

Youth Worship

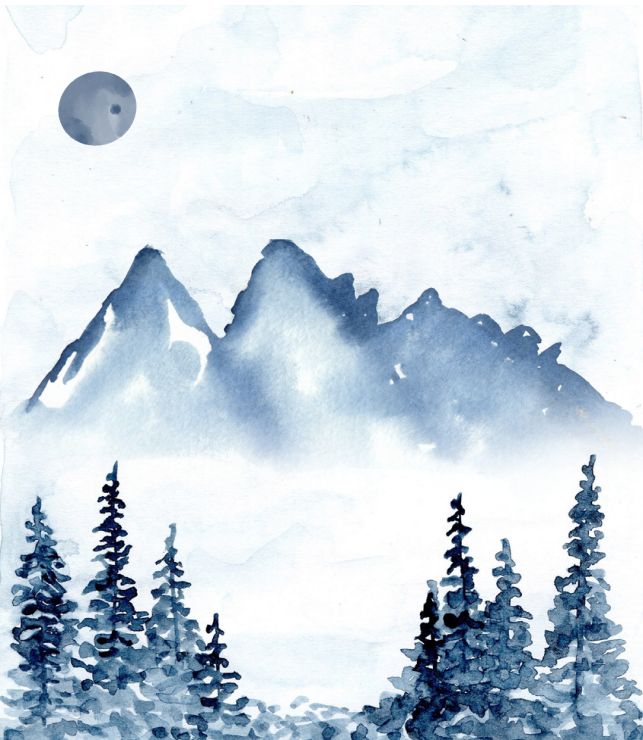
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God's kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people care for people.



WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! Let our hearts be filled with a deep sense of awe and adoration as we worship Him this afternoon.



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COME AND WORSHIP

He shall be like a tree

How would you describe a righteous man who is blessed by the Lord? The Psalmist beautifully illustrates this truth with an imagery of a well-planted tree.

“He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.”

PSALM 1:3

1. Provision from God

a. To grow a well-planted tree would require:

- i. Time
- ii. Water
- iii. Devotion
- iv. Care
- v. Protection

God provides all that is necessary
for the tree to grow well!

b. Similarly, God provides all that is
necessary for us to grow well.

2. Potential to be realised

- a. A well-planted tree bears fruit in its season
- b. Each of us bears great potential to be fruitful in life
- c. Potential has to be individually developed and then realised

3. Proven features

- a. The tree continues to be fresh, fruitful and flourishing
- b. Its leaf does not wither
- c. Fruitfulness is evidence of one who is blessed
- d. Whatever good and godly thing he does, the Lord will prosper!

Our encouragement is to be like the strong and stately tree that is well-planted. The Scriptures are the living source of water where we are sustained and nourished by. When we embed and entrench our roots deeply in the Word of God, there lies great potential for our lives to abound with fruitfulness!

The Lord supplies all that we need to grow and thrive. Let us be resolute in walking the path of righteousness! Let us seek to be that tree that will not cease from yielding fruit!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

3 SEPTEMBER 2022

Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer
2. Your Love Amazes Me

Janelle Tan & Goh Yuanli
Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 40:1-23

Laura Chan, Chloe Tang,
Bethany Toong & Ong Yanning

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Message:

"Do not interpretations belong to God?"

Text: Genesis 40:8

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

3 SEPTEMBER 2022

**“DO NOT INTERPRETATIONS BELONG
TO GOD?”**

GENESIS 40:8

WORSHIP SONGS

O Lord, My Rock And My Redeemer

By Nathan Stiff

Verse 1

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone

Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

Verse 2

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts

My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

WORSHIP SONGS



Verse 3

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died

You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

(end)



Your Love Amazes Me

By Shawn Craig and Connie Harrington

People look and say,
“You’re faithful; everything you should be.”
They say, “You have been there when it counted.
You’ve given unselfishly.”

Lord, I hear what they’re saying,
And for the moment I believe,
But then my heart cries out in honesty:

No more than I’ve given,
I’m amazed You still love me.
It’s hard to imagine how You can see
Past all of my inconsistencies

And every holy intervention
Is just another grace extension.
No more than I’ve given,
Your love amazes me.

I’ve never questioned one time Your love,
Lord, it’s so apparent to me.
Even when I was down, You were with me,
You loved consistently.





It's just when I start comparing
All You give to what I gave.
I'm overwhelmed with wonder,
And I have to say,

No more than I've given,
I'm amazed You still love me.
It's hard to imagine how You can see
Past all of my inconsistencies

And every holy intervention
Is just another grace extension.
No more than I've given,
Your love amazes me.

And every holy intervention
Is just another grace extension.
No more than I've given,
Your love amazes me.
Lord, Your love amazes me.

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 27 AUGUST 2022

“THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH” II

GENESIS 39:21

INTRODUCTION

1. The phrase, “The LORD was with Joseph”
 - a. It is a fact
 - b. It is a truth-principle
 - i. To believe in
 - ii. To rejoice in
2. One aspect of this Truth
 - a. It results in things favourable
 - b. Potiphar became prosperous
 - c. Joseph became a trusted steward in his household

THE TRUTH-PRINCIPLE IN APPLICATION I

1. It does not mean prevention from Temptation
 - a. Potiphar’s wife tried to tempt Joseph
 - b. She tried to seduce him
2. Was the LORD still with Joseph amidst the Temptation?
 - a. It would be up to Joseph to practise this Truth-Principle
 - b. It would be up to him to overcome this Temptation with this Truth
 - c. Yes! The LORD was with Joseph

RESISTING THE TEMPTATION

1. Joseph's Response to this Temptation
 - a. He resisted it
 - b. He refused the advances made
 - c. He rejected the Temptation Genesis 39:8

2. His reasons were clearly stated
 - a. Potiphar was his master
 - b. The master had full trust in Joseph
 - c. It would be great wickedness
 - d. It would be sin against God Genesis 39:9

3. The attempts to tempt Joseph
 - a. She tempted him again and again
 - b. Joseph continued to resist resolutely Genesis 39:10
 - c. Was God with Joseph? Yes!

