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## “Have You Seen Dragonflies Coming down from the Sky?”



Dragonflies are flying down from around the sun like white snowflakes

Every summer, Manmin members from all around the world feel God's grace and love seeing amazing dragonflies from heaven. (Photos: the members having dragonflies light on their fingertips during Manmin Summer Retreat).

### Big swarms of dragonflies, reminder of a biblical account

Just as beautiful white snowflakes come down from heaven, grand swarms of dragonflies come down from around the sun all at once and sit on many church members.

The dragonflies fly down in zigzags as if they are dancing and land precisely on the church members. They sit and stay on their hands, heads, and other parts of their bodies. Even when the members petted and kissed them, they stayed with the members. How amazing!

The single compound eye in dragonflies is comprised of about 28,000 ommatidia. The ommatidia are visual units consisting of a lens system and a group of light sensitive cells.

The direction of each ommatidium is different so the ommatidia point in almost all directions and give a 360 degree visual field. So, dragonflies can see moving things 20m away and even some at a distance of 37m.

Thus, it is really hard to catch dragonflies. Nevertheless, many dragonflies fly down on Manmin members in a friendly way. In August 2006, Manmin members met these dragonflies for the first time during Manmin Summer Retreat in Muju, Jeonbuk Province. They felt special joy and enjoyed themselves in the very delightful situation.

The retreat venue was an outdoor space surrounded by mountains full of trees and plants. But the countless dragonflies got rid of harmful and distracting insects including mosquitos and moths. Some accommodations' owners and residents nearby were

amazed. They said there had been so many insects, mosquitos, and moths. But when Manmin members came, the insects were all gone and after the members left the harmful insects came back again.

The following summer they again appeared before Manmin members. From that time on they have shown up every summer for ten consecutive years. Some members come all the way to Korea from distant foreign countries and join Manmin Summer Retreat to experience this amazing work.

These marvelous dragonflies turn up in many events such as Leadership Conference and Summer Bible School as well as Manmin Summer Retreat. Moreover, they also show up around Manmin members in workplace or at home.

The Israelites experienced a similar

amazing thing. Exodus 16:13-14 reads, "So it came about at evening that the quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew evaporated, behold, on the surface of the wilderness there was a fine flake-like thing, fine as the frost on the ground." While they were living in the wilderness for 40 years, they ate manna and quail that came from heaven.

God is the same yesterday and today. Through dragonflies, He shows us the existence of the spiritual realm and helps us believe in it. At the same time, He proves the authenticity of the Bible. It is His great love. Manmin members are looking forward to Manmin Summer Retreat where they will have a great time with pretty dragonflies.





Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“When He [Jesus] had finished speaking, He said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch’...When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break” (Luke 5:4-6).

# Put out into the Deep Water and Let down Your Nets

jar. At that time, a handful of flour and a little oil were very precious for her because she thought she might prepare the last food with them for her and her son and they would then die. But she gave it to Elijah, and received the great blessing (1 Kings 17:8-16).

Only when we rely on God’s Word and sow before Him with devotion will He recognize our faith as true. Then we can bring down God’s work.

## 2. We should obey the Word in action

For Jesus knew the most pressing problem facing Simon, He gave the fisherman a word of blessing in order to resolve that problem. He said, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Yet, if Simon had used his own thought, he would not have been able to obey Jesus’ command. Simon was a professional fisherman. He was born and raised on the seashore and learned to catch fish since his childhood.

If Simon had involved his experiences and knowledge, he could have challenged Jesus as follows, perhaps saying, “Sir, all night long, I had let down my nets but caught no fish. All the fish have moved somewhere else and there is none left to be caught.” But that’s not how he thought, and it’s not what he said. And just as Jesus had told him, he went out into the deep water and let down his nets. He caught a great quantity of fish. He even needed to signal his partners in the other boat for them to come and help him. They came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink (Luke 5:7).

Simon could receive blessings because, without involving his thought, knowledge, and experiences, he obeyed Jesus’ Word exactly as he had been told. He knew that while Jesus might not be a professional fisherman, He manifested signs wherever He went and had authority in His teaching. The words of someone like that, Simon thought, were worth trusting even if they did not agree with his own knowledge and experience. The outcome was far greater than he could ever have imagined.

But Simon did not stop at rejoicing in the many fish he had caught. He fell down at Jesus’ feet, saying, “Go

away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” After personally experiencing such astonishing work of God, Simon came to realize that Jesus was so great and holy that he could not dare to come face to face with Him and that before Jesus, he was a sinner.

Jesus delighted in Simon who was not arrogant but truthfully confessed that he was a sinner. Jesus then gave Simon a spiritual blessing. He said to Simon, “Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men,” and called upon Simon as His disciple. He obeyed Jesus immediately this time as well and followed Him, leaving everything behind. Jesus saw the kind of vessel Simon was and gave him the precious duty of a disciple.

