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OFFICIATING PASTOR: REV. EDMUND WU

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Amy Lee

Growing up in a Christian home, I have been attending TCCC since I was a toddler. Since childhood, I heard many different Bible stories about God's unconditional love and His miracles. I found it hard to understand God's love for me.

In grade 7, I started having questions about God and I was longing to know more about Him. During the same school year, I moved and got disconnected from my many close school friends whom I grew up with. That was the first time I faced a major setback. Through TCCC family small group, I made a connection with a Kyrios fellowship member. Intentionally, she helped me to know God more, prayed for me and gave me a lot of encouragement. It seemed like this was part of God's plan. I am very thankful for that. James 1:2 says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds".

During 2015 Teens Conference, I accepted Christ into my life. This time, it was much more meaningful. I remembered listening to the song, "Set a Fire" which talks about needing more of Him and that was the first time that I truly felt God's presence.

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Amy Lee - continued

I remembered going home that night filled with joy and a new beginning! I was so excited to tell my parents that I accepted Him! I thank my parents for always reminding me of God's goodness and His Word. They taught me that it's more significant than any material thing in this world.

Proverbs 4:25 says, "Keep your eyes fixed straight ahead. Don't look left nor right". They taught me to make plans according to God's purposes and stay focused to fulfill the plans.

I would like to thank Pastor Wesley for his devotion and servanthood to bring Christ's teaching to me. It was through his discipleship class that I learned about the eternal truth and His unconditional love. I am also thankful for the support of my TCCC family and pastors. They have played a huge part in my spiritual growth.

Getting baptized is a part of Christ's Great Commission (Matthew 28:18–20), a public declaration of my faith, and a part of the discipleship process. I pray that God will continue to stretch me to become a faithful disciple of Christ.

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Brandon K.Y. Lee

Growing up I was raised in a non-Christian family but with Christian values. My family consists of my mother, father and older sister. I was very blessed to have been raised by a caring and loving family. I had everything made for me and nothing to worry about. My mom would always tell me stories about God. She told me that there was a Father of creation who watched over people and determined the course of human lives. This was my first experience hearing about the existence of God.

My connection to Toronto Christian Community Church is through my grandparents who have been attending the Chinese congregation for a very long time. They would always tell me to come to church, which I did but not with an open heart. I would skip church to sleep in or I would come to church thinking it was just another chore. That ignorance would later lead me to regret. If I was to pinpoint one turning point in my journey of faith, it would be when my grandfather passed away in 2016. Rev. Dr. Harding Ng came to lead the funeral service and mentioned that my grandfather hoped that his family would come to know Christ. At first, I felt deep resentment. Why would a loving God take away a man of great honour? This is when I opened my heart to understand our Father's plan through his lens.

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This was the first time in my life that I experienced excruciating pain of losing a loved one. But through this experience, I learned that I needed to rely on Him for comfort. I began to see that the pain and suffering through His grace enables us to persevere and to heal with hope.

I want to get baptized because firstly, I wholeheartedly believe that Jesus Christ was sent from our Father from Heaven to die for our sins to give us a chance for new life. Secondly, I want to share God's word with those that are around me (especially with family and friends). Lastly, because there is no other reason not to, since Jesus Christ our Living God was baptized.

I pray that God is able to use and stretch me in ways that I can be a blessing to others. In addition, to bless me with the motivation to continue my grandfather's will to follow Jesus' footsteps in being the catalyst for my family, friends and strangers to hear the truth.

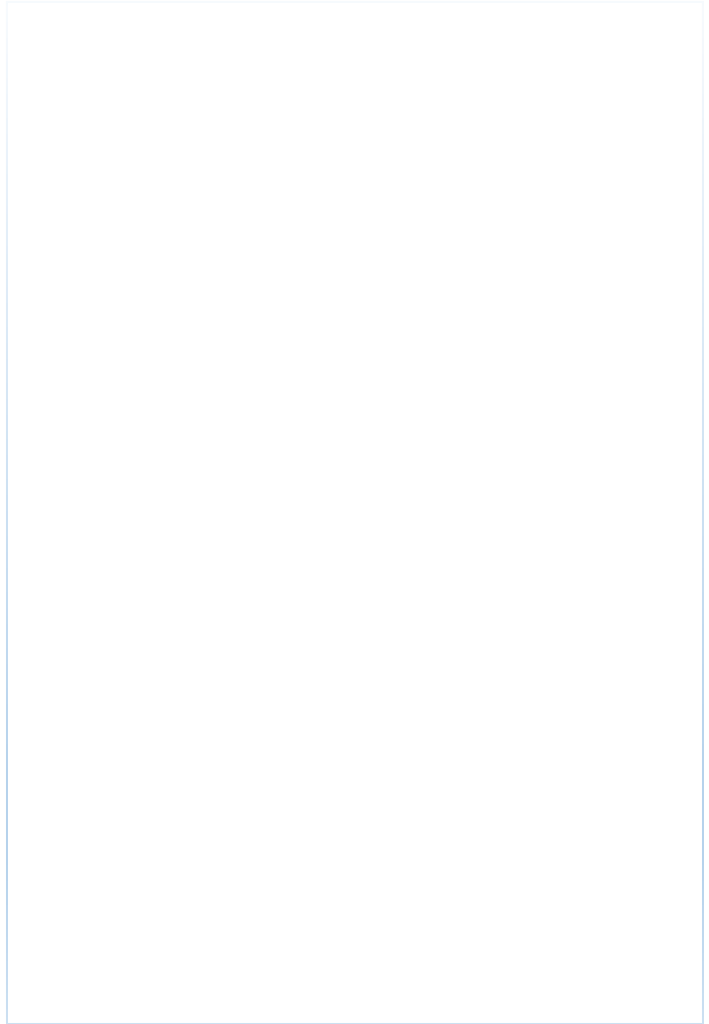
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