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People Who Met God

*Just as grain ripens under the warm sunlight,  
your soul deepens day by day in the grace of the Lord*



## ***I Received Healing from Retinal Vessel Rupture in Both Eyes***

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Six years ago, due to severe stress from business, I even thought about death. As a result, the blood vessels in both of my retinas ruptured. About five and a half years ago, I underwent four surgeries—two in each eye—at a large hospital, but afterward my eyesight dropped to about 20/80. I could not even pass the driver's license fitness test.

On Sunday, May 18 of this year, by the recommendation of senior deaconess Ae-Ja Kim, I visited Manmin Central Church for the first time. While listening to pastor Soojin Lee's sermon, I was deeply touched. During the Sunday worship service, I realized what my past wrongdoings had been.

After registering at the church on May 25, I listened to *The Message of the Cross* and grew my faith, diligently attending Sunday worship services and Daniel Prayer Meetings. Starting from my fifth week of attendance, I began to experience gradual improvement in my eyesight.

On August 4, I joined the Manmin Summer Retreat, where I was touched by pastor Soojin Lee's message and received her prayer for the sick with faith. At that moment, though I was sitting in the back, the words "Manmin Central Church" at the front of the hall suddenly came into my sight, clear and distinct. I was overwhelmed with astonishment and joy. Convinced that I had been healed, I went up to the stage



and testified, giving glory to God.

After the retreat, when my eyesight was tested again, my vision, which had been about 20/100 in the left eye and 20/80 in the right, improved to about 20/33 in the left and 20/29 in the right. Hallelujah! In the past, I could not read the Bible without using an extra-large magnifying glass, and even then it was very difficult to read for long. But now, I can read the Bible without using that big magnifying glass. I give all thanks and glory to our good God who healed me.

## My Dim Left Eye Became Bright

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In February 2024, my right eye suddenly lost sight. The doctor said it was an ischemic attack, which, simply put, meant that a “stroke” which usually comes to the body had come to my eye. About a year later, on March 1 of this year, even my left eye—which had been seeing relatively well—began to grow dim. I could no longer read books or the Bible, and I could barely see my phone screen even with a magnifying glass. Even the faces of people close by looked blurry.

In desperation, on March 25, I went to an eye clinic for an examination. The doctor explained that the blood circulation in my left eye had slowed down, causing the blurriness. He told me there was no prescription or treatment available.

For the next few months, I could not read a single page of a book or the Bible. Then, toward the end of June, after the Sunday evening service, something amazing happened when I greeted Senior Pastor Soojin Lee. Since I had always believed in the passage where Jesus touched the eyes of two blind men and their eyes were opened, I told her that my left eye could not see well. Then, the pastor laid her hand on my left eye.

At that very moment, I felt as if something was peeled away from my eye, and amazingly, much of the blurriness disappeared, and



my sight gradually became clearer. Experiencing this, I prepared for the Summer Retreat with the faith that I would be completely healed there, reflecting on myself and praying to be changed.

Reflecting on the pride I had developed while raising my children on my own and remembering how I hurt my children with my frameworks, I bitterly repented with tears, I asked pastor Jin-Young Jung to visit me. The pastor gently pointed out the shortcomings I had felt in myself and prayed for me so earnestly.

Through the GCN website, I listened

again to *The Message of the Cross* and received great grace. Each time I listened, the love of the Lord was engraved in my heart, and my faith grew stronger. Before the retreat, I wrote down my prayer requests and asked pastor Soojin Lee to pray for them. For three days after that, whenever I prayed, I was able to repent in tears, and my heart felt so refreshed.

Though I longed for the retreat more than ever, because of work I could not attend in person and joined online instead. On the first day, August 4, during the seminar, every single word touched and inspired me and my heart felt like heaven itself. Finally, when pastor Soojin Lee prayed earnestly for the sick during the Divine Healing Meeting, I felt as though I were flying, and my body felt lighter.

After the retreat, something amazing happened. My eyesight continued to improve, and now I can even see the fine details of another person's eyebrows. What's more, I am now able to read the Bible clearly again—something I had been unable to do for months. I am so overjoyed and thankful that it feels like I am living in another world. Hallelujah! Even my right eye, which had completely lost vision, has now begun to see little by little. I give all thanks and glory to God who healed me.

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## ***I Was Healed of High Blood Pressure That Had Reached 240***

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Since the age of 65, I had suffered from high blood pressure, and about a year ago I started experiencing severe throbbing pain in the front of my head each morning. Eventually, I even faced a crisis where my blood pressure shot up to 240. For the past four to five years, without any apparent reason, my left thumb began to protrude and caused severe pain, and my left arm hurt so much that I could hardly lift it.