God will surely find and use those who can obey His Word without involving their own thought. For such people do not have “self” within them, they can be guided well by the Holy Spirit and quickly enter spirit. They can come forth as vessels that are wanted and recognized by God.

## 3. We should endure and toil to enter the depth

Spiritually, “water” symbolizes God’s Word. And, God’s Word is the same as God’s heart. Therefore, ‘to put out into the deep water and let down our nets’ means that we enter the depths of God’s heart. Just as Simon caught a great quantity of fish after he ‘put out into the deep water and let down his nets’ when we enter the depth of God’s heart we can mine away an immeasurable amount of treasure from it.

The heart of God is so deep that the depth cannot be measured or understood by man. He designed everything in the universe and governs it to operate precisely. But when compared against the entire spiritual world, the physical universe is only a tiny mark left by a ballpoint pen. Everything we need as well as all strength, wisdom, and knowledge are found in His heart. The deeper we enter His heart, the greater the assortment of gifts and strengths we can draw from it.

But there is one thing you ought to remember here. Going out into the deep water and letting down the nets required much perseverance

and toil from Simon. Though he was exhausted and weary from having worked all night, Simon now had to row out to the deeper part of the lake. By the same token, entering the depths of God’s heart also requires much perseverance and toil from us. As John 4:24 tells us that “God is spirit,” we should strive to enter spirit so as to enter the depth of God’s heart. That is, we must toil to cast off flesh and fight against sins to the point of shedding blood (Hebrews 12:4).

And even if we suffer the torment of the self within us being shattered, we must completely crush all our frame-works, our own thoughts and speculations. We must completely deny ourselves and throw off our righteousness. When we call out to God in fervent prayer and toil, we can go into the deeper water and let down our nets. Just as the number of fish Simon caught was simply beyond the limit of his thought, we will also receive answers to problems that no man is capable of resolving.

If you want to receive God’s answers and blessings, you must cast away sins. I urge you not to lose heart or grow weary in fighting against sins and doing good, but instead row towards the deeper water all the more forcefully. On your way towards the deep water, you may face trials that are like storms at sea. Against surging waves, you may be thrust backwards from time to time. Even if you come across such storms, I urge you never to lose faith but gather your strength and charge forward. As you give God thanks for teaching you perseverance in trials, and obey His Word when you charge towards the deep water, God will give you amazing answers and blessings.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, from a life of an ordinary fisherman, Simon’s life was completely transformed into a new life by meeting Jesus. He became one of the most beloved disciples of Jesus. He was given a new name ‘Peter’ which means ‘the rock’ and the keys of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:18-19). He led countless souls to salvation as an apostle proclaiming the resurrection of the Lord and finished his life by dying a martyr. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will live a blessed life like Simon.



In Luke 5:3-7, Jesus taught Simon how to catch fish, saying, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch”. But this is not only about how to catch fish, but also about keys to blessing. Now let’s look into the keys to receiving blessing embedded in this incident.

## 1. We should sow to reap

In today’s Scripture, Simon had worked hard all night but he was unable to catch any fish. Although he was thoroughly disappointed, he still offered his boat for Jesus to use. He could do this because he had heard good news about Jesus. He believed that Jesus not only taught God’s Word, but was also a Man of power who healed many of the sick.

In order to receive God’s blessings, we must first show Him the act of sowing. Even in the most desperate situation in which we have nothing, we have to sow a seed of faith to begin receiving His blessing. It is just as in the situation of Simon offering Jesus his boat for His preaching.

James 2:22 reads, “You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected.” The widow in Zarephath could receive the blessing of having her food not running out during the three-and-a-half-year drought because she served Elijah, a man of God, with a handful of flour and a little oil in the

## The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles’ Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.

“[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.” (Acts 17:25)

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

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# How to Demolish Fleshly Thoughts and Be Led by the Voice of the Holy Spirit



1 Corinthians 2:10-11 reads, “For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.” Also, Romans 8:14 says, “For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.” It shows that when we are led by the Spirit of God—the Holy Spirit, we are now God’s children.

The Scripture says that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, which means that the Holy Spirit’s heart is one with God’s heart. Thus, it is natural that God’s children be led by the Spirit of God—the Holy Spirit. In order for God’s children to hear the Holy Spirit’s voice and receive His guidance, they first have to demolish fleshly thoughts that are hostile toward God (Romans 8:7). Now, let’s delve into how to smash fleshly thoughts completely and hear the Holy Spirit’s voice and receive His guidance.



## 1 We should cast off untruthful things from our hearts

The voice of the Holy Spirit is not a kind of sound that is heard through ears. This is the voice from our hearts. It is heard from the truth that we have cultivated in our hearts. However, if we have untruths in our hearts, fleshly thoughts first come through our mind before the Spirit’s voice is heard. Fleshly thoughts arise from the operation of soul belonging to the untruth.

