

*** GIVE THANKS ***

Thanksgiving Service

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 the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

Build and consolidate
Nehemiah 2:12

I slipped out during the night, taking only a few others with me. I had not told anyone about the plans God had put in my heart for Jerusalem. We took no pack animals with us except the donkey I was riding.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Sunday, we worship together at **Unit 26, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.

*"Then He said to them all,
"If anyone desires to come after Me,
let him deny himself,
and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*

For whoever desires to

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his life will lose it,

but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it"

(Luke 9:23-24)



Sunday 3 May 2026

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Redeemed Christian Church of God

Bethel

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

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

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

Which has greater kingdom value: result or the process?

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Our text today suggest results are important and there may be lots of sympathies for the beleaguered servant who hid his one talent instead of investing it, as his master directed. The parable may seem a familiar reflection of our lives, but we gain something from processes, even when we don't succeed.

For example, a greater score is often awarded in Mathematics exams for process even if the result is wrong. In contrast, the wrong process could yield undesirable results. James and Paul stressed that our trials and tribulations are character-building. We grow resilient, tough and mature (Js 1:2-4; Rom 5:3-5).

While Jesus commanded us to be perfect (Matt 5:48), there's no doubt God's interested in what's occupying our hearts at a given moment, perhaps even more so (Matt 12:43-45). Thus, our walk with God should be all-consuming (1 Pet 1:13-16; Phil 2:12-13; Eph 5:15-16) and God promised never to overwhelm us or give us something we can't handle (1 Cor 10:13). When stressed or under pressure, it is time to be with God for renewal and refreshing as we constantly present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God (Rom 12:1-2).

Jesus warned that anyone who "**puts his hand to the plow and looks back**" is not "**fit for the kingdom of God**" (Lk 9:62). For Lot's wife, looking back was a fatal disobedience (Gen 19:26). As Paul said, we're in a race to eternity. It's not a sprint but a marathon that must be run with endurance (Heb 12:1-2). It starts with ensuring we're aligned with God's will (Matt 7:22-23).

We've all heard the saying that "*the end justifies the means*" and it is human to desire short cuts and quickest paths to a desired result or envy those who are faring better (Psa 73:3-12; Psa 92:7 ESV). When our will aligns with God's, we will get kingdom results and bear "good fruit" (Matt 7:15-20; Jn 15:5).

Bottom line:

When we walk with God in faith and obedience, not only will we have everything we need, we'll be fit for God's kingdom too (2 Cor 5:7; Matt 6:33).

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