

Sunday worship

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WELCOME

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

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord..

1 Corinthians 15:56-58 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

Year of opportunities

John 4:35-38 AMP

"For in this case the saying is true, 'One [person] sows and another reaps.'" ~ **John 4:37 (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.

Obstacles
are not meant to
stop you but to
strengthen you

**Tough
times
never last,
but tough
people do.**

THE BIGGEST
OBSTACLE
**YOU'LL
EVER
HAVE TO
OVERCOME
IS YOUR
MIND.**
IF YOU CAN OVERCOME THAT,
YOU CAN OVERCOME ANYTHING

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship
service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
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/>).

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.

Google Chrome

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/>.

Mozilla Firefox

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.
3. Enter or paste the URL: <http://rccgbethel.church/> or click **Use Current Page** if you are already on our website.

Microsoft Edge

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.
3. Enter <http://rccgbethel.church/>. (Click the Plus sign to add more pages if required).
4. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar again to close **Settings** menu.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What can you see?

Text: 2 Kings 6:15-23

Salmons are born in freshwater and often return to the same freshwater to lay their eggs. But it's a race against time through an assault course fraught with dangers. On the beaches are gulls and other predators just waiting for the bounty of wayward beached salmons. Once done, Pacific actually die in the same stream.

Regardless, as the tides go out, they begin their journey through shallow waters. No time for eating or resting in between and the journey takes its toll on their bodies too. Survivors look so battered their eye sockets are just empty shells. But it's like they're compelled by something beyond themselves. They'll get to their destination or die trying.

There was a sense of urgency felt by the early church and the Apostles, reading through the book of Acts (e.g. Acts 6:1-4). Jesus demonstrated dedication and warned of dwindling time during his three-year ministry (Jn 9:4). Some of the things that can impede our progress or prevent us from fulfilling our purpose may be beyond our control. Others could be subtle like the circumstances of our birth, sudden tragedy / disasters or fear of failing.

One thing's sure, current difficulties or pain are only temporary, but they could be conduits to seeing and experiencing God in new and / or miraculous ways (Ex 14:13-15; 2 Cor 4:17). So, how do we stop ourselves from giving up too soon? First, we must recognise obstacles for what they are, one of Satan's many ways of tricking us to give up on God.

We also remind ourselves of God's ability to help us (1 Chr 4:9-10), ur focus on getting to our destination without distractions (Heb 12:1-2; Num 14:38; Num 13:30-14:9; 2 Kngs 6:15-23). We're never defenceless (Heb 1:14; see also Isa 54:17; Dan 10:12-14; Lk 12:7) as long as we persevere and never give up (Jdgs 16:28-30; Pro 24:10; 2 Cor 10:4-6; Eph 6:14-18). And we can't be sure of how many chances we'll get (Num 14:29-30; 1 Sam 15:1-5; 10-11; 16:1).

Bottom line:

Obstacles and adversaries may be a given, but God wants us to press forward always (Ex 14:15) and with his help, we can have victory (1 Sam 30:20-26; 2 Cor 4:17-18; Js 1:2-8).

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