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3：7-10，7：16，16：35

Owen: 我 1991 年在香港信主，1992 年在中華教會受浸，信主到現在差不多已經 18 年。信主以後，神特意給我一個新的開始，祂把我從香港帶到美國來，讓我對祂有一個更深的認識。回想過去許多的日子，生活是否平順呢？不是。我曾經歷過嚴重的車禍、多次的被解雇、並且腦裡面有一個三公分直徑的腫瘤。感謝主藉著這樣的事情發生，讓我經歷了祂賜出人意外的平安、豐富的供應，及醫治的大能。總括一句就是：『都是恩典』！

在撒母耳記裡，我看到耶和華三次呼喚撒母耳，但他不知道是神呼喚他，於是去找以利，才明白那是神在呼喚他。在過去信主的日子，在神的話語、教會的生活、服事的操練和生活的經歷裡面，對神的慈愛、信實、公義、恩典、憐憫都深信不疑。所以很早就有全時間服事的想法，祇是在等候神的時間。弟兄姊妹也多次的鼓勵我放下工作，但神給我的負擔還不是那麼重。心裡有一個觀念，就是要在一份收入與前途都很好的工作中退下來，才是一件榮耀神的事。想不到神把我放在一個非常困難的一個工作環境中，雖然完成了工作的要求，還是得到老闆很低的評價。心想這個一定不是放下工作的時候。如果這樣做，不但不榮耀祂，反而會得罪祂。

最近，我們在週五的查經中，在讀曠野 42 站，乃是基督徒成長路的功課，當中提到以色列人在埃及，被法老苦待，他們就向神呼求，神就差遣摩西，把他們從埃及領出來。摩西去見法老的時候，引用神的話說：『容我的百姓去，好在曠野事奉我』。原來以色列人被苦待，是神的心意，如果沒有這件事，以色列人不會離開埃及，因為他們生養眾多，並且繁茂，極其強盛，滿了那地，他們已經習慣了依靠地上的供應來生活，沒有仰望神。神興起環境，就是要他們從埃及出來，學習過信心仰望的生活。他們出來不久，糧食就用完了，唯一的倚靠，就是仰望天，神就賜他們嗎哪 40 年，直到進迦南為止。神的心意是把迦南賜給他們，但必須先要離開埃及，才能進到迦南，就是代表基督的豐富。

最近神也兩次藉著我自己的分享對我說話：一次我說到：『末時已經近了，有什麼比搶救靈魂更重要』？，另外一次，『主為我們捨命，我們還要為自己保留什麼呢？起來行動 - 從不敢、不懂出來，要不停、不怕地作神的戰士』。

經過了查經的學習，神話語的提醒，對於神的呼召就更明顯，於是去跟弟兄們交通，就有了印証，決定把工作放下來，全時間的服事神。雖然前面的路還是不完全清楚，但願意跟隨亞伯拉罕的腳蹤，憑信心踏出這一步，深信神在前面，會有更明確的指引。目前不敢有許多的計劃，盼望

用兩年時間，先完成基督學房的學習，並維持現在的服事，按需要稍為增加一點，每天仰望神的帶領。盼望弟兄姊妹為我們家禱告，願榮耀歸給主！

神的心意是夫婦二人成爲一體，能夠互相配搭，所以如果姊妹不支持，我們絕對不能有這樣的服事，現在也請姊妹有一點分享，在弟兄姊妹面前一同見證。

Eva: 若 Owen 面對的是摩西時代苦待百姓的法老，我面對的法老就正如大部份弟兄姊妹的一樣，仍然停留在約瑟時代；神藉著法老和約瑟所處的地位，拯救了饑荒中的以色列人，神藉著我工作的環境，也施行了憐憫，讓我也一同蒙憐恤。我們的盼望是有一天，主呼召的恩典臨到，祂增加我們的信心，我可以和 Owen 一同全時間事奉主。

對於我是否繼續工作這件事，已經有不少弟兄姊妹主動的問過我們，大多數的人聽到我們的決定都說，"還好，你還工作！"看來神在我身上的時間還未到。這一次的呼召是在 Owen 身上，不在我身上，不過神很早以前已經預備我。

我頭一次被呼召是在 1992 年，就是我們受浸的那一年，我們和一班弟兄姊妹在十二月份去了華盛頓，參加了一個叫"華人差傳"的聚會。其中一個晚上的信息，就是『神不是問我們"能不能"，而是問我們"肯不肯"？』我的心裡很火熱，於是很勇敢的向神回應：『我肯，我在這裡，請差遣我！』聚會過去，同樣的問題和回應在我的腦海中重複了很長的一段時間。不過我得承認，那時我的屬靈生命還是很年幼。

許多年過去以後，有一天我讀經讀到亞伯拉罕獻以撒的章節，一個"空祭壇"的圖畫在我腦海中出現，我對神說：『神啊，我沒

有孩子可以獻給你！』裡面有一個聲音：『把你想要的孩子獻給我！』我馬上明白，亞伯拉罕不單是獻了惟一且最愛的以撒，事實上，他是把自己獻上。我一面哭，一面向神說：『我把我的以撒和我自己獻給你。』這許多年的當中，有很多人關心我，特別是那些我為他們付出了一點時間的人，他們都很關心地問：『爲甚麼你還沒有孩子？』我會很榮幸地跟他們說：『如果我有孩子，我就沒有時間出來陪你啦！』我知道是神愛他們，我很希望他們知道是神愛了他們。

