

Who Brought You Here

I remember the words in Judges 18:3b very well, "Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? Why are you here?"

My mother took me to church when I was small. I learnt about Christianity in the Sunday school. But because of my young age, I only had a vague impression on faith. I even left the church for a period of time. Later, after joining the sewing class in The Salvation Army, I was devoted to church life again, and I began learning about God and the truth of life seriously.

"To know clearly who brought you here" is very important. I knew God led me and granted me the status as His daughter, so that I could enjoy the presence and blessings of Christ in His kingdom. "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household." (Ephesians 2:19)

I also knew that a person who was blessed and saved by God's precious blood had the experience of being reborn. His mind was transformed and bad behaviors in the past changed. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

What's more? I knew that a Christian who was aware of his salvation clearly should know that he should let God use his life and give his all for God's use.

In a United Holiness Meeting of The Salvation Army in 2000, the retired General John Gowans said, "God loves you. God wants you. Are you willing to follow Him?" At that time, the Spirit reminded me, "Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? You should grasp the chance to serve God." So, with the strength from God, I walked to the mercy seat and prayed, "Lord, I will follow you." At that time, I thought of Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." With the help of the Holy Spirit, I responded to God's calling and entered the Officers' Training College where I learnt to serve God. At the training, I deeply realized God's grace was enough.

Moreover, I understood there would be “adversities” in my ministry. Life is not necessarily smooth all the time. Sometimes the problems come from secular temptations, sometimes from ourselves. When we have pressure in our ministry, we may think back the secular life we led. We used to have a stable job and favorable income. Why are we still here?

Thank God! During these years of calling to service, despite my weaknesses, I still saw people commit themselves to Christ. The joy was simply indescribable. When I pray, I could feel a supporting force that comes from above. “He shall keep” all those He had called (see Romans 11:29). There are times when we may go astray. As long as I have faith in God, He will take care of me and my family, help me up, and I can move forward.

From the moment I answered His call to officership before God, I promised to do my utmost and keep my position in which I was placed by God. I shall remain faithful so that I can claim “the crown of righteousness” before Him. It will be good enough. It is also what the goals for “why I am here”.

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