

凯地之光

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编者前言

春回大地,万象更新。感谢神的供应、保守,新的一期凯地之光杂志又面世了。

刘宏姊妹分享年末参与美中冬令会事奉的经历,感叹两年 多的瘟疫和信息混乱,使得我们很多人视线变得模糊、看不见 神的心意,冬令会的信息使自己学会运用逆境商数和属天视野, 重新聚焦耶稣,重新加入耶和华的属灵军队,为主作美好的征 战!

黄振加弟兄遭遇身体的病痛和软弱,他字字珠玑的属灵分享,让我们看到他因着圣灵的同在而得着灵里的刚强、属天的快乐、心里的温暖和光明,也见证了神的大能和医治。

在九一一纪念馆前的震撼和沉思,让杜秀香姊妹思忖人性的幽暗、自义和疑惑,知晓就是因为人心的骄傲、狂妄、贪婪和仇恨,文明的大厦倾覆,灵魂也跌落无底的黑洞,唯有耶稣的爱才能够给我们带来生命的阳光。

夏宗兴弟兄的属灵小品,于日常生活、闲暇的场景里发现 属灵的深蕴、亮光和意义,让神的话语回响耳边,让对神的祷 告成为时刻的所思所念,让对主的呼唤变成我们自然的呼吸。

陈克讯牧师的儿子 Eusebes 受洗,陈明佑牧师的儿女们 John、Nehemiah、Eliana 和 Agape 同一天受洗,归入基督的名 下,这是多么美好的见证和图画,天使都要为他们欢呼、歌唱! 他们的受洗见证,为我们树立了基督徒家庭育儿、属灵喂养和 成长的美好榜样。愿神在这五位青少年今后的生命、生活中, 多多祝福他们!

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风雪中耶稣是明灯 ——**2022**年堪萨斯短官心得

刘宏

相比 2019 年,本次美中冬令会主办单位基督工人中心加了一条规定:如有发烧或咳嗽,要自己做 PCR 测试,如有阳性需立即离开大会。带着各种不确定,我们一行两辆车八个人在 12 月 21 日向着目的地堪萨斯出发了。22 日清晨,从宾馆出来就再次见识了美中的暴风雪。暴风雪使前路变得时而清楚时而模糊,雪大路滑,一路看见许多车辆翻车在路边。然而,两辆车坚定前行,喜乐平安在大家心中掌权。两年的瘟疫和乱象,许多的基督徒眼光也像在风雪中一样变得模糊,这也正应了这次大会的主题,就是"开拓属天视野"。虽有暴风雪拦阻,耶稣却是明灯,在信他的人心中引领前路。

下午四点左右,我们与陈克迅牧师和师母两路人马安全 抵达堪萨斯城的凯悦宾馆,感谢赞美神一路保守!我们往年 去冬令会主要是听道,享受属灵大餐,这次受宣教部差遣, 给我们更高的呼召,就是作为短宣队参与大会的服事。我们 这次的服事包括厨房煮饭、餐厅服务、儿童看顾以及传福音 给不信主的朋友。服事之余,我有幸听了赖若瀚等牧师的陪 灵会及早祷信息。赖若瀚牧师是"圣言资源中心"的会长, 在菲律宾及美国达拉斯牧会二十多年,他的讲道风趣又深刻, 他一连几天谈论"属天视野",信息深入我心。赖牧师用基 督山伯爵蒙冤入狱到他用一生复仇的故事,带听众思想有关 人的视野的问题。他举了一个生活小经历:有一次他与赖师 母开车去一个地方,赖师母说:"前面左转就到了。"可是 赖牧师左转没有到。牧师问师母为什么叫他左转,应该是右 转才到。师母说: "我说的是右转。"言无对证,本来"世 纪大战"即将爆发,牧师灵光一现,抱住师母说: "无论左 转还是右转,我都一样爱你。"战火熄灭。由此,牧师讲到 "倒看人生,逆向思考,换个角度看人生,从天上的角度看 人生。"当今社会讲究 IQ(智商)、EQ(情商)、SQ(灵 商)、AQ(Adversity Quotient 逆境商数)。书籍 Adversity Quotient 的作者 Paul Stoltz 说: "人有三类: 一类占 10%是爬山者: 二类占 80%是扎营者,这类人生活安 定,不会积极迎接困难;三类占10%是逃避者。"约瑟显然 是个爬山者。他由约瑟的人生引出"逆境商数"的概念。从 创世纪 42 章到 50 章,约瑟哭了七次,他从十几岁到三十多 岁所经历的痛苦和委屈一并喷发出来。然而,他没有象基督 山伯爵一样报应他的哥哥们, 却是换了一个视角来看他的 "悲惨人生"。他对出卖了自己的哥哥们说: "现在不要因 为把我卖到这里自忧自恨,这是神差我在你们以先来,为要 保全生命……神差我在你们以先来,为要给你们存留余种在 世上,又要大施拯救,保全你们的生命。这样看来,差我来 到这里的不是你们,乃是神。"逆境商数,属天视野,带约 瑟在困境中看见神和衪的旨意。