Suppose you hear someone speaking ill of you. You may think, ‘He is very rude and hurting my pride. I feel bad.’ Following these fleshly thoughts, untruthful things may be agitated in you such as anger and hatred. Then you may get very angry and want to punish him. Your face may turn red, you may curse with a harsh tone, or you may throw something or even hit him.

This kind of fleshly thought is hostile toward God and cannot please God (Romans 8:7-8). Thus, to the extent we have fleshly thoughts, we cannot attain greater faith and we cannot experience God’s works. Moreover, it is very hard to enter spirit. Therefore, in order that we can hear the Holy Spirit’s voice clearly, we must cast off untruthful things from our hearts quickly.



## 2 We should obey the Holy Spirit’s voice even if it sounds faint

The Holy Spirit’s voice is heard to the extent that we cultivate the truth in our hearts. For many people, both fleshly thoughts and the Holy Spirit’s voice are both heard because they have both truthful heart and untruthful heart.

So, the Holy Spirit’s voice may be very faint, but as much as we keep obeying the voice, we can hear the voice more clearly. For instance, one has not yet to become sanctified. When someone does evil to him, he may have two kinds of thoughts: fleshly thought—‘I hate him. I am feeling bad’ and the Holy Spirit’s voice—‘Be kind. Love even your

enemies.’ If he chooses the Holy Spirit’s voice and obeys it, he will be able to hear the Holy Spirit’s voice more clearly.

If you are not able to hear the Holy Spirit’s voice, the reason may be that you do not obey God’s Word though the Word comes to your mind. We should try to hear the Holy Spirit’s voice even if it sounds so faint. It is just as we can hear a weak sound when we pay attention to it although it is heard with other louder sounds. When we try hard to hear the Holy Spirit’s voice, we can hear it more clearly.

Therefore, the important thing in hearing the Holy Spirit’s voice is a longing heart. If you long to hear the Holy Spirit’s voice and like to obey it, you can hear even faint voice of the Holy Spirit. To the extent that we practice the truth diligently with longing for the Holy Spirit’s voice, we can hear the voice more clearly. And to the extent that we obey the Holy Spirit’s guidance, we can cast away untruthful things from our hearts more quickly.



## 3 We should pray fervently

Let’s say two radios are on. Two different programs come out from the radios. If you turn up the volume of one radio, you will be able to hear the program from it better than from the other. Praying fervently is like turning up the volume of the radio. When you receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit through fervent prayer, you can hear His voice more clearly.

Before you visit other church members, you should first pray fervently for them and receive the Holy Spirit’s guidance. Then, you can give them more exact counseling. Suppose a member did not keep the Lord’s Day and you are going to visit him. If you simply think you will preach about the importance of keeping the Lord’s Day, you may not be able to resolve his problem.

You must pray fervently first and hear the Holy Spirit’s voice. The Holy Spirit may let you know the real reason for his skipping the Lord’s Day. He may also give you a Bible verse necessary for him. When you give the Bible verse to him, he will open his heart, receive grace, and finally keep the Lord’s

Day again. Sometimes, you happen to visit someone on the spur of the moment. Then, you may not have prepared for the visitation with prayer in advance. However, if you have prayed without ceasing and stayed filled with the Holy Spirit, you can hear His voice with a short prayer.



## TIP How to discern the Holy Spirit’s voice from one’s own thoughts

If we want to discern something clearly, we should pray earnestly for it. Through prayer we can become filled with the Holy Spirit and then can hear His voice more clearly. Thereby we can have proper discernment.

Besides, we can tell the Spirit’s voice from our thoughts through the result of obedience. If it is the Holy Spirit’s voice, joy and heart of thanksgiving may come down from above after obeying it. Or, we may hear words that confirm it is the Holy Spirit’s voice from others. Or, we may reap fruit of blessings.

If the Holy Spirit’s voice is heard in prayer, you may receive His guidance. Then, you should meditate on it and pray about it. By doing so, you can definitively discern whether it is the Holy Spirit’s voice or not.

If you keep praying fervently and leading your Christian life full of the Holy Spirit, you can communicate with God all the time, hear the Holy Spirit’s voice, and receive His guidance.



I was born into a sincere Christian family in Daegu City, South Korea. While I was growing up, I attended church diligently and studied the Bible. But when I reached puberty, I was disappointed in myself and others who did not live by the biblical teaching. I thought of the way to live according to God's Word so I read many books on theology and sought the way. But I could not find the way to casting off evil.

When I was an eleventh grader, I started to think, 'Does God really exist?' I then lost the meaning of my life. I tried to find the meaning and satisfaction in philosophy and Buddhism but nothing could fill my heart.

