faith is cultivated by following Christ's teachings;
By examining our own lives and the choices we are making.
We need to make amends for the wrongs we are doing;
And persevere to know God's word and do His bidding.

Let us build and grow a faith strong and genuine;
As evidenced by bearing fruits of the Spirit from within.
It would be futile to pay lip service, but live life lawlessly;
Only for the Lord to say, "I never knew you, depart from Me"!

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Matthew 7:13-26

POETRY CORNER

4

The road less travelled

Two roads we can take in our lives
We are given the freedom to decide
Is it the road that few choose due to many challenges
Or the more popular one with self-indulgences

Exercise care and wisdom in our selection
Jesus advises to pick the road with the narrow gate
Only a few find it leading to a glorious destination
Many though face destruction choosing the broad gate

Let us check and see if we are on the straight and narrow road
The Lord demands that we put His Words into practice
Succumb not to temptations nor move into an immoral mode
Heed the call of our Lord and follow Him with great diligence

Like the wise man who built his house on a rock
Can we do the same with our faith in the Lord
To be able to withstand stress tests absorbing the hard knocks
Staying steadfast and calm as we learn to grow our trust in God

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Matthew 7:13-29

POETRY CORNER

#5



被乌云遮盖的月亮

为何任由乌云遮盖观赏月亮的视线？
我们是否太快放去力量，恒心渐减？
心要坚定不移，怀抱希望寻找信念。
才可领略上帝的光芒多么灿烂无限！

以赛亚书 60: 19

The Clouded Moon

**Why do we let dark clouds blur our vision of the moon?
Letting go of our resilience and losing energy, all too soon?
Be still, find faith, cast away doubt and dark becomes bright.
For the brilliance we must see is God's everlasting light!**

Inspiration: Isaiah 60:19

Poems by Tan Kok Yang

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev Moses Kwek

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 59 | To God be the Glory

ORDINATION OF JONATHAN JACOB

1. Charge to the Ordinand | 2 Timothy 4:1-5
2. Laying on of hands | *All ordained Pastors*
3. Special Item: "Finish Well" | *Crossroads*

MESSAGE

"Such great faith"

Text: Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10

Rev Dr Charles Tan

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 316 | Have Faith in God

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 59 TO GOD BE THE GLORY

FANNY J. CROSBY

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done !
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 316 HAVE FAITH IN GOD

B.B. MCKINNEY

1. Have faith in God when your pathway is lonely,
He sees and knows all the way you have trod;
Never alone are the least of His children;
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

Refrain

Have faith in God, He's on His throne;
Have faith in God, He watches o'er His own;
He cannot fail, He must prevail;
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

2. Have faith in God when your pray'rs are unanswered,
Your earnest plea He will never forget;
Wait on the Lord, trust His Word and be patient,
Have faith in God, He'll answer yet.

Refrain

3. Have faith in God in your pain and your sorrow,
His heart is touched with your grief and despair;
Cast all your cares and your burdens upon Him,
And leave them there, oh, leave them there.

Refrain

4. Have faith in God though all else fail about you;
Have faith in God, He provides for His own;
He cannot fail though all kingdoms shall perish,
He rules, He reigns upon His throne.

Refrain



SPECIAL SONG ITEM

FINISH WELL

WORDS BY KAREN PECK GOOCH, KENNA TURNER WEST
& MICHAEL FARREN | ARRANGED BY MARY McDONALD
PERFORMED BY THE CROSSROADS

There will come a day, I know without a doubt,
Around the throne the saints will bow
And lay down every crown.
How glorious that moment to see Him face to face;
To hear Him say, "Well done, my child. You've finished your race."

But for now, the sun's still rising; there's work to still be done,
While we're waiting for the promise of what is yet to come.

Finish well, ev'ry day that we are given.
Finish well, for the glory of His Name.
Finish strong, until the Saviour finally calls us home.
Give it everything we have; finish well.

There's no truth in saying, "We've seen our better days."
These are the days to be courageous, bold and full of faith.
So, wherever He may lead us, whatever it may cost,
Let the church arise and lift the banner of the cross!

Finish well, ev'ry day that we are given.
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Finish strong, until the Saviour finally calls us home.
Give it everything we have!

All to Thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all!

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