

# 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!

Thank God for being with us through the week. What joy fills our heart to be back in the Lord's house to worship Him! May our spirit be uplifted as we worship God and receive His word!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

## The Lord knows the way of the righteous

The Psalmist painted a beautiful imagery of the righteous who is blessed by God (Psalm 1:3). He shall be like a fresh and flourishing tree! To better appreciate the special blessings bestowed upon the righteous, the Psalmist depicted a contrasting imagery of the ungodly, from whom the blessings of God are withdrawn.

**4** “The ungodly *are* not so,

But *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away.

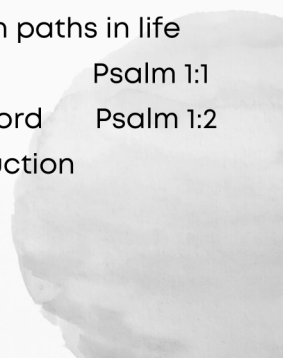
**5** Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,  
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

**6** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.”

PSALM 1:4-6


1. The ungodly is likened to the chaff
  - a. The winnowing process separates the worthless chaff from the grain
  - b. The mixture is tossed upwards
    - i. The heavy grain falls to the ground
    - ii. The featherlight chaff is blown away by the wind



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- 2. God discerns between the righteous and the ungodly
    - a. The Lord is the Ultimate Judge
    - b. He draws a clear line between the righteous and the ungodly
    - c. They can be distinguished by their chosen paths in life
      - i. The ungodly is sinful and scornful Psalm 1:1
      - ii. The righteous delights in God and His word Psalm 1:2
    - d. The way of the ungodly will lead to destruction
  - 3. Our challenge
    - a. Cherish God and His blessings
    - b. Choose the righteous path



## **A CLEAR AND CONSIDERED CHOICE**




Everyone hopes to enjoy in the blessings of God. Some may even employ unlawful means to attain prosperity. Many fail to recognise that blessings come from none other than the Lord Himself and He bestows them upon those who have chosen to walk in His righteous ways.

To the Psalmist, there are two distinct paths in life

- 1. The righteous way that leads us to prosper
- 2. The ungodly way that leads us to perish

The Psalmist had chosen to reject the world's sinful ways and devote himself to cultivating his relationship with God and meditating on His Word (Psalm 1:2).



What have you chosen? Let us not be found sitting on the fence. Instead, let us make the clear and considered choice to walk on the path of blessing from God. Let us choose to love the Lord and humbly receive the encouragement of the Psalmist to dedicate time for God's word!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

10 SEPTEMBER 2022

### Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

### Call to Worship

Pastor Benjamin Chong

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

### Song Leading

1. Consider Christ

Olivia Lai and Joel Tan

2. Blessings

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

### Scripture Reading:

Genesis 41:1-36

Chloe Tang, Ong Yanning,  
Laura Chan & Bethany Toong

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

### Message:

"Pharaoh had a dream"

Text: Genesis 41:1

Pastor Benjamin Chong

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

### Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan



# MY NOTES

10 SEPTEMBER 2022

**“PHARAOH HAD A DREAM”**

GENESIS 41:1

# WORSHIP SONGS



## CONSIDER CHRIST

By Emu Music

Consider Christ, the source of our salvation,  
That He should take the penalty for me.  
Though He was pure,  
A Lamb without a blemish,  
He took my sins and nailed them to the tree.

My Lord and God, You are so rich in mercy.  
Mere words alone are not sufficient thanks.  
So take my life,  
Transform, renew and change me,  
That I might be a living sacrifice.

Consider Christ,  
That He should trust His Father  
In the garden of Gethsemane.  
Though full of dread  
And fearful of the anguish,  
He drank the cup that was reserved for me.

My Lord and God, You are so rich in mercy.  
Mere words alone are not sufficient thanks.  
So take my life,  
Transform, renew and change me,  
That I might be a living sacrifice.



Consider Christ, for death He has defeated  
And He arose, appeared for all to see.

And now He sits  
At God's right hand in Heaven,  
Where He prepares a resting place for me.

My Lord and God, You are so rich in mercy.  
Mere words alone are not sufficient thanks.

