

Sunday worship

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We warmly welcome you, if you are worshipping with us for the first time. We believe you've become a member of our church family by God's grace.

Please ensure you speak to the Pastor or one of today's facilitators before you leave.

May God bless you richly (Amen).

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

To be all in

Hebrews 10:38-39 (AMP)

Peter replied to him, "Lord, if it is [really] you, command me to come to you on the water." ~ **Matthew 14:28 (AMP)**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Sunday, we worship together at **Unit 13, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.

**GOD IS
CALLING YOU
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SUNDAY

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From 7pm

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There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

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1. Open the browser and the **Settings** menu (or the **three vertical dots** to the right of the menu bar).
2. Scroll down and click on **Advanced Settings**.
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2. In the **Home** section, select **Homepage and new windows** and **Custom URLs...** from the field's drop down.
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4. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar again to close **Settings** menu.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Visions and dreams

Text: Genesis 11:24-26; 31-32; 12:1-4

Terah didn't become a father to Abram until he was 70 years old. All of a sudden, he had a dream to go to Canaan, but he stopped in Haran and settled and that was it. He died when he was 205 years and never got to Canaan. Then, God told Abram to leave Haran, leaving everything and his family. Abram took Lot with him but, Abram and Lot had to part ways to maintain peace between them (Gen 13:8-9).

It isn't clear why Abram's father decided to go to Canaan, but it is interesting that it was the Promise Land where Abraham's descendants would inherit. Was that a coincidence or was it ordained? What stops you from achieving your goals and who's the Lot in your life? Who orders the course of your life? When we search around for purpose, what answers do we find? How do we identify the purpose or God's vision for our lives?

Mary found her purpose after a visit from Angel Gabriel (Lk 1:26-38). All she knew at that point was that she's betrothed to be married to Joseph. She was to bring the Saviour child into the world, not for herself but to save mankind. It would be miraculous, challenging and painful, but she willingly accepted the mission (Lk 1:38). Still, Jesus had to emphasise that to Mary over and over, when she struggled (Jn 2:3-4; Luke 2:41-50).

Abraham's purpose was to be the patriarch of the Messiah's descendant, but that didn't come to him in a defined revelation. For the most part, he was just living in obedience to God's will, leaving everything behind in Haran as commanded. Elijah's purpose was to anoint the Elisha who arranged Jehu's anointment (1Ks 19:16-18; 2Ks 9:1-3). Together, the three of them would execute judgement over Israel and bring about God's purpose.

Ananias' purpose was to guide and enable Paul acceptance within the early church. Paul was hated and feared, but Ananias accepted his purpose (Acts 9:10-18). It was the only thing written about Ananias. John and Charles Wesley wrote most of the hymns in use in some churches today. The influence of their devoted mother was remarkable. She modelled Godly living and raised nine children on her own after her husband abandoned them.

Our greatest purpose is to live in obedience to God's will. Mary told Angel Gabriel: **"Let it be to me according to your word"** (Lk 1:38). That may be the starting point for each of us. In time, we may also find a higher purpose in the little things we do in our churches, homes and communities. Visions are not the same as ambitions. Ambitions are what we want for ourselves. Visions and purposes from God are the ones which point to Christ. They're not intended to make us rich, famous or even exciting (Jn 9:1-3).

Bottom line:

We're not all going to have an Angel Gabriel tell us God's purpose for our lives like Mary did. When you ask about your purpose and vision, look through your life and see what God is doing through you. It's about living everyday for God. Right here and now, we can be fulfilling purpose, but have we left everything? Don't make your ambition your vision.

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