

# 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 thank you for choosing to worship with us today. May the experience of worship to our Great and Awesome God refresh and renew our souls!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

## "MY MOUTH SHALL SPEAK OF THE PRAISE OF THE LORD"

Having meditated on the glorious splendour of God and His wondrous works (Psalm 145:5), the Psalmist David was determined to render great praise to the Lord. He beautifully concludes his psalm with a personal commitment to extol the Lord's holy name!

**20** The LORD preserves all who love Him,  
But all the wicked He will destroy.

**21** My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD,  
And all flesh shall bless His holy name  
Forever and ever.

PSALM 145:20-21

### 1. Personal reasons of praise


- a. God provides for all (Psalm 145:14-15)
- b. God is present with us (Psalm 145:18a)
- c. God hears our prayers (Psalm 145:18b)
- d. God delivers us (Psalm 145:19)
- e. God preserves all who love Him (Psalm 145:20)

The many reasons to praise God cannot be numbered!

### 2. Personal commitment

- a. To speak the praise of God
- b. To inspire all flesh to praise His name





Many are the stirring stories of God's Provision, Protection and Presence recorded in the Scriptures. What the Lord has done in the midst of Bethany is no less glorious and awe-inspiring! What fills your heart as we celebrate Bethany's 40+9 Anniversary?

The reality of God's Provision is indisputable when we can worship in a place called our own. Graciously, God has answered our prayers for the next generation of pastors to rise up and shepherd His flock. During the pandemic, we were specially preserved by God as a Church and were faithfully fed with the Lord's Word virtually. Our reasons for thanksgiving are indeed countless!

Let us renew our commitment as a Church to extol the name of God! Let us come with prepared hearts that we may joyously proclaim "Praise is awaiting you, O God!"



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

20 AUGUST 2022

### Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

### Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Song Leading

1. My Heart is filled with Thankfulness
2. Come People of the Risen King

Vanessa Quek & Goh Yuanli

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

### Scripture Reading:

Genesis 39:1-6

Bethany Toong & Laura Chan

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Moses Kwek

### Message:

"The LORD was with Joseph" I

Text: Genesis 39:2

Pastor Charles Tan

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

# MY NOTES

20 AUGUST 2022

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GENESIS 39:2

# WORSHIP SONGS

## My Heart is filled with Thankfulness

By Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

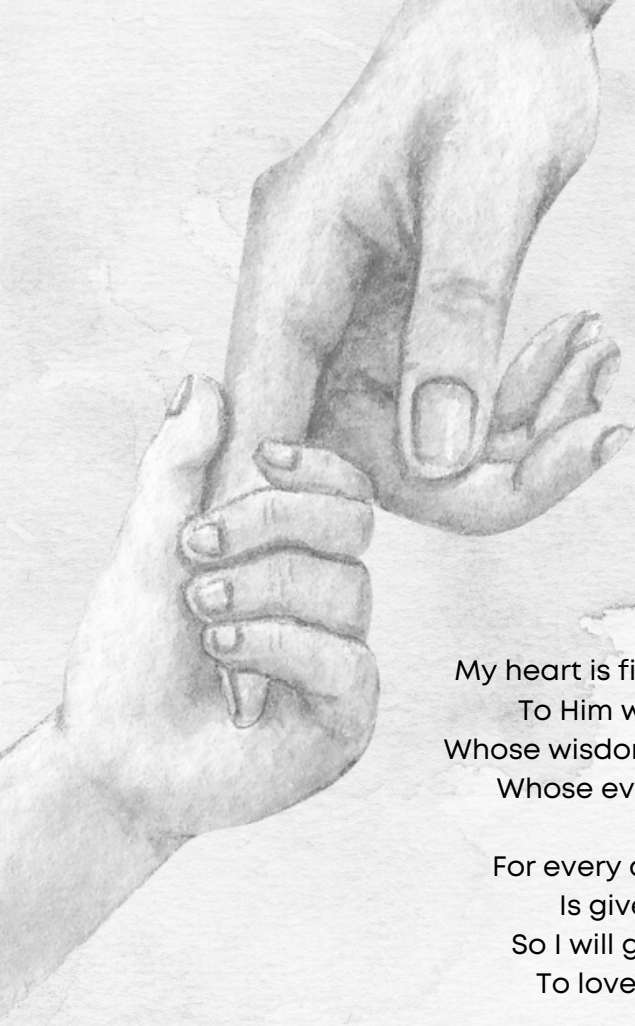
My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again.

