

# MY FAITH JOURNEY



## TESTIMONY

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"NAVIGATING UNFAMILIAR  
PATHS WITH FAITH"

2023 started with uncertainty hanging over for me like a misty veil, shrouding my path in a haze of unknowns...

In 2022, the year ended for my family with much laughter and shared thrills gained from our annual holiday travel which was in New Zealand. During that trip, my children had bravely embraced the open sky in their first skydiving leaps.

Yet, as 2023 unfolded, a different kind of uncertainty gripped my heart—the fate of my son's O-level results. The bonds we had painstakingly nurtured as a family felt fragile, threatened by the shadow of potential disappointment of the results. But the Lord, in His infinite grace, guided us through that trial, replacing fear with relief and gratitude. I felt like a traveller stumbling through a darkened path, my steps guided only by a flickering candle of faith. But I clung to the promise whispered in Isaiah 42:16: *"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them."*





## "A GENTLE CALL TO LEAVE THE FAMILIAR"

Just as I began to regain my footing, the Lord whispered a new direction, a gentle yet undeniable call to leave my stable job and embark on a journey to Tung Ling Bible School (TLBS). It wasn't an entirely unexpected destination; as the Lord had been nudging me towards TLBS for some time. I had even discussed taking a sabbatical in 2023 with my boss, carefully laying the groundwork and getting his approval. But leaving my job entirely? That was a daunting prospect, especially with the promise of a substantial bonus on the horizon. After prayerful consideration and unwavering support from my wife, we once again chose to embrace the unfamiliar path. I tendered my resignation, my heart filled with both trepidation and anticipation.

## A STORM IN THE MIDST OF SURRENDER

Little did I know that a storm was brewing, poised to test my faith and resilience. As I served my notice period, my wife and I received the devastating news that both our mothers had been diagnosed with cancer. Our lives were thrown into a whirlwind of doctor's appointments, hospital visits, and the emotional toll of witnessing our loved ones battling a relentless disease. I sought to find the Lord and it felt at times that I was drowning and gripping on to straws. In fact, one memory was etched into my mind about that long journey. On the night before I was to begin my studies at TLBS, a crisis struck. Our maid, entangled in a web of debt with unlicensed money lenders, caused my family to be the target of relentless harassment. Because of the harassment, the police were called and they came to my home to interview my maid. And while they were at my door, the room light in my bedroom suddenly broke and scattered all the glass pieces across the bedroom. As my wife was down with a severe flu bug that time and with my maid being interviewed by the police, it was then up to me to clean the bedroom and I found myself truly drained just before starting my first day at TLBS.



"REFOCUSING ON DEVOTION  
AMIDST CHAOS"



What an adventure it has been! The year 2023 has been a tapestry of challenges and triumphs, woven together by the Lord's faithfulness. I have witnessed the Lord's healing touch upon my mother and His abundant provision for our family's needs. He has faithfully guided me through each storm, each unexpected turn in the path. It has been a journey of growth, of deepening trust, of discovering the unshakable strength that blooms in the fertile ground of surrender. I am profoundly grateful for the Lord's gentle guidance, for His unwavering presence, and for the privilege of walking this path of faith, hand in hand with my Creator. In addition, I am thankful that I was constantly surrounded by a community of believers from our church and new friends gained at TLBS. Their prayers and love encouraged my family and me much during the difficult times.

AN ADVENTURE OF FAITH AND PROVIDENCE

Through it all, I am still learning that peace is found not in the absence of storms, but in the faith in Jesus that anchors us in accordance to His promise.

Are you still searching for His peace? If yes, commit or re-commit your life to Jesus and trust in His providence. Share your burden with your cell group and get our church leadership to pray for you. Let God reveal and show you His strength and grace to live out life toughest moments.

May you find that in life's darkest hours, when unfamiliar paths twist and turn, the Lord's light is a beacon, guiding you with its unwavering glow.

Glory to our Lord!