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## "My growth plates closed due to dwarfism, but they opened and I grew 32cm taller!"

Brother Jaejin Lee, age 20, Young Adults' Mission

I was always around 20cm shorter than friends in my age group in Manmin Kindergarten, in elementary school, and in middle school. I was so small that mv friends said I was cute and sometimes lifted me up. It hurt my pride, but I tried not to care about it because I didn't want to be stressed out about it. My mother

Deaconess Youngmun Kim often said 'I'm sorry' to me and took me to the hospital several times. I was diagnosed with dwarfism, and the doctors said that I would not grow taller because my growth plates had closed. When I graduated from a middle school, I was 128cm tall (just over 4ft) with the weight of 28kg. Most of my friends were approximately 160cm. It seemed as though I was their youngest brother around them.

In February 2014, my mother again took me to the hospital. I stayed in hospital for five days and underwent thorough exams. The result was just the same. The doctor said I would not grow because my body didn't produce growth hormone. I was afraid that I would stay that short even after I become an adult and would live my entire life very short.

My mother prayed for me with pity. One day, she suggested receiving Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer. Since I had attended the church since early childhood, I had seen many members receive healing and answers to their prayer. But I had never imagined my growing taller by the prayer because my growth plates had already closed.

On January 1, 2015, after the New Year's Service, my mother and I went to Senior Pastor and received his prayer. After the prayer, my mother prayed for me with tears as though it was her fault. She clung to God for me by praying, spreading the gospel, and fulfilling her duty well.

In February, something amazing happened to me. My mother had often measured my height. On the day, I had grown 3cm taller and was 131cm. My mother said anything is possible with the power of God and often went to Senior Pastor to receive his prayer for me with faith. In December 2016, I was 140cm tall, and in May 2017, I was 151cm tall.

In July, I hurt my waist and visited an orthopedist. There I heard something amazing again. The doctor checked my X-ray scan and asked how old I was. He added that my growth plates were open. I was healed of dwarfism by Senior Pastor's prayer!

It is January 2018, I am now 160cm (5'3"). It's so amazing that I am physically growing up. The doctors in hospitals said that my growth plates had closed and I would not grow tall. But my growth plates opened and I grew 32cm taller!

This served as a great experience of faith for me. I realized the love of God for whom nothing is impossible. I believe I will keep growing taller. I give all thanks and glory to the living God.





### "My back was straightened after 51 years!"

Sister Wui Noy, age 81, Chiang Rai Manmin Church, Thailand

I suffered postpartum stroke after I gave birth to my child, and since then my health condition consistently was failing. What's worse, my back was bent forwards 45 degrees at the age of 30. A young woman in her thirties walked crooked with her back bent; it was me. I felt embarrassed around people. Neither could I walk fast nor do anything standing or something difficult. I always relied on others' help.

I wanted to live as other people lived. I received treatment in many hospitals, but nothing worked. With the passage of time, I gave it up. I still wanted to become normal, however, when I saw people standing straight.



In late November 2016, I was guided to Chiang Rai Manmin Church by my friend. It was my very first time to visit a church because my ancestors and family had served as Buddhists. But I felt warm and comfortable as if I was at home rather than feeling strange. During the praise and worship service, especially, peace and joy I had never felt were given to me.

My friend testified that she had been healed of her backache and stomachache by the handkerchief prayer of power (Acts 19:11-12). She also said that my back would be straightened if, with faith, I received the prayer of the handkerchief on which Dr. Jaerock Lee, Senior Pastor of Manmin Central Church had prayed.

On December 11, 2017, I was given faith and asked Pastor Jaewon Lee of Chiang Rai Manmin Church to pray for me with the handkerchief. To my surprise, my back was straightened a little right after the prayer. I felt so amazed! I received the prayer a few more times afterwards. Then, my back got strengthened and finally it was perfectly straightened!

My back had remained bent for 51 years, but it was straightened at the age of 80. It felt like a dream. I give all thanks and glory to God!



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

"Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth...Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out" (Deuteronomy 28:1, 6).

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When your souls prosper, everything will go well with you and you will enjoy good health on the earth and you will be greatly blessed in heaven as well (3 John 1:2). Let's now delve into how to receive blessings 'when we come in and when we go out'.