Who crushed my curse of sinfulness,  
And clothed me with His light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
With pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly.

Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace.





My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
Whose every thought is love.

For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all,  
To love and follow Him.

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# Come People of the Risen King

By Stuart Townend


Come, people of the Risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.

Rejoice, Rejoice!  
Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice;  
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.

For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.







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One heart, one voice;  
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from every land,  
Men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands,  
Find the riches of His grace.

Over all the world, His people sing,  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through every age:  
“Our God is all in all”!

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# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 13 AUGUST 2022**

**“SHE HAS BEEN MORE RIGHTEOUS THAN I”**

**GENESIS 38:26**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Judah had left his family
  2. He went to live and work with his friend Hirah the Adullamite
  3. Along the way, Judah married a daughter of a man call Shua
  4. He had 3 sons from this marriage
    - a. Er
    - b. Onan
    - c. Shelah
- Genesis 38:3-5

5. Er married Tamar  
But died without having any children

6. Onan married Tamar  
(Levirate marriage)  
Onan was killed by the Lord because of his wickedness

### **JUDAH'S WORD TO TAMAR**

1. She was to remain a widow
  2. She would marry Shelah when he grew up
  3. But he did not keep his promise
- Genesis 38:11, 14

## JUDAH AT TIMNAH FOR SHEEP-SHEARING

1. Judah's wife had died
2. He went with Hirah for sheep-shearing
3. Tamar disguised herself as a harlot
  - a. She put aside her widow's clothing
  - b. She put on "normal" clothes, complete with a veil
4. Judah engaged her services
  - a. He promised her a young goat
  - b. He gave her a pledge too
    - i. A signet (a kind of cylinder) and a cord
    - ii. His staff
  - c. Tamar became pregnant

Genesis 38:18a

Genesis 38:18b

## NEWS OF TAMAR'S PREGNANCY

1. Three months later, news of Tamar's pregnancy reached Judah
2. He was angry and determined that she should be burned to death

Genesis 38:24

## TAMAR'S DEFENCE

1. She confessed
2. But she offered proof of the person who made her pregnant
  - a. She produced the signet and cord
  - b. Also, the staff of Judah

Genesis 38:25

## **JUDAH'S CONFESSION**

1. He acknowledged his wrongdoing
2. He was guilty on 2 counts
  - a. His visit to "a harlot"
  - b. His failure to give Shelah to Tamar as promised Genesis 38:26
3. Tamar was not deserving of death
4. Judah's declaration  
"She has been more righteous than I"

## **THE BIRTH OF TWINS**

1. Tamar gave birth to twins
  - a. Zerah
  - b. Perez
2. Tamar would have to bring these two sons up as a single mother
  - a. She lived with her father
  - b. Some support from her own family

## **A QUICK REVIEW OF THE LIFE OF JUDAH**

1. A new and better life?
  - a. Judah left his family
  - b. Perhaps he thought he would be better off
2. A new beginning
  - a. Marriage to a Canaanite woman
  - b. Three sons came from the marriage

### 3. Tragedy struck

- a. Two sons had died
- b. One son left

### 4. Further tragedy

- a. His relationship with Tamar
- b. The birth of twins
- c. But no relationship with Tamar anymore