THE TRUTH-PRINCIPLE IN APPLICATION II

1. It does not prevent things from getting worse
 - a. Potiphar's wife framed Joseph
 - b. Potiphar believed his wife and became angry with Joseph Genesis 39:19
 - c. Joseph was sent to prison Genesis 39:20

2. Was God still with Joseph?
 - a. Amidst false accusations?
 - b. Amidst injustice?
 - c. Amidst suffering?
 - d. Yes! Joseph would have to hold fast to his trust in God!

CONCLUSION

1. The LORD's promise to be with us may still allow us to face
 - a. Temptations
 - b. Problems
2. The Challenge:
 - a. To hold fast to our Truth-Principle
 - b. To trust the LORD as fully as possible
 - c. God's ways are not our ways but we may trust this Truth-Principle

3. Other great Truth-Principles

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the *will of God*. **28** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His purpose*. **29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Romans 8:26-30

- a. The Spirit of God prays for us
- b. All things work together for good to those who love the Lord
- c. The Lord will see us through, right to the very end




REFLECTION

Written by

CHLOE TANG





God was with Joseph in helping him become his master's right-hand man



In Genesis 39, we continued with the story of Joseph. In Genesis 39:1-6, we read about how Joseph, despite his circumstances of being sold as a slave, was able to succeed and find favour - because of God's presence. Joseph was initially stuck in a bad situation but God blessed him and helped him to prosper amidst challenges.

The challenges from his master's wife

In Genesis 39:7-23, another incident unfolds, between Joseph and his master's wife. Throughout this incident, Joseph's faith was tested and we see how God continued to be with him. His master's wife lusted for Joseph and wanted him to lie with her. She tempted him, but Joseph was firm and courageous in his refusal. His basis for this was that he could not carry out this sinful act against God. God gave him the strength to say no to this temptation. From this, we can observe that the Lord was true and real in Joseph's life.




However, the master's wife continued in her wickedness. She not only repeatedly asked him to lie with her, she also cornered him and falsely claimed to all around her, including Joseph's master, that Joseph took advantage of her. This was something heinous, and the worldly response might be to become indignant and try to fight for what is true. One might also feel resentful and upset about the outcome. But Joseph was different - he held on to his faith and remembered that God was with him.

Joseph in prison






Joseph ended up in prison, which was another seemingly terrible development. Even in such circumstances, God was with Joseph and showed him mercy. It was by God's provision that the prison keeper viewed Joseph favourably and gave him more responsibility and power. The Lord was with Joseph and made him prosper in all that he did. Looking at the entire incident, there was no way that Joseph's prosperity could have happened by his abilities alone. We can also see how God allowed Joseph to be tested through the temptations of his master's wife and being thrown into prison. Joseph fared well in those tests - he did not give in to temptation and held on to God.



Allowing God to become real in our lives



We may not find ourselves in the exact same scenarios as Joseph, but we encounter our own challenges in life, be it studies, work, relationships, or others. Sometimes it may feel like we did not do anything to deserve difficult circumstances, or we have been wronged in a certain way. The danger with this response is that we forget to consider God's hand in placing us in those situations to teach us something, or how He can help us. We can follow Joseph's example of faith and trust instead of worldly trains of thought. Instead of wallowing in negative feelings, we can turn to God instead and learn to hold on to His truths. We can rely on God, trust that He has a plan for us and He will provide for us. We may not like the situations we are in, but we can take heart that God will help us succeed in our circumstances and learn to treasure Him more.



WHEN ISAAC WAS OLD

Old age is fraught with difficulties;
Human sight can be lost, all too sadly.
The mind can become easily distressed;
Death is feared and one can be depressed.

Isaac was growing older by the day;
He could barely see the way.
He desired to give Esau a special blessing,
Before the sad day of his passing.

His desire was to have a last savoury meal;
He could then die content, so he feels.
Sadly, his thoughts were on things earthly;
He had almost forgotten about eternity.

Isaac had not remembered God's blessings;
How the LORD had given him so many things.
The body may grow old, but our faith can be strong;
Let us never forget to Whom we truly belong!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 27:1-4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YW Newsletter (3 September 2022)

The truth-principle that the Lord is with us is unquestionable. The onus is on us to avail ourselves to be with the Lord and apply faith in His Word. In this week's issue, Rayne Quek shares about his endeavour to involve God in his daily life amidst the hustle and bustle of school.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Teacher's Day!

We thank God for the provision of teachers in school who have caringly nurtured us. We're also grateful for spiritual teachers who guide us in our journey of faith. May we learn to regard and honour them on this special occasion!

Ministry in Perth

Bethel will be celebrating its 28th Church Anniversary on 9 September 2022. Thank God for His hand of blessing upon our overseas church in Perth! Pastor Charles will be ministering with Pastor Christopher Lai in Bethel this week from 5 September to 12 September 2022.

NEXT YWS



10 SEPTEMBER 2022

Message: "Pharaoh had a dream"

Text: Genesis 41:1

Two years had passed. Joseph was all but forgotten by the butler who was restored to his former position. Nonetheless, the divine plan of God was in glorious execution! There came a time when Pharaoh had two special dreams. To his dismay, none of his magicians and wise men could decipher the meaning of these dreams. The opportune time came for Joseph to be presented to the Pharaoh upon the butler's mention. How would the Lord manifest His presence to Joseph now? How would Joseph fare before the king of Egypt?

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!



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