最近一次的感動，就是當頭上的小塊證實是皮膚癌，我裡面有講不出來的喜樂，因爲覺得神看得起我，有一種『被選上了』的感覺。神一直在預備我，可能我比較小信，需要的時間比較多。不過當兩年前我有了癌症，Owen 有了腦腫瘤之後，我們都一直在思想人生的下半場，應該怎樣過。我的癌是在頭頂，手術後爲了保護傷口，有一段時間都在『假裝蒙頭』，神藉此提醒我順服蒙頭的功課。心裡清楚，神的膏油是從頭頂到衣襟的。Owen 是一家之主，他先踏出來是合宜的，感謝主他是一個做事絕不衝動的人，特別在這麼重要的決定上，我感謝主容許我配合丈夫一同事奉祂。

感謝弟兄姊妹接納我們對主的事奉，請大家爲我們禱告，叫我們的服事是專一的跟隨神的心意。願主的旨意成就！

(編者註：以上是劉鎮華弟兄全時間服事，他們夫婦在見證會上的分享。)



Our Testimony

Readings: I Sam 3:1-10; Exodus 1:1-14, 3:7-10, 7:16, 16:35

Owen: It has been almost 18 years since I accepted the Lord in 1991 and was baptized here in Orlando in 1992. The Lord brought me from Hong Kong to Orlando so I might begin anew to know Him deeper. Life was not necessarily smooth: I had serious auto accident, was laid off a number of times and had a 3-cm tumor in my brain at one time. But I experienced His peace that passes all understanding and abundant provision. Indeed, all is grace!

In First Samuel, I read that the Lord called the lad Samuel thrice. Samuel did not know, so he went to ask Eli. I have no doubt of His mercy, faithfulness, grace and righteousness after years of growth and service in the church. It has been years that I considered full-time Christian service, but was waiting for the Lord's timing. My impression was that I should leave my career when I was most successful. Only then could such a decision glorify the Lord. However, the Lord put me in a difficult working environment. Though I completed my assignments, the review from my supervisor was very poor. I thought that this was not a good time to leave my job. It would not glorify the Lord; instead it may offend Him.

Recently, we have been studying the Israelites' journey in the wilderness as a lesson for our personal growth. They had a hard life before Pharaoh, and the Lord sent Moses to bring them out. Moses told Pharaoh that the Lord said, "let my people go to serve Me in the wilderness." It was for this purpose that the Lord allowed the Pharaoh to mistreat them. Otherwise they would not leave Egypt, where they multiplied and became strong.

They were used to the life on the earth, and would never look up to God. After they came out, shortly their provision ran out and they had to learn to look up to the heaven for manna for 40 years. By this practice, the Lord led them into Canaan, a symbol of the riches of Christ.

As I was preaching recently, the Lord twice spoke to me: One time it was the statement "The end time is near. What could be more important than saving man's souls?" Another time, "The Lord gave Himself to us. Why do we keep it to ourselves? Let us rise to be a warrior with no stopping nor fear." His calling became more and more clear. After confirmation from the brothers, I decided to leave my work for full-time Christian service. The way ahead is not yet clear, but I'd like to follow the footsteps of Abraham. By faith I will finish my training at the Academy of Christ, and maintain my current ministry in the church. By faith I know that the direction will become clearer then. I ask that you pray for our family. Glory be to our Lord!

Since God desires that the man and the woman be one, I ask my wife to share her testimony and support, so we may serve together.

Eva: If Owen was faced with a Pharaoh of hardship, I was shown mercy by a Pharaoh of Joseph's time in my work. I pray that one day the Lord will have His grace upon me, so I may join Owen in full-time service. Many brothers and sisters asked about our situation, and commented, "It is good that you continue to work." It appears that it is not yet the Lord's time for me.

The calling came to Owen, but the Lord has been preparing me for this moment.

His first call came in Dec. 1992 when we attended a Mission Conference in Washington, DC. One evening the message was on “God asked not CAN YOU, but WILLYOU?” I responded with zeal in my heart, “Yes, I am willing. I am here, please send me.” This challenge lingered on in my mind for a long time. I admit that my spiritual life was quite young then.

Many years later, I read the story of Abraham offering Isaac to the Lord. In my mind was an empty altar. I said to the Lord that I did not have a child to offer. The Lord responded, “Offer Me the child you desire to have.” Suddenly, I understood that Abraham was not only offering the Isaac he loved, but also himself. With tears, I said to the Lord, “I offer Thee my Isaac and myself.” Throughout the years, whenever people asked me why I did not have a child, I would proudly answer, “Because the Lord loves you! If I had a child, I would not have time to spend with you.” I wanted them to know that God loved them indeed.

Most recently, when I had skin cancer on my scalp, my heart was full of joy, feeling that the Lord had a special election on me. God has been preparing me for a long time because of my little faith. With our health issues, Owen and I have been thinking about the second half of our lives. The Lord reminded me of the lesson of obedience. I know the anointing comes from the head to the garment. Owen is the head of the house, and it is fitting that he steps out first. He will never rush into things, and I thank God for allowing me to serve with him.

Thank you for receiving us. Please continue to pray that our service truly follow

Him in accordance to His mind. Indeed, may His will be done.

(Editor’s note: These are the sharings of Owen and Eva during the Special Testimony Meeting as our brother entered into full-time Christian service of the Lord.)

榮耀器皿

道不在高，有靈則行
話不在多，有光則明
言詞平常，在乎供應

題目是基督，能力在聖靈
捨己背十架，一心隨從靈

不容俗務纏身，沒有虛假見證
只流露生命，唯高舉聖名

如此可稱：榮耀器皿

(摘錄自香港陳弟兄)

Glorious Vessel

Not just lofty words, but the Spirit;
Not many a words, but the Light;
Tho’ ordinary words, but the Bread.

Christ the subject, Spirit the power;
Denying self, following the Spirit;

Unravel the world, despise false testimony;
Only the Life, lifting high the Name;

So to become a glorious vessel!

(Taken from Chen, Hong Kong)