## **LESSONS TO LEARN**

### 1. The problem of Sin

- a. It damages greatly
- b. It has devastating results

### 2. The solution to the problem of Sin

God is the only One who can help us resolve this problem

## **CONCLUSION**

### 1. Judah finally returned to his family

### 2. The family would have to struggle with many problems

- a. Inherent problems
- b. Future problems

# REFLECTION

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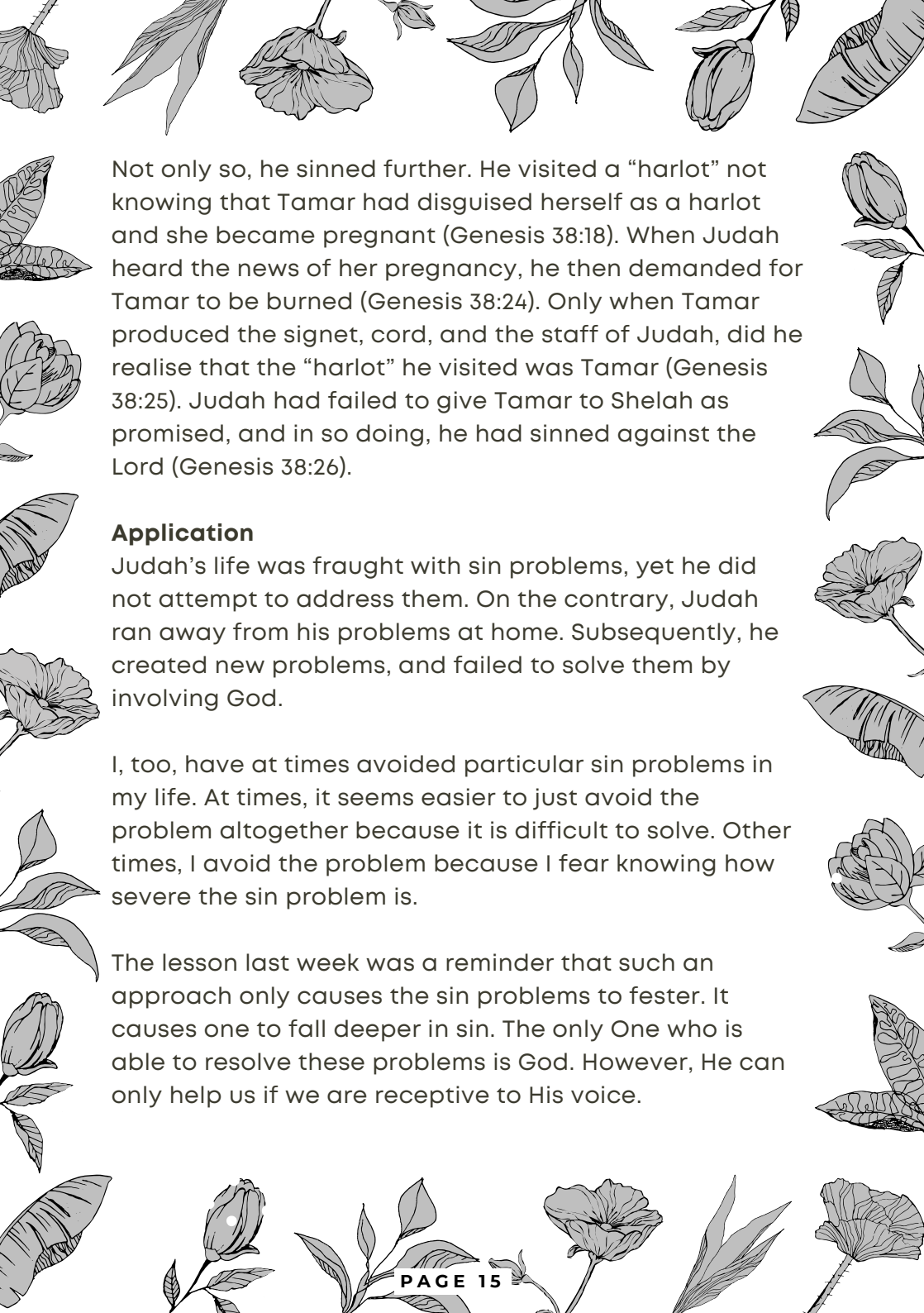
*Lorraine Lai*

We have had to do some form of “corrections” in school- whether it be for spelling tests, in-class worksheets or even exams. When I was younger, I wondered why we had to do corrections since they would not change the grade we would get. Addressing the errors on my worksheet always felt like a chore, and it would feel even more burdensome when my corrections were wrong and I had to do re-corrections!