#### 1. We have to try our best to sow much and sow with the aroma of our heart.

We cannot expect to reap something without sowing. We cannot expect good fruit after sowing bad seed. We cannot expect an abundant harvest after sowing only a few seeds either. Galatians 6:7 reads, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap." 2 Corinthians 9:6 says, "Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

We sow material and spiritual things such as offering, prayer, faithfulness, and confessions of lips. Even if we give a lot in offerings, the blessings will come slowly if we don't pray and work faithfully. It's because the will of God is giving material blessings to those

## **You Are Blessed** When You Come in and When You Go out

whose souls prosper by prayer and faithfulness. This is the will of God and complete blessing.

Suppose you sow without faith and hope. God does not receive only the offering or the acts of working for God. He receives the aroma of heart contained in them. Some people sow diligently but complain and make negative professions. Doing so they discard their blessings. Thus, you have to check if you have properly sown in the sight of God.

When we sow before God, we have to sow what is perfect, so we can reap the complete blessing (Leviticus 22:20-22). We must not give any money that is earned by unrighteous means. Also, if we give out of stinginess, it cannot be considered a whole and proper offering. We should also pray and work for God voluntarily with joy.

Some people may give only two 'copper coins', but it's all they have. They may be able to pray only for a little while, but they try their best and pray fervently with all their heart. Though their God-given duty doesn't seem important, they try all their best to fulfill it. God knows the situation of each one of us. If we give all our heart with faith and hope and try our best, God does not say it is little.

Thus, I urge you to check what and how much of it you have sown before God and thereby make proper vessels for blessing.

#### 2. We have to look forward to blessings with faith without using our fleshly thoughts.

Even worldly people believe that they will reap the fruit when they sow the seed. If we tell them to sow in the kingdom of heaven that is invisible, most of them will doubt it and they will not sow. But Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

God created the heavens, the earth, and all things in them with His Word. For Him, nothing is impossible. If we see anything through the eyes of faith, God can make things hoped for realized according to the faith. That is why God tells us to believe that we have received what we asked for with faith.

Thus, if you have the faith, you can rely on the Word of God in the Bible and sow, although nothing is seen in front of you. What is more important is that, while we are sowing, we must not use any fleshly thoughts thinking, "When can we see the fruit? Can we really see the fruit of this?" God lets us reap for sure and gives us the fruit at the most appropriate time when we sow before God.

It is not in accordance with justice if we want to reap without sowing. If we doubt using our fleshly thoughts it is not in accordance with the justice to receive blessings either. Therefore, to sow is important, but it is also important to look forward to the blessing with faith without having any fleshly thoughts.

In the second half of 2 Chronicles 20:20 says, "...put your trust in the LORD your God and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed." To receive blessings and answers, we have to trust the LORD God and the prophet who delivers the word of God. When Israel had three and a half years of drought, the widow in Zarephath trusted Elijah the prophet and obeyed him, and thereby received blessing (1 Kings 17:13-16).

#### 3. We have to pass the trials of blessings and feel the love of God that is contained in them.

Until the seeds sown on the ground grow and bear the fruit, they must endure and survive the threats of rain, wind, storms, and harmful insects. Even if you are given the best spiritual environment, you need to go through refinement and trials in order to become wheat-like

believers. Only wheat that comes out after the 'trials' is the source of joy to the farmer, and the fruit of blessing. So, you will learn that the trials of blessing are from the love of God who lets you become the best 'wheat', that is, His true children, although at the moment the trials feel too harsh.

God did not provide only good and peaceful situations as He has guided this church. We were sometimes put in a seemingly difficult situation in a fleshly sense. When we passed the trials with faith, patience, and love, we were led to a greater blessing. The rule is applicable to everything and any situation.

To give complete blessing, God allows people to go through trials. The gold medal in Olympics is valuable because it is given to people who went through harsh training even if it felt difficult and tough at that moment. We can feel the true value of and give thanks for the material blessings and blessings given to workers of God only when we receive them after going through the processes of trials.

