



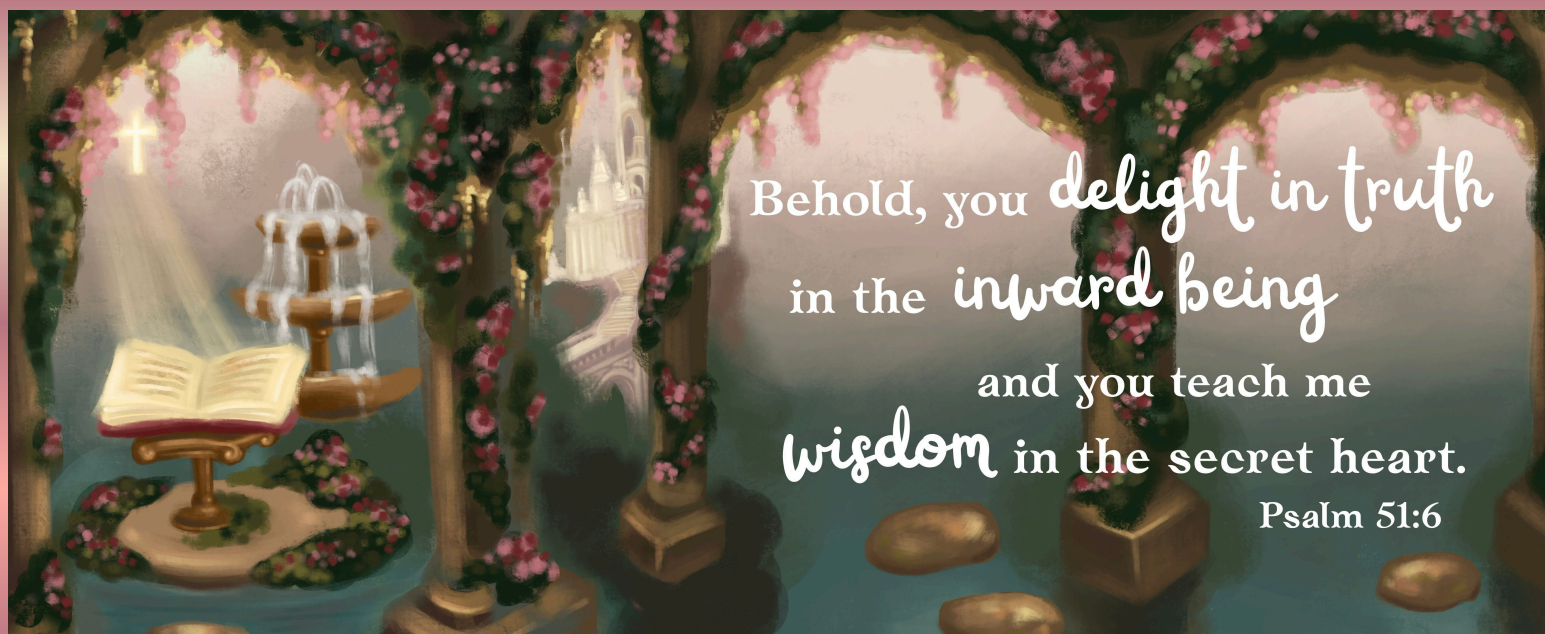
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For God loves a cheerful giver.

LADIES' PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Today, 10:15am @ Annexe, L3

Topic: Faithfulness—The Loyalty of Love

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Today, 10:35am @ Annexe, L203 & over Zoom

Topic: Grievous Evils, Great Joys (Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:9)

SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY

Thursday, 10 Sep, 10am @ Main Hall

Exercise: 9am @ 160CR (before the meeting)

Activity: Video—"Uncle Lee's Countdown"

BKC CHURCH CAMP AFTERGLOW 2026

Sunday, 13 Sep, from 5pm @ Annexe, L3

For catering purposes, please sign up by today at:

<https://links.bethesdakatong.org/campag2026>

REGISTRATION FOR BETHESDA KINDERCARE

Priority enrolment for children of BKC members closes today. Please register at: <http://bfec.sg/bkcpriority>.

SUNDAY PRAYER WITH ELDERS

Two elders will be available after the morning service to pray with anyone who seeks personal prayer support. This morning, Elders Chia Eng Chuan and Paul Chan will be present to spend time with you in private prayer.