So take my life,  
Transform, renew and change me,  
That I might be a living sacrifice.  
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# Blessings

By Laura Story

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace,  
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep.  
We pray for healing, for prosperity.  
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering.

And all the while  
You hear each spoken need,  
Yet love is way too much  
To give us lesser things.

'Cause what if Your blessings  
Come through raindrops?  
What if Your healing comes through tears?  
What if a thousand sleepless nights  
Are what it takes to know You're near?  
And what if trials of this life  
Are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear.  
And we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.  
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love,  
As if ev'ry promise from Your word is not enough.

And all the while  
You hear each desp'rate plea,  
And long that we'd have faith to believe.

'Cause what if Your blessings  
Come through raindrops?  
What if Your healing comes through tears?  
What if a thousand sleepless nights  
Are what it takes to know You're near?  
And what if trials of this life  
Are Your mercies in disguise?

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# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 3 SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **"DO NOT INTERPRETATIONS BELONG TO GOD?"**

#### **GENESIS 40:8**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Joseph was sent to prison on a trumped-up charge
2. But God was with him, even in prison
3. He served as the assistant of the prison warden

#### **TWO SPECIAL PRISONERS**

1. The chief butler
2. The chief baker

Both had been sent to prison because  
they had offended the Pharaoh

Genesis 40:3

#### **THE DREAMS OF THE PRISONERS**

1. Joseph noted the sad looks of the prisoners      Genesis 40:6
2. He asked why they looked so sad      Genesis 40:7
3. They each had a dream but did not know  
how to interpret them      Genesis 40:8a



## JOSEPH OFFERED HIS HELP

1. Joseph had some understanding of dreams      Genesis 37
2. He had two special personal dreams previously
  - a. A dream of sheaves bowing to his sheaf
  - b. A dream of stars, and the sun and moon bowing to him
3. His statement to the prisoners  
    "Do not interpretations belong to God?"      Genesis 40:8b
4. He encouraged the prisoners to share their dreams

## THE DREAM OF THE CHIEF BUTLER

1. A dream of a vine
  - a. A vine with three branches
  - b. They brought forth grapes
  - c. The grapes were made into wine
  - d. The butler served the Pharaoh the wine      Genesis 40:9-11
2. The interpretation of the dream by Joseph
  - a. The three branches are three days
  - b. The butler would be restored to his former position      Genesis 40:12-13
3. A request of Joseph
  - a. He asked the butler to put in a good word to the Pharaoh
  - b. He briefly shared his problem of being a prisoner      Genesis 40:14-15

## **THE DREAM OF THE CHIEF BAKER**

1. He had a dream of three baskets on his head
2. The uppermost basket had all kinds of baked goods for the Pharaoh
3. The birds ate the baked goods Genesis 40:16-17

## **THE INTERPRETATION OF THE DREAM BY JOSEPH**

1. This dream was not a good one
2. Within three days, the chief baker would be executed Genesis 40:18-19

## **THE FULFILMENT OF THE INTERPRETATION OF THE DREAMS**

1. On the Pharaoh's birthday  
This coincided with the 3rd day of the dreams shared
2. Things happened exactly as Joseph had said
  - a. The chief butler was restored Genesis 40:21
  - b. The chief baker was hanged Genesis 40:22
3. Did the chief butler remember Joseph's request?  
No! He forgot all about Joseph
4. Was the LORD with Joseph even though he was forgotten by the chief butler?  
Yes!



## A HISTORICAL PSALM

**16** Moreover He called for a famine in the land;  
He destroyed all the provision of bread.

**17** He sent a man before them—  
Joseph—*who* was sold as a slave.

**18** They hurt his feet with fetters,  
He was laid in irons.

**19** Until the time that his word came to pass,  
The word of the LORD tested him.

**20** The king sent and released him,  
The ruler of the people let him go free.

**21** He made him lord of his house,  
And ruler of all his possessions,

**22** To bind his princes at his pleasure,  
And teach his elders wisdom.

Psalm 105:16-22

## LESSONS FROM THIS PSALM

1. Joseph was initially badly treated in prison
  - a. He was fettered
  - b. He was laid in irons
2. The LORD was with him  
He became the assistant to the prison warden



3. His prison stay was a time of testing

4. Until the word of the LORD came to pass

## **CONCLUSION**

1. The truth-principle must be trusted

“The LORD was with him”

Genesis 39:2, 21

2. Man may forget, but God will not

3. The LORD's plan will come to pass

# REFLECTION

*Written by*  
**LORRAINE LAI**

**“I am with you”**

If one were to ask you for a verse to dwell on during the exam season, I'm sure many of us would point to Isaiah 41:10.