赖牧师在他的第三讲中提到"初念浅,转念深"的思维 模式。抹大拉的玛利亚在主日的清晨来到耶稣的坟墓前,或 许因主的受难心痛难当而神情恍惚,或许是泪水模糊了视线, 亦或是她还不曾想透主上十架前的预言,当主向玛丽亚显现 时,她竟然没有认出祂。所以,她依然伤痛绝望地把显现在 她眼前的主当成了看园人。由此,赖牧师引导我认识了"转念思维(Paradigm shift)"。请大家看看下图,你第一眼看见的是什么,再仔细看又是什么?是啊! 有多少次,我是凭眼见而判断,没有用信心的透视镜看人或问题; 还有在读圣经时,如果我是匆匆读完,看见的就非常浅薄; 然而,当我专心思想所读的经文,圣灵会亲自启示并赐给我又深刻又新鲜的看见,神的赦免、智慧、属天的能力和引导就从这里得着了。"初念浅,转念深,"感谢神借赖牧师再次开拓我的属天视野!



赖牧师也借约书亚记 5:13-15 节,引导我们看见约书亚 在大战在即的时候遇见神,他问那位在他对面站立的是谁, 他的问题是:你是帮助我们的吗?神却回答说:"不是的, 我来是要做耶和华军队的元帅。"美国立国先驱林肯说: "我所关心的不是神是否站在我这边,而是我们是否站在神 的一边。""耶和华是来帮助我的"也没什么不好,但那是 我们刚信主时的浅见,当我们真正认识和经历神之后,但愿 我们开始有属天视野,慧眼识天机。当我们用"转念思维"来看生活和服事中的挑战时,相信我们就会象约书亚一样看见"耶和华军队的元帅",祂是圣洁、大能、公义和施行拯救的神!正如牧师在证道中所讲,"耶和华军队的神要TAKE FULL CONTROL (完全掌控),"我们所需要担心的不是策略和能力,而是以顺服的心,洁净自己,谦卑与神同行。

两年的瘟疫和信息大战,您是否深感视线变得模糊,看不见神的心意,生活和服事变得无力?愿这篇冬令会的分享帮助大家运用逆境商数和属天视野,重新聚焦耶稣,再次谦卑自己,重新加入到耶和华的军队中,就是祂的正义之师,为主打美好的仗!



经历圣灵同在的恩典

黄振加

在 2021 年夏的一天,我在祷告的时候,一个清晰意念 在我里面涌现出来: 你是一个重生得救的人,蒙神应许,圣 灵已经永远与你同在,主耶稣基督借着圣灵住在你里面,你 要经历圣灵的同在,经历信仰的真实; 所以你要依靠并顺服 圣灵刚强壮胆,信心坚固,你就能面对一切的挑战和处境。 这个意念非常强烈,给我一个极大的提醒: 一个基督徒要常 常记在心里,基督每天都在我们里面活着。此后,每天早晨 醒来的时候,心里先想的是: 圣灵已经与我同在,在今天对 我意味着什么? 我怎样依靠住在我里面的圣灵来面对和度过 新的一天?

几个月之后,到了 2021 年的年底,在每年的例行体检中我被诊断出肺癌。这对我和我全家平静的生活是一个巨大的、意想不到的冲击!如何面对它呢?唯有依靠圣灵,祂会光照我,带领我,赐我力量。既然圣灵已经住在我里面,我怎样体贴圣灵顺服圣灵呢?我是从四个方面来思想来领受的:

- 我思想圣灵的担忧:我不要被撒旦借着我的病患迷惑我,动摇我;圣灵在我里面看顾着我,祂亲自为我争战。所以我要站稳了,仰望依靠神。我要经历神的大能。
- 我思想圣灵的叹息:我要放心,要安静;因为圣灵用 说不出的叹息按神的心意在为我祈求。我要经历神的

仁慈、温柔、怜悯和医治。

- 我思想圣灵的感动:我要明白神的心意,让圣灵引导我。反省悔改,让圣灵的感动来洁净我。我要经历神的圣洁。
- 我思想圣灵的充满:我的情感,我的理智,我的意志 都要被圣灵掌管。我要经历神荣耀的光明。我应该在 这些恩典中,经历神赐给我的丰盛。