WAITING, SEEKING, AND TRUSTING THE LORD



Luke 2:22-52 records for us two scenes from the early life of Jesus. In the first, Simeon and Anna recognise the infant Jesus as God's promised salvation. In the second, the twelve-year-old Jesus is found in the temple, listening, asking questions and declaring that he must be about his Father's business.

Simeon had been waiting for "the consolation of Israel" (v25). Years may have passed, and he had not yet seen the fulfilment of God's promise. Yet Simeon continued to wait. When he finally held Jesus in his arms, he recognised that God had kept his word. He responded not just with relief, but also in worship: "My eyes have seen your salvation" (v30).

In our seasons of waiting, we sometimes wonder if God has forgotten us. We pray, serve and persevere, yet wonder why God seems silent. Simeon reminds us that our faithfulness is often expressed not through dramatic achievements but through our patient trust in God. God's timing may not be our timing, but his promises remain trustworthy.

In the story of Anna, we see another picture of what it means to wait faithfully. She spent her days worshipping, fasting and praying in the temple. When she saw Jesus, she immediately began giving thanks to God and speaking about him to others. Her long season of waiting had prepared her to recognise God's answer when it came.

But even in their waiting, Simeon and Anna were not passive. They worshipped. They prayed. They remained attentive to God. Waiting on God does not mean that we become spiritually inactive. We might be waiting for God to change our circumstances, to answer a prayer or to open a door. But as we do, let's also ask ourselves: *What are we doing while we wait?*

The passage then leaps forward twelve years. Jesus is found in the temple, engaging with the teachers, astonishing those who heard him. When Mary and Joseph questioned him, Jesus responded, "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" (v49). Even at a young age, Jesus understood his life in relation to his Father's purposes.

Jesus' response confronts our priorities. It is easy to become so occupied with family responsibilities, careers, possessions, ambitions and even ministry that we lose sight of whose lives we are actually living. We belong to God. Our time, gifts, relationships and resources are ultimately his.

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FOCUS ON PRAYER



TODAY'S SPEAKER

Pray for our Elder Paul Chan who gives us today's ministry message, **"The Boy Jesus at the Temple"** (Luke 2:22-52). Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

GOING ABOUT OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Heavenly Father,

Help us recognise Jesus as your promised salvation and treasure him above all else. Teach us to wait upon you faithfully, even as we diligently seek your will and worship you wholeheartedly. Like Jesus, may we grow in wisdom, submit to your purposes and live each day faithfully as we go about your business. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHOIR AND MUSIC

Pray the following for our choir and music ministry:

- Thank God for the music ministry members who stepped forward to support the worship sessions during the church camp. Give thanks that the campers experienced a meaningful time of corporate worship.
- Praise God also for the song leaders who served at the AI conference at BKC.
- Pray for Beth Yap as she prepares the choir for Christmas. Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading as she chooses the songs.

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Luke goes on to tell us that Jesus returned to Nazareth and was obedient to his parents. The Son who knew his divine calling willingly lived under earthly authority. He grew "in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (v52).

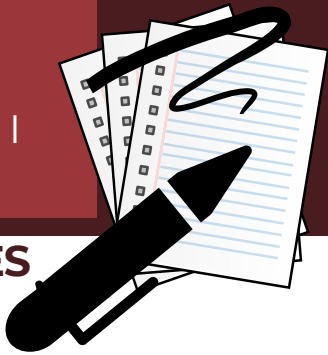
We may not always understand what God is doing. We may have to wait. We may sometimes feel that our obedience goes unnoticed. But Simeon and Anna remind us that God sees us waiting faithfully. Meanwhile, Jesus reminds us that every part of our lives belongs under the Father's purposes.

Let us continue waiting on God with faith, worshipping him with gratitude, seeking him attentively and obeying him with confidence. The God who fulfilled his promise in Christ is still faithful today. We can indeed trust him—not only in where he leads us, but also in what he does in us while we wait.

THEME: TEACH ME THY WAYS

Verse of the Week: Luke 2:49 (NIV)

“Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”



SERMON NOTES

TODAY

The Boy Jesus at the Temple
(Luke 2:22-52)

Elder Paul Chan



NEXT SUNDAY

John the Baptist Prepares the Way
(Luke 3:1-20)

Elder Dr Jonathan Choo