But actually, we will be able to give complete thanks to God when we reach heavenly kingdom. When we see all the things in the kingdom of heaven given to us, which is incomparably more than what we have given and done for God, we will feel the love of God. We will shed the tears of true joy and thanks before the love of God who refined and changed us on earth and returns to us the complete blessing in the kingdom of heaven.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you diligently obey God, being careful to keep all His commandments which He commands today, you will be blessed when you come in and go out. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will perfect your faith by deeds of faith (James 2:22) and receive the blessings both in spirit and body.

English

#### 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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#### You should have the faith firmly established and stand on the rock of faith.

Colossians 1:23 reads, "If indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven..." When you hear and practice the Word of the Lord, you will most assuredly experience God's touch. As you continue to experience His works, they will help increase your faith and you will stand on the rock of faith (Matthew 7:24). Then, you will be able to preach the gospel with the faith firmly established.

For instance, if you've experienced God's

healing work your preaching will be filled with increased conviction. Even when someone contradicts your word, you will unshakingly testify to the gospel. With this faith you can help non-believers who you want to evangelize to experience the work of God.

Apostle Paul experienced persecutions of the Jews as well as from the Gentiles when preaching the gospel. But he didn't compromise at all and kept his faith firmly because he himself had clearly experienced the work of God (Galatians 6:17).

The reason the Lord's disciples could

be martyred while spreading the gospel is also that they themselves had witnessed the resurrected Lord (1 Corinthians 15:4-8). Their faith in His resurrection and His being the Christ never swayed, even when some doubted and raised a question to how He had risen from the dead.

Therefore, it is of great importance to have steadfast faith established on experiences of faith in order to preach the gospel powerfully as the Lord's witness. Let's possess living faith through experiences and deeds of faith, stand on the rock of faith, and see everything through the eyes of faith.

#### You should be filled with the Holy Spirit and have fervor.

Only when you have the fullness of the Holy Spirit in your heart can you go to people with faith and boldly preach the gospel. Thus, it is very important to receive the fullness of the Spirit.

In Acts 4, the priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees were greatly disturbed by Peter and other apostles because they were teaching the people and proclaiming Jesus' resurrection from the dead. They eventually put them in jail. The next day, they placed them in the square and began to inquire, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?" In this overwhelming situation, Apostle Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, boldly preached the gospel and testified that Jesus is the only Savior for mankind.

When Deacon Stephen preached the Word

of God with the wisdom and the Spirit, no one could cope with it (Acts 6:10). In the fullness of the Holy Spirit, he saw the Lord standing at the right hand of God, testified to it, and was summarily martyred (Acts 7). In other words, when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you can do things that are pleasing to God.

Here, the fullness of the Spirit comes upon you when you pray. If you become full of the Spirit through fervent prayer, you can transcend physical limits and all thoughts. So, although put in a threatening situation or difficult position, you can enjoy freedom in the truth and not be confined by the problem.

However, if you don't pray, you cannot help but be confined within fleshly limits and see only the reality before you. When you see the reality, you will do everything not with faith but with human considerations. Thus, we should unceasingly pray and pile up fervent prayer with the heart.

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It is also very important to hear what the Spirit says and pay attention to His urging. It would be a great loss if you did something against the will of God while thinking you are working hard for the kingdom of God. What if you were to push ahead with a plan that was developed through human thought or frameworks while thinking it was in the will of God? Again, what a loss it could be! Therefore, you need to hear what the Holy Spirit tells you, follow His urging, and obey Him without any personal thoughts. Then you will experience the Holy Spirit leading you and bear fruit that is pleasing to God.

#### You should become sanctified and bring down the power.

1 John 3:21-22 says, "Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight."

Mark 16:20 reads, "And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed." When the Lord works with us, we can confirm the Word through the signs that follow. That is, in order to fulfill our duty as one who spreads the Word of God better, we need to bring down the power of God by becoming sanctified.

We are living in the end time of the evil generation who doubt God though they see clear and unequivocal signs. Only when we receive the power of God can we arise and shine and lead many people to the way of salvation. When we are able to do so we will hear people saying, "Seeing your life and hearing your testimony I am able to have the faith to believe in the living God and the heavenly kingdom." We will get people's recognition anywhere as one empowered to spread the Word and later attain a glorious position in heaven.

