



If God is For Us

The Life and Trials of Joseph



HOUSTON
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A Finale of Faith

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, December 14, 2025 | 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory

Baptism

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Genesis 48:1–22*

Worship in the Word, Jason Tarn

“A Finale of Faith” - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

Baptism

Baptism is the public declaration that a person has placed his or her faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and identifies with Jesus's death and resurrection as depicted by immersion in water.



UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

The Scepter Shall Not Depart

December 21 | Genesis 49 | Jason Tarn

God Meant It For Good

December 28 | Genesis 50 | Henry Ow

The Beginning of the Gospel

January 4 | Mark 1:1–15 | Melvin Huang

A New Teacher with Authority

January 11 | Mark 1:16–45 | Jason Tarn



ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:

hcc.tv/sermons



ENGLISH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School classes from 11:00 AM–12:15 PM. Jesus calls us to be disciples, workers, and leaders. Our teaching ministry aims to produce believers who are committed to the call of Jesus.

New Testament Survey (Part 2 of 3): Romans–2 Thessalonians | Rm 115

Christian Ethics (Part 2 of 3) | Chapel

Finding your PLACE | January 25, 2025 – February 22, 2026 | Rm 113



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SERMON NOTES

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A Finale of Faith

Genesis 48:1-22

Hebrews 11's Hall of Faith recounts those key moments in the stories of the OT saints where they exercised great faith. But notably, the Hall of Faith only mentions Jacob's final act of blessing the sons of Joseph. Let's delve into the significance of his actions in Genesis 48 and explore why it's regarded as Jacob's greatest act of faith.

1. Adopting Joseph's sons with full inheritance rights
2. Blessing Joseph's sons with progeny and protection
3. Gifting Joseph himself with territory

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

General Membership Meeting | TODAY | 12:30PM | Sanctuary

There will be a general membership meeting to vote on the 2026 budget proposal and Minister Stanley's ordination. We need more than 50% of our church members to attend in order to reach a quorum. Please join us for the meeting and keep these matters in your prayers. If the quorum is not met on December 14, a second meeting will be called on December 21. If the second meeting does not meet quorum, a third meeting will be called on December 28 and it will be considered binding with or without a quorum.

All Church Prayer Service | TODAY | 5:00PM | Chapel

Come join us for our final all church prayer service for the year! After a time of prayer, we'll have a potluck meal at 6:00PM. The potluck theme will be "Your Go To Dish". Hope to see you there!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | Wednesday, December 24th | 5:30pm | Sanctuary

Church, let us gather together on Christmas Eve to worship the newborn King together!

*Childcare will be provided for 3 years old and under.

Emotional Regulation | Thursday, January 15th | 8:30PM-9:30PM | ZOOM online

Calm in the Chaos: Parenting Strategies for Emotional Regulation. Montessori early childhood teacher Mimi will be answering questions about developing emotional regulation in our kids. All are welcomed (including dads and singles), link to come. This will be a Q&A, so please ask questions beforehand: hcc.lv/questions. Contact Yi Wang at eeex101@gmail.com.

F3 Men's Workout Group | Saturdays | 6:30 AM-7:30 AM | HCC Rear Parking

Join us for a FREE F3 workout in the rear parking lot. Please enter through the kitchen-side driveway or the back alley. For questions, contact David at David.Cheong921@gmail.com.

STM Taiwan 2026 | July 3rd-July 19th, 2026 | Taiwan

Mr. Robert will lead a short-term missions team to Taiwan in July 2026. Interested individuals can sign up at hcc.lv/twnstm for either the Tainan STM (7/3-7/12) or the Taipei STM (7/11-7/19), or both.

CHURCH NOTICES

If You Plan on Donating Stocks This Year, Be Wise and Do it Soon

Instruct your brokerage firm as early as possible this month to transfer donated shares. The date of record for your tax deductibility is when HCC receives your stock donation, and not when you initiate it. Email treasurer@hcchome.org with the name and # of shares you're donating because the donor's identity never accompanies the stock donation.

2025 Tax-Deductible Gift Deadline To be Counted as a Contribution for 2025

1. Paper Checks and Cash - If using the offering boxes, gifts must be physically received by Wed, Dec 31st at 5pm. If mailed, it must be postmarked by Dec 31st. Writing "12/31/2025" on the check itself will not make a difference.
2. Paypal Giving Fund Online Donations: Must be made by Dec 31st.

New Building Children's Center Fundraising Campaign

Please prayerfully consider giving to fund the renovation of the Children's Center on the second floor of our new building. Our goal is \$800K, and so far, 18 families have given almost \$130K. You can make check payable to Houston Chinese Church and memo, "Second Floor Children's Center". You can also use ".30" through PayPal Giving Fund, example "\$5000.30"

HCC Polo Distribution

The polos are here! Please come to the office to pick yours up. We also have extras available for purchase while supplies last.

50 Year Anniversary T-Shirts are Here!

If you pre-ordered a shirt, you can pick it up in the lobby this Sunday after service. Didn't order one? No worries — we'll also have extras available for purchase while supplies last.

FREE! 2026 HCC Calendars Available

Pick up a free calendar in the church lobby; please take only one per household.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 7, 2025

HCC WORSHIP

343

ENGLISH

72

CANTONESE

210

MANDARIN

PEARLAND WORSHIP

60

ENG+MAND

685

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

140

ENGLISH

60

CANTONESE

71

MANDARIN

50

YOUTH

81

CHILDREN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

5

ENGLISH

35

MANDARIN

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YOUTH

17

CHILDREN

DECEMBER 7, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$21,981.50	\$2,049,029.55	(\$524,057.22)	(\$535,359.12)
PCC GENERAL	\$4,301.00	\$196,191.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$540.00	\$369,428.94		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$112,410.79	\$1,341,829.92		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$11,000.00	\$1,171,188.22		



STAFF ITINERARY

Dinah Koh: Vacation, 12/14

Alyona Chen: Vacation, 12/21–28

Mary Lee: Vacation, 12/21–28



BAPTISM INTRODUCTIONS

TODAY, we will witness the baptisms of *Alexander Chen, Evelina Chen, Yunhe (Oliver) Mu* and *Max Zhang*.

Please welcome them to our HCC family!

LUNCH PREPARATION

Newcomers can pick up a free lunch coupon and voucher to book stall at the Welcome Desk!

YOUTH/Sean & Jessie (this week)

No Lunch (next week)

SCAN HERE FOR HCC PAPERAL GIVING FUNDS



← PPGF GIVING CODES

Your donation will default to the General Fund, unless you use a code to designate a fund (e.g. \$250.25 for a pledge fulfillment).

"27" - Fulfilling your Renovation Pledge

"25" - Fulfilling your Building Project pledge

"22" - Designate to the HCC Building Fund

ABOUT US

New or Visiting HCC?

If you are a newcomer or visitor, we would love to connect you with our church community! Take a moment to fill out our Visitor's Welcome form: hcc.lv/welcome OR stop by our welcome desk in the lobby. We will contact you with ways to connect with our community!

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