

Christ is Lord

I studied biology in the university. At that time, my ambition was to become a biologist. I wanted to finish my undergraduate studies, continue my graduate and doctorate research studies and become a scholar. I wanted to work on and give myself to the field of science.

In my university years, some Christian students around me would share some spiritual issues with me in addition to discussing schoolwork. There were two Christian organizations in my college, the Christian Association and the Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC). I joined the Christian Association, whereas the other students joined the latter. I seldom participated in their activities.

In 1994, the CCC organized a retreat camp. My fellow classmates highly recommended this camp to me, saying I would be greatly benefited from it. I thought it wouldn't hurt to try and go, and so I went. At the retreat camp, nothing special happened, until a mission sharing meeting, where the speaker shared with us Matthews 9:37: The harvest is plentiful. If no one harvests it, they will deteriorate. By then it will be too late. The clock is ticking. He called the congregation to full time ministry by quoting Isaiah 6:8: The Lord asked Isaiah whom He should send and who would go for Him.

At that time, I still remembered my ambition was to become a scientist, but I heard a voice asking me to respond. I had contradictory feelings. Upon lots of struggles, the words "Christ is Lord" crossed my mind. I stepped forward with tears running over my face, and said silently, "Lord, please send me."

On arriving home, my feelings remained unsettled for several days. I was overwhelmed. I kept thinking how I could equip myself for the full time ministry. Probably due to a lack of confidence and my young age, I seldom shared this experience with others. I still wanted to become a scientist before turning myself to full time ministry. So, I worked really hard on my school work. As time passed by, the idea of full time ministry faded away.

Until a Command's meeting in 1995, I thought of that calling from God. When the speaker called the congregation to full time ministry through officership, I moved forward and responded. At that time, I told God I would definitely dedicate myself serving Him after finishing my studies.

But alas, I did not do very well in my studies. With my results at that time, development in the science field did not suit me. God seemed to have shut the door and discourage me from being a scientist. I asked God how I should move on. What should I do and what to offer Him before commencing my full time service? How should I equip myself?

God's blessings are abundant. Through communicating with Him, sharing with brothers and sisters in the Vocational Fellowship and Candidates' Fellowship, talking to experienced members in the church, as well as reading spiritual books, God guided me. When the harvest is ripe, the workers must act quickly; otherwise it will be too late when it is rotten.

As time is limited, I made some adjustments in life. I changed the order of sequence in doing things, putting my relationship with God and equipping myself in my top priority. Only then my spiritual life grew faster. I became more sensitive to understanding spiritual matters. God's presence and the constant reminders from the Holy Spirit have made me much more confident in taking the path of full time ministry. Hallelujah!

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