现在医治已经进行一年多了。这一年多来,平平安安,吃得好睡得好,心里高高兴兴,没有晚上因为担忧病情而失眠睡不着觉。每当略有负面念头,比如恐慌、消极的时候,便有圣灵的提醒:一切内心黑暗消极都是撒旦所为。我便学习随时随处祈求圣灵的充满,让祂掌管我的心怀意念,掌管我的情感、理智、意志,让神的光充满我,除去心中的一切黑暗,因为神是光,在祂毫无黑暗。我也常常惊奇,为什么在病患中的我没有忧虑而且还能喜乐呢?为什么我心里没有沉重的负担呢?为什么我有时早上在外面走路时,看到我周围的一切,想到神的恩典,会笑起来,会兴奋得奔跑起来,会欢喜地跳跃起来呢?我亲身体验到这都是因为主耶稣基督已经担当了我的忧患、背负了我的痛苦(赛 53:4-5),祂让我活得很轻省。我感谢神,祂借着我夏天的那个祷告的机会,提醒了我圣灵与我同在,预备了我能面对临到我的病患。

我思想神要我学到什么。第一:凡事祷告,寻求神的带领和祂的旨意。特别是在教会的服事中,以前祷告不够,按自己的心意和热心服事。在教会使用的灵修书籍《活泼的生命》2021年1月3日内容中,有一句话提醒了我:"主所寻找的人,不是准备好的人,而是顺服的人"。我应该反复

寻求圣灵的意思,并且顺服。第二:在生活中要体贴顺服圣灵,克服个人性格中急躁和求完美的部分,要学习有耐心和包容。第三:不断地谦卑、反省、悔改。不但要注重透过读经灵修认识神,也要注重经历神。不断地经历神会让我更深地认识神,更深地认识神会让我更丰富地经历神。两者相辅相成,帮助我成长。

因圣灵同在的光照,我每天都在经历神。甚至在很小的事上都让我感受到基督的仁慈、温柔和怜悯。比如,有一次身体检查要全身麻醉,我躺在有轮子的病床上(我叫它病床车),护士推着我经过走廊到检查室,有两分钟的时间。这个病床车略有一点上下微微的颠簸,但车推得平稳缓慢,让我感到很舒适,心里非常平安放松。一下子让我想起了儿时躺在婴儿车里的感受。那是半个多世纪的感觉,又清晰真切地回到我的身上。这种身体上的感受让我沉浸在一种心灵的经历,就是耶稣钉痕的双手温柔地托着我! 祂让我在病痛中经历着从神而来的舒适平安。虽然是一件特别暂短,仅有两分钟这样微小的事,却令我经历到神恩典里的幸福,令我难忘。

人类很难真切地感受到他人的苦难,所以世界缺乏深刻的、持久的怜悯与同情。令我感动的是主耶稣基督道成肉身,来到世间,亲身经历我们的苦难,甚至经历被钉十字架的极度痛苦,这彰显了祂对世人苦难的真切关怀、怜悯与同情。当我们能体会到基督用他的生命来感受我们的痛苦,来表达对我们的怜悯与同情的时候,爱上帝的情感油然而生,无法熄灭。我也特别感谢教会牧者、弟兄姊妹们和我所在的喜乐

小组对我的关爱——祷告、眼泪、探望、鼓励、询问、各种资讯、美食、新鲜的蔬菜、上好的鸡蛋, ……。有弟兄姊妹每天都为我祷告,他们深切地知道我的处境,分担着我的苦难。在他们身上也见证、彰显了基督精神, 那就是: 仁慈、温柔、怜悯和同情。我也和太太说, 这么多牧者和弟兄姊妹对我的关爱, 我无法报答。她说: 最好的报答就是你把基督的爱传递出去, 传递给他人。宣讲福音, 践行使命, 让更多的人蒙恩得救。

我感谢神。若没有神,人在我面临的这种困境下,心里 难免有苍凉、灰暗、失望和气馁。但是因着圣灵已经住在我 里面,祂使我心里充满温暖和光明,令我心欢喜,令我灵歌 唱,因为我的生命在基督里正置永恒的春天!

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陽光下的黑洞

杜秀香

一輪陽光, 一方黑洞

2018 年 8 月的紐約曼哈頓,陽光明媚。我斜穿麥迪遜公園,沿著百老匯大街一路向南,走到世貿大廈舊址,如今的九一一紀念館。

雙子樓的舊址上,立起了兩座方型黑色大理石紀念碑, 莊嚴而肅穆。外層碑面刻著所有受害者的名字。內層碑面亦 微微傾斜,細微的流水沿著四面碑壁,漸次漫流。底部中央 則有一方型黑洞,水流最終緩緩地跌入黑洞裡。

之所以說那是黑洞,是因為水流墜入黑洞,蹤影便不再可循,讓人感覺這洞如無底洞般深邃和黑暗,藏著不可探究、無法知曉的秘密。我心驚之下,竟然不敢直視那方型黑洞。

抬頭,陽光燦爛,碧空如洗。偶有幾縷清淡的雲兒閒散 飄過,似在俯瞰地上的人間悲歡。環顧四周,陽光下的人們 步履從容,神態悠閒。

一輪陽光,一方黑洞,陽光照不到黑洞深處,黑洞躲進深淵之極,互不理睬,各自安好。黑洞之上的陽光,光芒四射;陽光之下的黑洞,

幽深莫測。光與暗,黑 與亮,兩極在此處各據 一端。生與死,陰與陽, 人類生命的始與終,於 此時鋪陳於天地之間。



那一天, 這一天

記得 2002 年的 7 月份,九一一過後的第一個暑假,也是豔陽高照的一天,我也曾站在這裡。那時,此地還是巨大的坑。陽光下的深坑裡,是一眼可見的災難殘骸,和可以想像的人間慘劇。

