

My Life Testimony

When I hesitated in my life, God made me sincerely convinced of His great power. I was born in an atheistic Chinese village. I did not have a good impression on Christianity when I was small, because my teachers said that those “foreign devils” invaded our nation by flaunting the banner of preaching. In the 70s, I was a rebellious young man who wanted to turn the whole society into a utopia – a harmonious world. But alas, all my dreams were broken and my heart sank to the bottom of my chest. My life was darkened, and I was simply disoriented.

But thank God! By chance, a friend took me to a fellowship, where I saw a group of kind-hearted young people. Every one of them wore a joyful smile and greeted one another. This heartwarming feeling made me forget my exhausted soul. In a Salvation Meeting, the Word of God touched my heart amazingly. His love for all people impressed me most. It made me realize my own ordinariness, ignorance and limitation. When the corps officer called upon us, I looked up at the Cross, thinking about the sufferings God had forborne for me and wondered why someone like me would deserve it. Moved by the Holy Spirit, I took out the courage, walked to the mercy seat, and accepted Christ as my savior.

Bathed in God's grace, I was filled with joy. God has given me countless blessings. God still chose someone like me and had mercy on me. Despite my weaknesses, ever since my conversion, God has shown His great power, forgiven and accepted me in His love. He has guided me in the paths of righteousness. He let me slowly experience the path to sanctification and transform into the image of Christ. As it is said in John 10:10, “... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

In the past, God has unceasingly blessed me in my finance, my work and my family. God has abundantly provided all that I needed. All these come from His grace but not my own ability. What can I give God in return? When God called me before, I always found excuses and rejected Him. Then I thought about the evangelical field with the most plentiful harvest. If it opened up one day, and the Lord said, “Who will follow me?” Who is willing to follow the beautiful footsteps of Wang Ming-dao, Song Shang-jie...? How could I see my Heavenly Father with my empty hands? I asked myself, what virtues and abilities do I

have? I'm not as knowledgeable and talented as others. But the Lord says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you..." Paul reminds us in the Bible that it is a matter of your willingness, not your ability. As long as you completely dedicate yourself to God, He will accept you. I decided to enter the Officers' Training College to equip myself. I would let God mold me to become His vessel, follow His will and become His faithful servant who is pleasing to Him.

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