Later on, I realised that correcting our mistakes are necessary to ensure that we do not make the same mistake again. The need to correct our errors is a simple concept. However, it’s hard to apply it to life “errors”.

## **Judah’s Sins**

Judah’s failure to correct the sin problems in his life is testament to that. Judah had an “out of sight, out of mind” approach to his problems. Judah’s sons were evil, yet as a father, he did not address this issue. Instead, he ran far away from the problem by going to Hirah for sheep-shearing.

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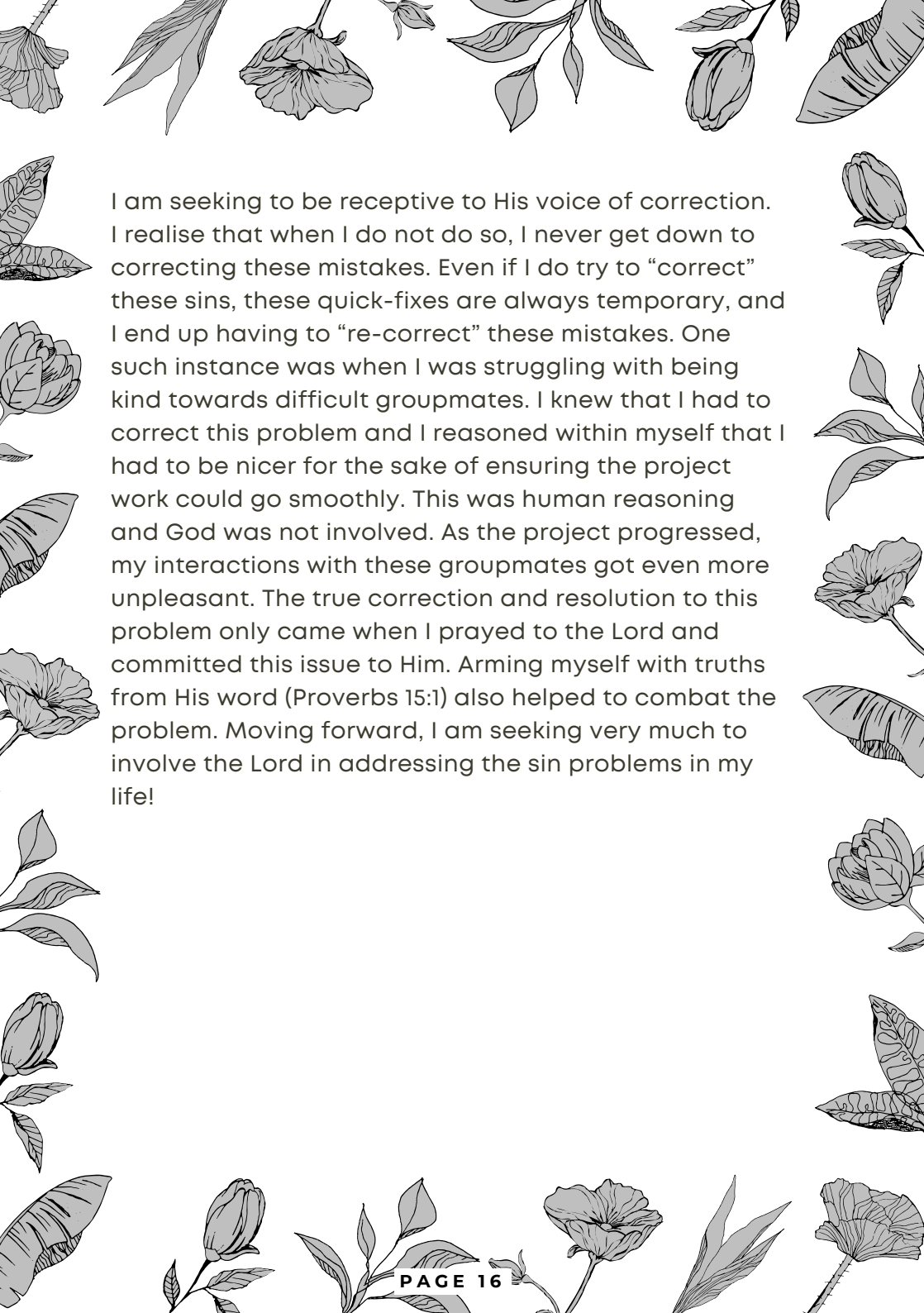
Not only so, he sinned further. He visited a “harlot” not knowing that Tamar had disguised herself as a harlot and she became pregnant (Genesis 38:18). When Judah heard the news of her pregnancy, he then demanded for Tamar to be burned (Genesis 38:24). Only when Tamar produced the signet, cord, and the staff of Judah, did he realise that the “harlot” he visited was Tamar (Genesis 38:25). Judah had failed to give Tamar to Shelah as promised, and in so doing, he had sinned against the Lord (Genesis 38:26).