I just found joy in learning. I graduated from a medical college with a good grade and started to teach physiology in the medical school of Kyungpook National University.

#### I met the true mentor that led me to live in God's Word

My mother read Dr. Jaerock Lee's testimonial memoirs *Tasting Eternal Life before Death*. She was greatly moved and urged me to visit Manmin Central Church. Finally, I attended the church's Friday All-night Service and Sunday Morning Service.

In 1987, Senior Pastor Dr. Lee was giving a lecture on Job during Friday All-night Service and preaching about 'The Measure of Faith' during Sunday Morning Service. His teaching was the one that I had never heard before and it was very powerful. He was also teaching about the circumcision of heart and the ways to increasing faith that I had been longing to find. I was shown the way to discovering my evil and to living without sinning.

Furthermore, I became very earnest when I saw signs, wonders, and powerful works that confirmed God's Word. I could feel the love of the Lord who was hung on the cross and died to save a sinner like me and thoroughly repented with tears. It was my first time to experience the Holy Spirit though I had been raised as a Christian since my birth. I was overjoyed.

Though at the time it took five hours, I came all the way to Seoul from Daegu to attend Sunday Service. Since I finally found such a teaching that I had yearned for, I made up my mind to put it into practice quickly and resemble the Lord.

On January 31 in 1988, I began attending Masan Manmin Church while I was serving the army as an army doctor. I met my wife Senior Deaconess Miok Cho there and we got married in May, 1989.

#### I experienced God the Creator's power and the spiritual world

In 1990, my late grandmother (Senior Deaconess Bunhan Cho) was suffering from serious neuralgia for more than one year because of after-effects of shingles. She became all skin and bones. Then, Dr. Lee came to Daegu to lead Revival Meeting and prayed for her. When she received the prayer, she yelled, "A demon is going out!" After then, her serious pain was gone and recovered good health.



## "God the Creator Is Still Working Now!"

**Elder Alvin J. Hwang,**  
age 56, Parish 12, South Korea



Dr. Alvin J. Hwang was presenting his first daughter Lucy Hwang's (right) divine healing case of calcific tendinitis in WCDN Mexico Conference. (His wife Senior Deaconess Miok Cho and his second daughter Jueun Hwang)

While I was experiencing the spiritual realm and Dr. Lee's power, I longed to become the Lord's worker and prayed. In 1992, I was blessed to work as a Levite worker (full-time worker) of Manmin Central Church. In November 1996, I was given a chance to accompany Senior Pastor during his mountain prayer. I witnessed amazing wonders in the night sky and started to break off the framework of my knowledge.

I talked about stars with Senior Pastor. I thought I was knowledgeable about stars and relevant things. I disagreed with what he said and insisted on my thought. Right then, God allowed me to see the power of God the Creator that could never be explained by the worldly knowledge in the night sky. A big circle formed around the moon. Outside of the circle were dense clouds and inside the circle was no cloud at all. Although strong winds continued to blow, the clouds outside of the circle did not move into the circle. It was not the occurrence of a natural phenomenon.

God the Creator blessed me to realize how foolish I had been. He also said that I should be completely renewed to accomplish the world mission with the shepherd. Afterwards, I tried to live by God's Word and become sanctified, but I was often faced with limitations. I had strong ego so I did not rely perfectly on God.

#### I wanted to preach about God the Creator with the heart of spirit

One day in 2013 Senior Pastor said to me, "It is not hard to achieve the heart of spirit. You can do it when you turn your ego into nothing." I began praying with his advice and tried hard to break off my ego. As I felt the Lord's love of the cross and God's love through Senior Pastor's deep love, I was more eager to be renewed.

Above all, I tried to put myself in others' shoes and change my heart. Then I came to seek their benefits from my heart. I was excited to see myself being renewed. "I can be renewed by God's Word!" I became filled with assurance that I would become sanctified by God's and the Lord's love and the Holy Spirit's help. In June, 2015, I eventually accomplished the heart of spirit. Hallelujah!

I am Vice President of WCDN (World Christian Doctors Network, Founder and Chairman Dr. Jaerock Lee). WCDN is the interdenominational organization that proves miraculous healing cases by God's power based on medical data. We, thereby, testify that God is alive and the Bible is authentic. We hold an annual international Christian medical conference with hundreds of medical doctors in attendance, present many healing cases through Dr. Lee's prayer, and give special lectures on God's powerful works.

In 2013, I presented my daughter Chanmi Hwang's healing case of calcific tendinitis on her left wrist in Mexico Conference and she came along together with me for the presentation.

God the Creator is alive now showing countless powerful works. I give all thanks and glory to Him who has led me to become the Holy Spirit's instrument and testify about Him to people all around the world.



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