而今,變成了不可見、無法測的黑色深淵,名副其實的 黑洞。為此,我特意查了黑洞的概念,百度百科如此解釋:

"黑洞(英文: Black Hole),是現代廣義相對論中,存在於宇宙空間中的一種天體。黑洞的引力極其強大,使得視界內的逃逸速度大於光速。故而,'黑洞是時空曲率大到光都無法從其事件視界逃脫的天體'。"

天體學家和物理學家,是從科學角度分析、研究黑洞。 於我而言,那方黑洞極其神秘,甚至詭異,猶如巨大的真空, 可將一切吸入它無底的未知。九一一那天,兩千多條活生生 的生命,在短短的十幾分鐘之內,就被吸進巨大的黑洞,從 此不見天日。

那天,沿著紀念館黑色的碑牆緩緩走過,默誦那些清晰而沉默的名字,一個個鮮活的生命躍然眼前。而今再訪,已過了將近 20 載春夏。當初天真活潑的孩子長大了,戀愛了,結婚了,做父母了;正值中年的或許已然退休,享受著陽光下的碧波沙灘。

可還記得,那一年,那一天,那一刻,兩聲巨大的爆炸後,有人的生命嘎然而止?他們的肉體跌入深坑黑洞,歸於地土。可他們的靈魂呢,去往哪裡?在何處安歇?是與肉體一起掉進黑洞,還是升向天空,與陽光同在?

那些陌生的名字,滋潤過淚水的洗禮,在陽光下熠熠閃亮。將近 20 年的時光也如水一般,洗過很多人的記憶。他們的親朋好友,或許也已漸漸淡忘他們的音容笑貌。關於他們和他們的生命,最終成為紀念館的一個個名字,人類歷史上慘痛的災難符號。

那一天,太陽赤裸於蔚藍天空,炙熱的陽光光芒四射, 而黑洞依舊還是黑洞,寂靜無聲。陽光和黑洞在彼時定格成 一幅對比鮮明的畫作,震撼人的心靈。

因為未見, 因為不知

又是陽光明媚的一天,我坐在電腦前,在細碎的斑駁光 影裡,仔細端詳那日所拍照片,探尋跌入黑洞的水最終流往 何處。滑鼠無意間滑動,照片順時針 360 度轉換一圈,黑 洞亦隨著照片的角度而轉換——眼睛所見不再是一方黑壁, 而是四壁環繞,有棱有角。

我突然靈光一閃,心裡豁亮——四年前震顫心靈、不忍 直視的方型黑洞,純因我的視覺角度——目力所及之處,只 能看到黑洞的半圍邊緣,無法窺全。因為未見,所以恐懼; 因為不知,所以心驚!如果站得高一點,從上往下拍照,如 果知曉黑洞的建築結構,還會有霎那間的恐懼嗎?斷然不會!

再仔細琢磨,除了視角問題,更主要的還是心理因素和情緒導向。置身於災難現場,黑色環繞的紀念館,密密麻麻的死難者名單,彷彿聽到冤魂的吶喊,已然觸目驚心。再加上不見底的方型黑洞,更催化了恐懼情緒。表面看來,是九一一的災難導致我對黑洞產生恐懼,深層次分析,其實是我內心懼怕死亡,對死後歸宿產生疑惑。

更黑暗, 更幽深

至此終於看見,彼得三次不認主的故事,再版重現於 21 世紀的紐約曼哈頓。而主角不再是彼得,而是失了信心、 疑慮重重、擔憂萬分的我。

今晨,坐在陽光下的我,一遍一遍地問自己:作為主的門徒,懼怕死亡嗎?面對災難和死亡時,是否會失去信心,一而再、再而三地不認主,一任世上的苦難迷惑雙眸、蒙蔽心靈、錯亂視角?我知道死後去哪裡嗎?是深坑黑洞,還是與主同在的光明之所?

一遍又一遍自問自答,終於在陽光下,看到自己心裡的那方黑洞。視角偏差、心境認知、信心大小,導致所見自然不同、所想絕對迥然。所謂黑洞,也只是由疑惑所產生的心理恐懼效應而已。

俗話說疑心生暗鬼。可見,疑惑,對於信仰的疑惑,便 是自己心裡的那方黑洞了。

彼得在清晨的三次雞叫以後,便幡然悔悟。而我的醒悟,卻足足等待了4年之久。"你這小信的人哪,為什麼疑惑呢?"(馬太福音14:31)

有一句名言,大意是大海很遼闊,比大海更遼闊的是天空,而比天空更遼闊的是人心。可見人心比萬物更深奧、更神秘、更難測,而"人心比萬物更詭詐。"(耶利米書 17:9)

的确,人心裡的黑洞,比自然天體的黑洞,更黑、更暗、 更幽,也更深不可測。否則,人禍怎麼遠比天災更恐怖、更 慘烈,也更具有毀滅性?又怎麼會有九一一,以及那麼多的 戰亂、紛爭和仇殺?