It reads:

“

Fear not, for I am with you;  
Be not dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you,  
Yes, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with  
My righteous right hand.


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ISAIAH 41:10

We hold the promise of God's presence close to our hearts when we go through tough times. (for example: during exams). We use it to fight fears that threaten to overwhelm us. We cling on to it as a source of comfort when we feel alone.

Though it is good to appreciate God's presence with us in the trying seasons of our lives, it is not the only way in which we can appreciate His presence with us.



We can appreciate how He is with us, in every aspect of our lives. Some of these aspects include the way God would move us to serve, care for one another and share our faith.

### **Joseph's life:**

These aspects were seen in Joseph's life. God was with Joseph as he sought to serve in prison, care for the prisoners and share his faith with them.

Though Joseph was initially badly treated in prison, the Lord was with him. Trust and responsibility were given to Joseph. He eventually served in prison by becoming assistant to the prison warden.

The manner in which Joseph served was also of significance. He cared for the prisoners. This was demonstrated when he saw that the prisoners looked down (Genesis 40:6). Joseph asked after them (Genesis 40:7). He encouraged the prisoners to share about the dreams which troubled them (Genesis 40:8).

Joseph did not stop at caring for them. He shared his faith with the prisoners (Genesis 40:8b). He pointed them to the Lord when he interpreted their dreams.

Joseph served in prison, he cared for the prisoners and even went on to share his faith with them. Who guided Joseph to do all these things? It was the Lord! He was with Joseph throughout his life, even when he was in prison (Genesis 39:2, 21)



### **A promise we can appreciate in every season of life:**

As the Lord was with Joseph, He is with us too. I'm beginning to appreciate the promise of God being with me in a new way.

When I was younger, the assurance that He would be with me was appreciated in the context of exams and trying seasons. However, I'm beginning to appreciate the reality of this truth-principle in other areas of my life.

When God is with us, acts of service, care and the sharing of our faith would flow from our life naturally.

I am praying that the Lord will continue to be with me, and guide me, as I seek to walk with Him- whether it be in service, caring for others and sharing my faith with friends who have yet to come to believe in the Lord!



## I HEARD YOUR FATHER SPEAK TO ESAU

Isaac spoke to Esau about a special blessing;  
He felt that he was old and perhaps soon-dying.  
Rebekah had overheard what Isaac said;  
She began to hatch a scheme in her head.

Jacob was her favourite son, and Esau was not;  
In this terrible dilemma, she was caught.  
She could not stand by and do nothing;  
She was willing to risk everything.

She coerced Jacob to help her make a savoury dish;  
She would make a dish that Isaac would relish.  
Jacob would pretend to be Esau and obtain the blessing;  
But this plan to Jacob was quite frightening.

He was not like Esau in so many ways;  
This plan suggested was a dangerous play.  
Rebekah assured him that it would be all right;  
Jacob gave in to a plan that was as dark as night!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 27:5-14



# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Ministry in Perth

Bethel celebrated her 28th Church Anniversary on 9 September 2022.  
We rejoice with Pastor Christopher Lai and our overseas brethren  
for God's faithfulness towards our church in Perth.

Pastor Charles Tan is ministering in Bethel  
from 5 to 11 September 2022.



# NEXT YWS



**17 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Message: "A man in whom is the Spirit of God"

Text: Genesis 41:38

As the Pharaoh listened to Joseph explain his dreams, and advise on the impending calamity, he perceived Joseph's wisdom and discernment to be a cut above all his counsellors. Astutely, he recognised that the Spirit of God was in Joseph. With haste, the Pharaoh appointed him to rule over the land of Egypt.

Once, Joseph was greatly humbled when he was sold as a slave, and when he underwent humiliation and affliction as a prisoner in jail. Who would have thought that he would soon rise up to power to be second-in-command in Egypt? We stand in awe and adoration at our God, the only One who can pour out such blessings!



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