Therefore, let's be firmly established in faith, pray in the Holy Spirit's inspiration, and delight God.

## "We're Happy with the Lord's Love in Heart!"

**Church Leaders Practice Their Fervent Love for Souls** 



In preparation for the new year's ministry, Rev. Dr. Soojin Lee, Consolidated Parish Pastor led the meetings with the women's District, Sub-district, and Cell leaders in December 2017 and January 2018 to encourage their sense of duty and boost their enthusiasm for souls' salvation. Among the leaders, some were chosen as 'pick of the crop' leaders for the visitation campaign, and on Wednesdays and Thursdays they gathered and prayed at 11 A.M., and then visited and spread the gospel until 4 P.M.

As a result, the leaders bore the abundant fruit of souls' salvation, revival and they experienced the love of God. They also tasted joy and happiness coming from above when they saw souls' renewal. They continued to confess thanks to God who gave them the opportunities.



Senior Deaconess Youngsuk Lee, District Leader of Parish 32, said, "God gave much joy and

happiness to us when we visited souls. I had suffered from menopausal symptoms. But the symptoms were gone while I spread the love of God to souls. Also, my family members began to attend church!"

Deaconess Kuinam Kim, Cell Leader of Parish 30, stated, "My heart shrunk because of my timid temperament, and my heart was



Tel: 82-2-824-7107 www.gcntv.org webmaster@gcntv.org also numbed to everything. My faith remained stagnant without growth. But when I repented and joined the visitation campaign for souls, I felt the Holy Spirit's consolation and recovered my first love for souls. My faith has become fervent again!"

> Senior Deaconess Hyosook Lee, District Leader of Parish 19 said, "My district members have become united

and filled with love for souls. A cell leader experienced financial blessing in her husband's business. I was also blessed to guide my sister to church. She is now happily attending church."

Male leaders also actively participated in the visitation campaign. They visited people after work, before or after Thursday Cell Service, and on Saturday. Deacon Deukseop Kim, Cell Leader of Parish 23, said, "I visited an old couple. They both felt troubled due to health conditions and many family problems. They came to church after our visitation and both have become bright. When I see them, I feel so happy. In fact, though I have a busy schedule I am so thankful for being able to do the work of the Lord through the visitation campaign and I have been filled with more grace and the Spirit."

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From the year 2010, the church leaders themselves experienced great and special love of God, the Lord, and the shepherd who patiently waited for them. The love they felt enabled them to spread the gospel with the heart of greater service than before.



the door to us. But we prayed for them and continued to visit them with faith in their renewal. We've received such love from God, the Lord, and the shepherd. I feel so grateful to see those who unkindly behaved at first eventually become renewed and come to church."



Senior Deaconess Youngok Yun, District Leader of Parish 9, said, "Because I felt the heart of the shepherd who

deems a soul more important than the whole world, I couldn't give up a single soul, though some had such hardened hearts. I became earnest to lead more souls to the way of salvation by achieving the Lord's heart. Now I am striving more to become sanctified."

God worked with those leaders who were devoted to visitation and evangelism. As a result, there were many people who newly registered



Tel: 82-2-818-7039 www.wcdn.org wcdnkorea@gmail.com or returned to church. Brother Jaehoon Jeong, Parish 22, had stopped attending church because he had moved to faraway place. He said, "I recently felt troubled for many reasons in workplace and with others. I was often consoled by listening to Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons on the internet. Around the time I decided to go to church again, I actually received a phone call from the cell leader of the district where I had lived before!" He now feels grateful and has been happily leading his believing life again.

Deaconess Natalia Im, Vice Leader of Russian-speaking Cell of Overseas Parish, said, "I was given faith in the revival of my cell when I received Senior Pastor's prayer in December 2017. I visited people in Ansan where many Russian people live and spread the gospel with showing the pictures of powerful works that had been manifested in our church. God allowed me to meet many people who opened their mind and would register in my church though they live far away from the church. Five of them received the prayer of blessing in New Year's Service and got their opportunities for employment!"

Let's give all thanks and glory to God who gave grace and strength to spread the love of the Lord.



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