每個深坑,每顆人心

記得 2001 年 9 月 11 日早晨,上班不久,同一間辦公室的哈利就尖叫起來:世貿大樓被炸了!幾個同事一起圍著電腦,猜想說這是拍電影呢,還是變魔術呢?我趕緊打開 CNN 新聞頻道,雙子塔的一座大樓冒著滾滾濃煙。突然,又一架飛機徑直撞上了另一座大樓。頃刻間,雙子坍塌,陷入一片火海。大家屏住呼吸,驚呆了——這是真的!不是拍電影,也不是變魔術!

一年後,我們去紐約旅行。

雙子塔成為兩個巨大的深坑。曾經傲視世界的輝煌,夜晚時直逼星空的雄偉,就這樣轟然倒塌,不復存在,變成了 堆滿灰塵和殘骸的巨大深坑。觸目驚心!

坑的四周擺滿了鮮花、照片、卡片、書本、毛毛熊、積木,各式各樣的玩具和玩偶。還有一張張照片,那些或蒼老或青春或稚嫩的面孔,令人不忍直視。曾經的大廈,向上高聳入雲。此時的深坑,向下巨大深淵。

人類的選擇永遠都是向上,向著太陽和藍天,甚至向著外星球探尋。人們懼怕深淵,如同懼怕死亡一樣。可人類的命運卻總是與願望背道而馳,這便是最大的悲哀。人類自以為是的光明和希望,最終皆指向黑暗。然而,人仍然拒絕真正生命的光,"生命在祂裡頭,這生命就是人的光。光照在黑暗裡,黑暗卻不接受光。"(約翰福音 1: 4-5)

從世界頂尖的摩天大樓,到慘不忍睹的巨大深坑,再至 深不見底的神秘黑洞,不也正是人類歷史從輝煌至沒落的必 然過程? 豈不是人心從驕傲、狂妄、貪婪、仇恨,到墮落, 直至黑暗的真實寫照嗎?

凝視著黑色的大理石紀念碑,黑色的一方黑洞,我不由感歎設計者的奇思妙想。

記得當時很多人提議,要在廢墟上重建雙子塔,要比之前的更高聳、更雄偉。設計者卻反其道而行之,向著地底深處挖出一個更幽暗的黑洞,預示人間的通天塔通不到天,人間的光無法抵達天上的光。黑洞也寓意人心的黑暗與欲望的無底、人性的幽暗與罪惡的深重。只有打開人心的黑洞,才能走出無底深淵,看見頭頂的那片藍天和陽光。

黑洞是沉重的,悲哀的,沒有指望的。唯有將目光移向 天空,希冀大自然的主宰憐憫,將陽光照進每一個深坑、每 一方黑洞、每一顆人心。"那光是真光,照亮一切生在世上 的人。"(約翰福音 1: 9)

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忠心隨筆-我要遇見神

互相款待,不發怨言

夏宗興

"主啊我神!我每逢舉目觀看,祢手所造一切奇妙大工;看見星宿,又聽到隆隆雷聲,祢的大能遍滿了宇宙中。" (詩歌《祢真偉大》)"因為冬天已往,雨水止住過去了。 地上百花開放,百鳥鳴叫的時候已經來到;斑鳩的聲音在我們境內也聽見了。"(雅歌 2:11~12)

感謝讚美神!星空山川天天映照出你的榮耀,百鳥花草 日日述說你奇妙的大工。

忠心隨筆 - 院中的腳印 - 約翰福音 13:14

雷雨交加的亱晚很難入睡,不知何時終於沉入夢鄉。不知何時刺眼的陽光又把我不情不願地從床上喚起。沐浴過後的紅玫瑰,襯在藍天下碧綠的冬青樹叢前隨風起舞。一個個昨天的腳印在油油綠草地中,仍閃著雨珠映著朝陽。是大地為我洗腳呢! 主受難前晚在客西馬尼園為門徒洗腳: "我是你們的主,你們的夫子,尚且洗你們的腳,你們也當彼此洗腳。" (約翰福音 13:14) 感謝主! 賜下寶貴的教導,求主幫助,每天學習束起腰,蹲下來,彎下腰,低下頭,彼此服事,活出愛的命令。奉耶穌的名,阿們!