In hopes of receiving healing at the 2025 Manmin Summer Retreat, I fasted one meal a day for 21 days and attended the Special Daniel Prayer Meeting. On the second day of the summer retreat, August 5, during the Power Praise worship service, the love of God the Father and the Lord suddenly filled my heart, and I was deeply moved. Tears flowed endlessly, and soon my whole body grew hot

as sweat poured out.

At the time I did not realize it, but after returning home from the retreat, I began to notice a change. The headaches I used to feel every morning completely disappeared. Even though I stopped taking my blood pressure medicine altogether, my blood pressure tested normal, and it has remained within the normal range up to this day, two months later. Also, the pain in the joint of my left thumb and in my left arm was completely gone, so now I can move my arm freely. Hallelujah!

A few years ago, I had injured my back while carelessly lifting a heavy item of about 40 kilograms, and since then I could walk only with a back brace. But after the retreat, I have been able to walk even without wearing it. I give all thanks and glory to God who healed me.



## ***I Was Healed of Shoulder and Back Pain from Torn Ligament, as well as Insomnia***

An-Sim Park | Female, 76, Nowon-gu, Seoul

For the past two years, I had suffered pain in my right shoulder and lower back. One day the pain became so severe that I went to the hospital for a check-up, and the doctor said that a ligament had torn. However, because the tear was in an awkward location, they could not perform surgery, so I just came home.

Though the pain grew worse, I still had to continue working because of my financial situation. In order to please God, I diligently volunteered at church on the Sabbath. And each time I listened to pastor Soojin Lee's sermons, I would wonder, 'How does she speak as if she knows me so well?' I eagerly examined myself and tried to change and practice the Word in my daily life.

On August 4, the first day of the Manmin Summer

Retreat, joy came into my heart from the opening service, and tears of thanksgiving flowed. At the evening Divine Healing Meeting, while receiving the prayer for the sick from Senior Pastor, I suddenly felt the love of God warmly embracing both my body and my heart.

After the prayer, I realized that the pain in my shoulder had disappeared, and that very night I slept soundly for the first time in a long while. The next morning, I found that even the pain in my back was gone. Hallelujah! I also had been suffering from insomnia for some time, but ever since I received the prayer, I have been able to enjoy restful sleep at night. I give all thanks and glory to God who healed me.

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# The Last Seven Words on the Cross

## 2. “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise”

Of the two criminals crucified on either side of Jesus, one mocked Him. But the other rebuked him, and pleaded with Jesus, saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” In response to that faith, the Lord gave a promise: “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.” This word of the Lord carries many spiritual meanings.

First, the Lord revealed to us about a heavenly dwelling place called Paradise. The apostle Paul testified that he was “caught up to the third heaven—into Paradise—and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak” (2 Corinthians 12:2–4). Moreover, throughout the Bible we find expressions such as “heaven and the heaven of heavens” and “the heaven of heavens,” which show us that there are multiple heavens (Nehemiah 9:6). Beyond the visible, physical sky, there also exist heavens in the spiritual realm.

In the third heaven—the space where the kingdom of heaven exists—there are the Paradise where Paul was taken up and other dwelling places including the City of New Jerusalem. New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10–11) is the highest dwelling place in all of heaven. Only those who have cast off all sin and evil and been faithful in all God’s house, taking after the Lord’s image can enter there.

The saved criminal on the cross accepted the Lord on the verge of his death. Thus, he had no time to cast off the evil in his heart,

One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!”

But the other responded, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”

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And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

**Luke 23:39–43**

nor did he have a chance to be faithful. He barely received the qualification for salvation. Such people enter the Paradise, which is the lowest dwelling place in heaven.

This is why 1 Corinthians 15:41 says, “There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.” If we indeed have faith, we should long to enter a better heavenly dwelling place. As Matthew 11:12 declares, “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force,” as much as we cast off sins and resemble our Lord, we can take a better place in heaven by force.

We cannot take sins and evil to heaven.

Only what has been cultivated in goodness and spirit can be carried there. Also, those who have cultivated to a similar measure in spirit dwell together in the same place. It gives us greater comfort and joy because people of a similar level of faith live together.

Next, when Jesus said, “Today you shall be with Me in Paradise,” it does not mean that He Himself would dwell together with the criminal in the Paradise. After His resurrection and ascension, the Lord dwells in New Jerusalem, where the throne of God is, as the Master of heaven. Yet because He reigns over the entire kingdom of heaven, He spoke in this way.

Also, the word “today” does not literally mean the very day when Jesus hung on the cross. Rather, it signifies that from the very moment of salvation, wherever the man might be, the Lord would be with him.

Where then did Jesus go after He breathed His last on the cross? The Bible says, “So will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth” (Matthew 12:40), and also, “in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison” (1 Peter 3:19). On the very day He died on the cross, Jesus did not go to the Paradise, but to the spirits in prison to preach the gospel. Here, the “spirits in prison” refer to the souls who had died before Jesus bore the cross and became the Savior and were able to receive salvation.

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