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

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (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.

What will

change cost you?

Everything you want in life has a price connected to it. There's a price to pay if you want to make things better, a price to pay just for leaving things as they are, a price for everything.

Harry Browne

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SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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Our 'must-visit' website



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.

Google Chrome

- 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

- 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.
- In the Home section, select Homepage and new windows and Custom URLs... from the field's drop down.
- 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.
- 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

There is a price

Text: 1 Kings 16:29-34

In today's text, Hiel of Bethel lost two sons while he rebuilt Jericho and that was noted as fulfilment of prophesy (1 Kngs 16:34; Jos 6:26). At the time, Joshua must've assumed no one will be willing to pay the price. Hiel and everyone in Israel would know about the curse, of course. Over 400 years later, Hiel proved Joshua wrong.

Viewed in a negative light, losing two of one's children may've seemed a tragedy or a cost too high for some of us. But this implies there's always a price for everything we want to achieve. Are we willing to pay the price? No one was willing until Hiel. Likewise, salvation is free for us all, but someone paid the price (Jn 3:16; Gal 3:13; 1 Pet 1:18-19). As Christians, do we count the cost when we make certain requests (Matt 20:20-22)?

The Apostles chose seven men and tasked them with administering food distribution because they felt spending time in prayer and teaching the word was more important (Acts 6:2-4 NLT). It was supposed to be their whole focus, but two of the men, Stephen and Philip, paid the price necessary to grow a their ministry and God used them to his glory (Acts 7:54-60; 8:26-40). When God blesses us, it is because he wants us to be a channel of blessing for others. Someone's blessing may depend on your breakthrough.

There were many instances of Jesus paying the price for things he received from his father and anointing was one of them (Acts 10:38). Several times, he would withdraw and spend his nights praying / or being with his father (e.g. Lk 5:16; 6:12; 22:32; Mk 1:35; 3:13-14; Matt 14:23), including going into the wilderness for 40 days and night (Matt 4:1-11).

Moses would also go into the mountain to be with God, basking for so long in God's light that his face became radiant (Ex 34:29-30). We have to pay the price of submission too, just like Jesus did (Phil 2:8-11). It suggests the price to true greatness comes with humility. Another's the price of obedience which may be the most powerful (Heb 5:7-8; Isa 1:19). For example, when the wine was finished during a wedding, Mary told the servants to do anything Jesus asked them to do (Jn 2:5; 2:1-10). Their obedience was rewarded (Jn 2:9-10). If we want to see God's power working in our lives, these are prices worth paying.

What is God asking you to do today? Are you willing to pay the price or is it too high? Just as a financial investment can appreciate over time, so can any investment we make towards a better future through spending time in prayers, studying the word and so on, offer benefit over time for us and those around us. As Christians, we need to invest our times wisely and know there's always a price to pay for those who want to make impact in their lifetime

Bottom line:

There are people God wants to bless through you. For a life that counts and blesses others, can you pay the price of humility, obedience, time praying etc. (Lk 12:42-48)?

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