

## SERVICE

PRAISE & WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING

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(Bank Transfer to

DBS 017-008265-5 or

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MESSAGE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

### Announcements:

#### 1. Sunday Services

- Stay tuned for further updates about the resumption of on-site services. Should on-site service resume on 15 Aug, entry to church services are strictly by pre-registration via Eventbrite and is limited to 50 pax. There will be no singing and mask on is mandatory.

- As advised by MOH, unvaccinated individuals, especially the elderly, are advised to stay home as much as possible over the next few weeks and not to attend in-person religious activities during this period.

- As per request from our government, for those who are attending in-person services, you are strongly advised to have completed the full vaccination regimen in Singapore and have had time to develop sufficient protection (i.e. two weeks after the 2nd dose of the Pfizer or Moderna Covid-19 vaccination only).

- We encourage everyone who is eligible, in particular the elderly, who are most at risk of developing serious symptoms to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

- Small groups are encouraged to continue to meet virtually.

#### 2. Pre- Worship Prayer

Pre-worship prayer is held on Zoom at 8.30am before Sunday Service.

Zoom ID: **480 436 3854**

Password: **PRAY0808**

#### 3. Come and See: Gardening Initiative

Thank God for a bountiful harvest and let's continue to pray that this initiative can be an outreach to the community.

#### 4. Come and See: Workshop on Home Safety

Join us at this upcoming workshop conducted by SCDF on:

**9 Oct 2021, 2 – 4.30 pm**

This includes an e-learning session at one's own time prior to the session. The workshop is open to all loved ones, friends and community. Do register by 17 September via <https://tinyurl.com/befchomesafety>

Capacity is limited to 16 participants. A smoke detector door gift will be given to all 16 attendees!

#### 5. Follow Me: Sermon Series Orientation (S.S.O.)

Join us for our next series on the 'Relentless Pursuit of a Prodigal God', based on the book of Jonah

**8 Aug, 10.30 am via Zoom**

Do note that there will be no on-site SSO in line with Phase 2 HA guidelines.

Zoom ID: **838 4224 3381**

Passcode: **SS0080821**

#### 6. Come & See: Mid-Autumn Festival Fellowship

Invite your family & friends!

**18 September, 7 pm, Zoom**

Register via: <https://tinyurl.com/BEFCmidautumn>

Contact Mavis for more info

BEFC Staff off day

Rev Dr Desmond Soh	Monday
Louis Seng	Wednesday

Date	8 Aug 2021	15 Aug 2021
Preacher	Rev Dr Desmond Soh	Ps Paul Lau
Sermon Passage	<b>Relentless Pursuit of a Prodigal God</b> Jonah 1:1-16	<b>Relentless Pursuit of a Prodigal God</b> Jonah 1:17-3:3a
Worship Team	Wong Keen Mun Ng Yui Yun	Calvin Han Kuang Zi ling
AV/IT Crew	Chan Jing Xiong Kuang Zi Ling	Ng Ming Sheng Grace Chan
Interpreter	Wendy Soh	Calvin Han
Befrienders		Jonathan Tang Janjira Soh
Sunday School Teachers	Maureen Tan Ng Feng Yi	Rosy Ng Katherine Chan

## Relentless Pursuit of a Prodigal God

Jonah 1:1-16

### INTRODUCTION

"You can run, but you can't hide." Joe Louis a.k.a. Brown Bomber

### Background:

**Question:** What will happen when we run away and hide from God?

### BODY

I. God wants to r\_\_\_\_\_ His creation and we are invited to be in His plan (v.1-2) - Invitation

II. Sometimes we disobey God and think we are doing the r\_\_\_\_\_ thing (v.3; 5b)  
- Presumption

III. When we r\_\_\_\_\_ away from God's command, calamities may befall upon us and others (v.4-9) - Adjudication

IV. Our disobedience can sometimes be used by God to bring people to r\_\_\_\_\_  
(v.10-16) - Confession

V. We have a great Saviour who r\_\_\_\_\_ us (Mark 4:35-41) - Redemption

### CONCLUSION

Don't run way from God, run toward God.

### Reflection Questions (Jonah 1:1-16)

1. Think of a time when God called you to act on something you don't want to do. How did you respond? Now read Isaiah 6:8 and Hosea 1:2-3 and compare the other prophets' response to Jonah's. How should you respond?

2. Sometimes Christians use peace as a barometer for decision making [e.g. see Phil 4:6-7]. Jonah slept soundly in the midst of a great storm [1:5b]. He had peace. How would you answer someone who said to you that they knew they were making a right decision about something because they had "a lot of peace" about it? [see Mat 26:36-46].

3. Compare Jonah's description of God [1:9] to his attempt to flee from God's presence [1:3]. Why is Jonah's attempt to flee foolish [read Ps 139:1-12]? Think of a time when you acted unwisely. How should you have responded in the light of what you know about God?

This sermon's recording will be available online at <http://bethanyefc.org.sg/sermons.html>



## WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

### ENGLISH SUNDAY SERVICE 9AM SUNDAY SCHOOLS

English Sunday School for Children / 9am

### PRAYER MEETINGS

Pre-Service Prayer / Sunday 8:30am

Monthly Prayer Meeting / Last Friday of the Month 8pm

### LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Board Meeting / Third Wednesday of the Month 8pm

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