

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

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1 (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.

Pray...

EPHESIANS 1:17-19

1: 3-14

... that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe ...

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to attend services or for refreshing your recollection as an essential part of your private Bible study.

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/>).

So, why don't you set our homepage as one of your **startup page(s)** in your browser now? The following instructions for most of the common browsers may help.

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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**.
3. Select **Open a specific page or set of pages** under **On Startup**.
4. Select **Set pages** and enter or add <http://rccgbethel.church/>.

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1. Open Firefox. Press **Alt-T** on the keyboard and select **Options** from the drop-down menu or go to **Tools >> Options** from the main menu.
2. In the **Home** section, select **Homepage and new windows** and **Custom URLs...** from the field's drop down.
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1. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar.
2. Select **Settings** and select **A Specific Page or Pages** from the **Open Microsoft Edge With** section drop down options.
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Ishmael must go – Part II

Text: Genesis 21:8-12

In Part I, we concluded God's omnipotent in all situations. If he doesn't do something, it's because he doesn't want to. We need to know who he is and he keeps his word and promises to us (Heb 10:23; 2 Pet 3:9). Paul once said Satan hindered him (1 Thess 2:18). In another place he said the Holy Spirit stopped / enabled him (Acts 16:6-7; 1 Cor 2:4).

When things happen in a particular way, it is because God wills it to be so (Job 1:6-22). We may not see or comprehend God's infinite purpose until we stop seeing death as the final point and a failure (Matt 10:28). In our text today, Sarah decided Ishmael must go because he cannot become heir with her son Isaac.

Likewise, we too may have "Ishmaels" in our lives and before we can enter into God's plan for us, we may have to get rid of them first (Heb 12:1). It could be a habit, relationship, situation or sin, but not necessarily. Anything that can stop us from experiencing the fullness of the inheritance of the Saints in Christ Jesus (Col 1:12) is an "Ishmael" and we usually know what it is.

For Paul and Peter, it was their legalistic Jewish heritage. It made Paul persecute the church, but he was able to give it up for Christ (Phil 3:7-11). It's no wonder he became an Apostle to the Gentiles and his ministry thrived to God's glory. Peter in contrast found it difficult, even when God told him to in a vision (Acts 10:9-48). Peter would later be called out for hypocrisy (Gal 2:11-13).

There's no permissive will of God and no gradient of acceptance of God's will. We're either in his will or we're not. And when we're not, we're exposed and in danger. For example, the Israelites were commanded not to intermarry with the Canaanites, but they failed to heed God's warning and everything God said came true (Deut 7:3-4; 1 Kngs 11:2; Ezra 9:1-2). They wanted a king and ultimately these things became problems for them (Hos 13:10-11).

The will of God may appear unattractive to us at times. We may wonder if we can ever find our "Isaac" if let go of "Ishmael". However, we will never come into our inheritance with Christ Jesus unless we let go of the Ishmael(s) in our lives. Being born again is just the beginning. Our ability to may determine the extent of our walk with God and when we do, God does amazing things in our lives.

Bottom line:

Identify the Ishmael(s) in your life and let go of them today.

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