忠心隨筆 - 盆中的倒影 - 約翰福音 13:17

洗腳要有毛巾,毛巾要清潔,要柔軟,要能把腳擦乾。 毛巾不能髒,不能像鋼刷剝人皮,不能擦得要乾不乾。 盆 中要有清水,清水才能洗淨污塵。不能用髒水,更不能用黑 水去潑人。洗腳的人要能蹲下去,還要能低下頭去洗,不是 半抬起頭斜眼看臉色。被洗腳的人也歡喜被洗,願意被洗。 不會用腳潑水,不會踹人腦袋。被洗腳的人不是高高在上, 用鼻孔看人,是能低頭感謝。盆裡水中倒影看到的不再是你 和我,看到的是耶穌的慈容笑靨。

我們是否真正明白、真正願意彼此洗腳?毛巾是否清潔柔軟?盆是否夠大夠深?水是純淨還是污濁?是滾燙還是冰冷?我們能蹲得夠低嗎?洗人或被洗,我們都低頭思想主的話語嗎?清潔了腳,我們都抬頭仰望主、讚美感謝嗎?"你們既知道這事,若是去行就有福了。"(約翰福音 13:17)阿們!

忠心隨筆 - 鵜鶘回來了 - 馬太福音 8:20

清冷的早晨,有熱騰騰的咖啡,有溫暖人心神的話語。 望著窗外陽光藍天,湖邊行道上的番鴨也開始做早操了,不 禁思念起那些才回來的老朋友大咀鵜鶘,不知牠們飛走了嗎? 凍壞了嗎?

穿上夾克,小心慢步來到湖邊,神真是看顧。"天上的 飛鳥在水旁住宿,在樹枝上啼叫。"(詩篇 104:12)成群 的老朋友黑鶴,竚立在岸邊觀看新朋友大咀鵜鶘在湖中悠然 遨游。陽光明媚,水波潾潾。正在讚嘆這美好世界,轉念卻 想到主說"狐狸有洞,天空的飛鳥有窩,人子卻沒有枕頭的 地方。"(馬太福音 8:20)噢,主啊!謝謝袮儆醒我,主 來到地上所走的是孤單、被棄絕的十架窄路。求主天天加給力量,忠心跟隨祢的腳蹤。奉耶穌的名,阿們!

忠心隨筆 - 鵜鶘,妳在想什麼? - 雅各書 4:14,15

湖邊起了濃霧,鵜鶘靜靜的躺在湖心的小洲上享受這份 安詳,我也靜靜的坐在長椅上享受這份寧靜。鵜鶘啊!妳在 想什麼呢?告訴妳,我在想"其實明天如何,你們還不知道。 你們的生命是甚麼呢?你們原來是一片雲霧,出現少時就不 見了。"(雅各書 4:14)我在想"你們只當說,主若願意, 我們就可以活著,也可以作這事,或作那事。"(雅各書 4:15)鵜鶘啊!妳待會兒要做什麼事呢?告訴妳,我謝謝妳 陪我這個早晨。我謝謝主已經賜下安靜的心,我現在要打開 神的話語,思想祂的話語,享受祂的話語。奉耶穌的名,阿 們!

忠心隨筆 - 鵜鶘,知道我在想什麼? - 詩篇 65:11

淡淡的清月, 縷縷的枝影, 些些遲疑, 許許困惑。主! 祢在那裡? 主! 我渴望祢。

歲月怱怱流去,滿滿虧欠。主!我願尋回。主!求祢赦我。

歲月怱怱流去,滿滿恩典。主!求祢使用。主!我願獻上。

主耶穌慈聲說我恩典夠你用。我低頭, 淚水滿眶。

"你以恩典為年歲的冠冕,你的路徑都淌下脂油。" (詩篇 65:11)

感謝主!奉耶穌的名,阿們!

忠心隨筆 - 鵜鶘, 我奔跑, 奔跑 - 歌林多前書 9:26; 腓立比書 3:13,14

時間,一道流水,朝著永遠的方向一直一直不快不慢地 流往那看不見的無限。

人生,一場戲劇,看著空白的劇本一直一直有喜有悲地 晌往那摸不著的掌聲。

歡樂,也許掌聲雷動,也許鴉雀無聲。

流淚, 也許滿場啜泣, 也許人去樓空。

我問, "可以 NG 嗎?" 導演說, "不可以。"

我問, "怎麼演?"導演說, "應知道。"

我問, "我演誰?" 導演說, "你已不是你。"

曲終人散,布幕落下,導演說……

"所以我奔跑,不像無定向的,我鬥拳,不像打空氣的。"(歌林多前書 9:26)

"弟兄們,我不是以為自己已經得著了。我只有一件事,就是忘記背後努力面前的,向著標竿直跑,要得 神在基督 耶穌裡從上面召我來得的獎賞。" (腓立比書 3:13,14)

求主帶領,奔跑不放棄,敬虔分外殷勤,要得不能壞的 冠冕。奉耶穌的名,阿們!