### **Application**

Judah’s life was fraught with sin problems, yet he did not attempt to address them. On the contrary, Judah ran away from his problems at home. Subsequently, he created new problems, and failed to solve them by involving God.

I, too, have at times avoided particular sin problems in my life. At times, it seems easier to just avoid the problem altogether because it is difficult to solve. Other times, I avoid the problem because I fear knowing how severe the sin problem is.

The lesson last week was a reminder that such an approach only causes the sin problems to fester. It causes one to fall deeper in sin. The only One who is able to resolve these problems is God. However, He can only help us if we are receptive to His voice.

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I am seeking to be receptive to His voice of correction. I realise that when I do not do so, I never get down to correcting these mistakes. Even if I do try to “correct” these sins, these quick-fixes are always temporary, and I end up having to “re-correct” these mistakes. One such instance was when I was struggling with being kind towards difficult groupmates. I knew that I had to correct this problem and I reasoned within myself that I had to be nicer for the sake of ensuring the project work could go smoothly. This was human reasoning and God was not involved. As the project progressed, my interactions with these groupmates got even more unpleasant. The true correction and resolution to this problem only came when I prayed to the Lord and committed this issue to Him. Arming myself with truths from His word (Proverbs 15:1) also helped to combat the problem. Moving forward, I am seeking very much to involve the Lord in addressing the sin problems in my life!





## DO NOT FEAR

God allowed Isaac to face difficulties;  
He faced them with courage and humility.  
He did not rant and rave though bullied;  
He chose to trust God and his faith rallied.

God then appeared to Isaac for encouragement;  
Isaac need never yield to feelings of disappointment.  
The LORD urged him never to give in to fear;  
God will always be there for him and be near!


God will protect him for Abraham's sake;  
Isaac must rely on the LORD and move ahead.  
There may be problems but God will prevail;  
There is no need to fear that His word may fail!

Isaac responded to this word from God gratefully;  
He built an altar and called on His name immediately.  
His faith in the Lord was strengthened a little more;  
This trust in God must ever be his heart's core!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Genesis 26:24-25



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## BETHANY'S 40+9 ANNIVERSARY

Thank God for His bountiful blessings bestowed upon our beloved Bethany! We will be celebrating our Church's anniversary with a Special Worship Service at Shangri-La Hotel on 21 August 2022, 10:30am.

This Anniversary, we will also be witnessing the Ordination of Pastor Jonathan Jacob and Pastor Steve Karong (India). Thank God for raising up servants who would dedicate their lives for His work!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## YW NEWSLETTER (20 AUG 2022)

As we prepare to celebrate Bethany's 40+9 Anniversary, how do we appreciate and respond to the works of God in our midst? Having witnessed God's provision in Church, Laura Chan speaks of desiring to deepen her trust in the faithfulness of God in her personal life. May we bestir ourselves to respond to the Lord meaningfully!

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# NEXT YWS



**27 AUGUST 2022**

Message: "The LORD was with Joseph" II

Text: Genesis 39:21

The Lord promises His Presence to be with us. While this truth is irrefutable, it does not remove the tests and temptations that try us in life. Joseph was successful in Potiphar's employ because the Lord was with him. However, he was soon framed by Potiphar's wife whose advances were persistently rejected by Joseph. Eventually, he was wrongfully imprisoned. Amidst the hardship and injustice, the Lord was still with Joseph! May we seek to hold fast to this truth in face of trials in life!



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