忠心隨筆 - 鵜鶘,彼此擔當 - 加拉太書 6:2

鵜鶘飛走了,雖然明知鵜鶘只是路過,遲早會離去,心中仍然有些悵惘。不知道牠們是去到了海邊還是曠野,也不知道明年牠們是否還會回來。走著走著發現湖心小洲上還有三隻。傍晚我又來到這裡,居然正巧看見有兩隻鵜鶘飛囬小洲,像是帶了食物來,停留了片刻又飛走了。這些鳥兒竟然好似過著團契相顧的生活。"你們各人的重擔要互相擔當,如此就完全了基督的律法。"(加拉太書 6:2)鳥兒都能,更何況神家的肢體,求主帶領使我們活出更合一的生活。奉耶穌的名,阿們!



Personal Testimony

Eusebes Tan

Born in a Christian household and after some forgotten event when I was around three, I would classify myself as a Christian. But, that would mostly be the extent of my faith, as nothing I had ever experienced had been felt powerful in the case of God. As a result of this, I had been straying from the Christian values I was taught as a younger kid and I had started relying more on myself. This shift in ideals led to some problems, as I felt that my life was getting messier and I felt unmotivated with things like school.

So, in the summer after my 5th grade, during quarantine I decided that I would try to figure out my life, and what was happening in it. After a couple of months, I felt that I was making progress with figuring out what was happening in my life. But one night while I was trying to sleep, I felt a sense of hopelessness, which came from the realization that I couldn't figure out my problems on my own, and nobody else probably could either.

However, in the midst of the hopelessness, I had remembered a preacher telling our congregation to pray for the problems you have, and God will answer. So knowing that I had no other hope, I called out to the Lord Jesus Christ and asked Him to help me heal my sinful life and guide me through my life. Over the course of the next couple of months, I felt my problems seemingly fix themselves. This I recognize as the work of God and His grace, taking me back from my old lifestyle and habits. I am now glad to be in His grace, as it gives me new life and hope, which is why I have decided to be baptized today.

Baptism Testimony 1

John Chen

When I was young, my mom read the Bible with me on the sofa every day. When it came to the word "God", she would wait, and I spelled out G-O-D and pronounced "God". That is how I learned about God and English. My dad also prayed with me every night. I attended Bible Study Fellowship (BSF), and learned about God's characters. One of them is omnipresent, which means God is everywhere. The teachers in BSF were very gentle and loving.

When I was four or five years old, I was at our home office and picked up a sheet that said A B C. The letters were very tiny, so I could not read them easily. I asked my mom what it said. She read it to me: "A: admit that you are a sinner. B: believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He was buried, and He rose on the third day. C: commit your life to Jesus." She asked if I wanted to believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior and have eternal life, and I said yes.

God continue to teach me who He is. One day, I stole five dollars from my sister's money bag. My mom told me to look her in the eyes and she asked, "Did you steal money?" She gave me a few opportunities to tell the truth. Each time I denied. My dad brought me into a room and asked me, and I finally confessed. My parents and I were very sad because I fell into temptation and chose to lie. We kneeled on the floor. I prayed and asked God for forgiveness. They prayed for me. I returned the money to my sister and asked her to forgive me. Afterwards, I had to write out all the verses in Psalm 51. I need to remember to think before I act. Someone once said, "When God reveal sins, it is out of His mercy."

One of the characters of God is omniscient, which means God is all knowing. This attribute helped me a lot when my dad broke his hip and when my grandpa passed away. When my dad broke his hip, I was very afraid and thought it was not in God's plan. We helped our dad and prayed with him every day. Many church friends brought food to us and prayed for us. Finally, he could walk and run. When we received the phone call that my grandpa was dying, I prayed with my family to find comfort in God.

In my dad's Sunday school class, I learned that God is omnipotent, which means God is powerful. We studied Genesis chapter 1 to 3. We learned about Creation. God is an orderly God. He prepared Creation on the first three days and filled the earth on the last three days. On the seventh day, He rested. We also listened to Jonathan Park's audio book which talks about archeological proof that our God is the only one true God. I want to share the gospel with others and I pray that God will use me.

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Baptism Testimony 2

Nehemiah Chen

There are a lot of big picture books at my house. My mom would tell me Bible stories from them. One of the stories was about four kids. They thought they could go to heaven. One girl goes to church every Sunday. The next boy is very kind and helpful. The next girl gives a lot of money to the poor. The last boy is a very nice person with good grades. But none of them are good enough to go to heaven because we are all born with sin. There was another picture that showed two boys fighting and not sharing

toys, and that's sin also. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that breaks God's law and makes Him sad. Sin causes us to be separated from God forever in a terrible place of suffering.

One day when I was four years old, I went to a room to see my mom. She read a Bible verse to me. Then she told me about the ABC's. A is to admit that I am a sinner against the Holy God. B is to believe Jesus is the perfect Son of God, and He died on the cross for my sins. He did not stay dead. On the third day He rose again. C is to call on Jesus to be my Savior. She asked if I would like to be a child of God, and I said, "Yes."

After I became a Christian, I still sin sometimes. I annoy my siblings and disobey my parents. I get angry easily. My dad is very calm 99.9% of the time. When I do wrong things he tells me to take a break in a room and think about three questions. What did I do wrong? Why was it wrong? What will I do differently next time? When I am ready, I would come out and tell my parents the answers. Afterwards I would say sorry to my siblings and ask for their forgiveness. Then I would say sorry to God and pray that He forgives me. The Bible says in 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." He hears our prayers faster than the speed of light because He is always there.

I like to go to church to worship God. At Kids' Church, my friends and I sing "Holy, Holy, Holy" really loud. I enjoy watching Bible story and application videos. I learn that God is slow to anger, loving, and faithful. I always look forward to Kingdom Kids because it is very fun. The teachers perform very interesting science experiments. The Bible memory games and the gym time are very exciting. One night during Kingdom Kids, we watched a few teenagers getting baptized and they shared how God saved them. It made me want to be baptized too.

In the past two years, I learned how to share the Gospel at Aunt Darlene's Junior Missionary Camp and our church's JT summer camp. Ms. Dora taught the kids the Wordless Book. We visited a few nursing homes, sang songs there, shared the Gospel, and gave them gifts. Only the Holy Spirit can change people's hearts. I am very happy that I can tell other people the Good news of Jesus. I want God to help me continue to grow in Him.

Baptism Testimony 3

Eliana Chen

I grew up in a Christian home and my dad is the children's pastor here in KCCC. My parents have a strong, deep-rooted faith. They taught me God's Word and have often prayed with me starting at an early age.

While I was growing up, I heard the Gospel many times. I knew that I had to admit I am a sinner, believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and rose again on the third day, and ask Him to come into my life as my Savior. Each time, I always prayed in my heart to receive Jesus, but I didn't know I only had to do it once.

One day, I finally realized that I only need to make the prayer of confession for salvation in Jesus once and I would be His child forever. I could have assurance that I am going to heaven.

Since I trusted in Jesus, God has impacted my life in so many ways and helped me grow in Him. I learned about God in Kid's church, Sunday school, basketball ministry, and Bible time. He has given me godly friends and Christian teachers from church and school. During the summer, I had the opportunity to volunteer at our church's Junior Missionary camp and teach preschool Sunday school. I also went to a youth missionary

camp and was trained in leading Bible clubs at daycares. I witnessed the Holy Spirit's mighty power working in kids' lives.

I still sin even though I am a Christian. But when I confess and ask for forgiveness, God forgives me. He is omniscient and in control of everything. He constantly guides me in making hard decisions. God sanctifies me day by day. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

Today, I want to be baptized as an act of obedience to God and to show others that I follow Jesus. Thank you for witnessing my baptism and for helping me grow in my spiritual journey.

Baptism Testimony 4

Agape Chen

I grew up in a Christian home. My parents taught me about God when I was very young. We memorized Bible verses and sang songs. They brought me to church and Sunday School to learn about God.

On October 10, 2017, I put my faith and trust in Jesus as my personal Savior. I knelt down on the floor in a room in my house. I prayed that I was sorry that I was a sinner, that I believed Jesus died on the cross for my sins and rose again on the third day, and that God would come into my life and change me.

After I believed in Jesus, I grew more mature in my faith. I am deeply impacted by God's love and forgiveness, the power of prayer, and the hope I have in Him. My parents named me Agape, which means God's unconditional love. God is holy. The Bible says that all men have sinned. If God did not love us, He would not send Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, and we would be eternally separated from God in Hell. Romans 5:8, "But God

demonstrates His own love for us in this, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

This summer, I attended our church's JT missionary camp and Aunt Darlene's Champ and TREK camp. We traveled to parks, nursing homes, and daycares to share the Gospel. Many people have not heard about God, but everyone needs God's forgiveness. We told people that if they believed in Jesus, they could become the children of God. I witnessed God's power to save souls. I only need to pray and share.

Prayer is communication with God. God answers yes, no, or wait. He is wise and always answers prayers. In spring 2020, my dad fell and broke his hip. In summer 2021, my grandparents in Florida were hospitalized due to COVID-19 and pneumonia. In both cases, we prayed for God's healing. Many people also prayed and cared for them and my family. My dad and my grandparents all recovered very well. In Psalm 66:20, it says, "Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!"

Sometimes God answers no, but the Holy Spirit gives us hope in Jesus. On July 3, 2022, my grandpa died of cardiac arrest unexpectedly. We still have sorrows, but we can rejoice because we will see him again in Heaven, where there is no sadness, crying, pain, or death. In many parts of the world, death is only loss and grief, but we, as Christians, have hope of eternal life. Hope in Jesus also means that I don't need to look anywhere else for identity, money, happiness, the world, food, friends, electronics, grades, clothes, comforts, homework, etc. I must fix my eyes on Jesus. He alone will satisfy me and give me peace even in the midst of grief and suffering.

I thank God for loving me and saving me by grace. I am glad to be baptized today.

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