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# Now, I See the Light!

Hi everyone, I am Sher Maine. I accepted Christ when I was 13 here in FBC when I followed my friend's family to church for VBS (Vacation Bible School), as a youth helper. However, I didn't attend church until I was 15 when it dawned on me that I could follow my cousin's family to church, because someone asked me "Why can't you just follow your cousin?". It was an "AHA!" moment for me. I'm so thankful for so many people who have played a part in bringing me to salvation

(from my aunty and uncle, my friend's family, people who come and go in my life, and many more). It took their courage and obedience to God to do this, and it has led me to who I am today, not someone who is perfect or sinless, but a child of God who found hope.

Growing up and till now I am always the troublemaker at home. In life, we have so much guilt, shame, burden, baggage, and sin. I really wonder how and where

I would've been if I didn't know God. The more I feel embarrassed and ashamed of myself the more I need God. Because no matter what we have done, He is a God of love and forgiveness. Imagine a life without forgiveness, imagine if someone doesn't forgive you for what you've done. This baggage is what keeps us awake at night, our worries.

Around Uni time I strayed away from God, and these few years were one of the darkest years I've had because although life was good and I had good friends around me, I just felt like life was meaningless, I felt empty and a lack of purpose. If I lived till 80 years old, good for me. If I go at 30, I wouldn't mind as well, there was no difference to me. In fact, it was so tiring to be alive that it would be better if I die earlier because then I didn't have to continue being tired for so many more years. The thought of having to live for so many years was very tiring. I told my friends that I just couldn't see the light.

Now, I am so thankful that God pulled me out of that misery and didn't forsake me. Fast forward to last year, I started coming back to church thanks to my mom who was curious and wanted to come to church one day. God works in amazing ways. From then on, I started going to life group thanks to Li Zhung, my LG leader who reached out. This is something big to me because all my life I have always wanted to be more involved and active in church but didn't dare to. I preferred going to church alone hoping that no one would notice me, just because I was scared. From then on I also attended Alpha to get my foundation right. This time it's different from when I was younger because while I understood some content in church last time I don't think I actually get it on a deeper level. But now I find joy and appreciation in learning more about God's beauty, love, and completeness. Now, I see the light, only He can fill the gap in our lives, not chasing after money, uxurious holidays, or lifestyles.

## **Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 (NIV)**

### **Pleasures Are Meaningless**

I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good." But that also proved to be meaningless. "Laughter," I said, "is madness. And what does pleasure accomplish?" I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly—my mind still guiding me with wisdom. I wanted to see what was good for people to do under the heavens during the few days of their lives.

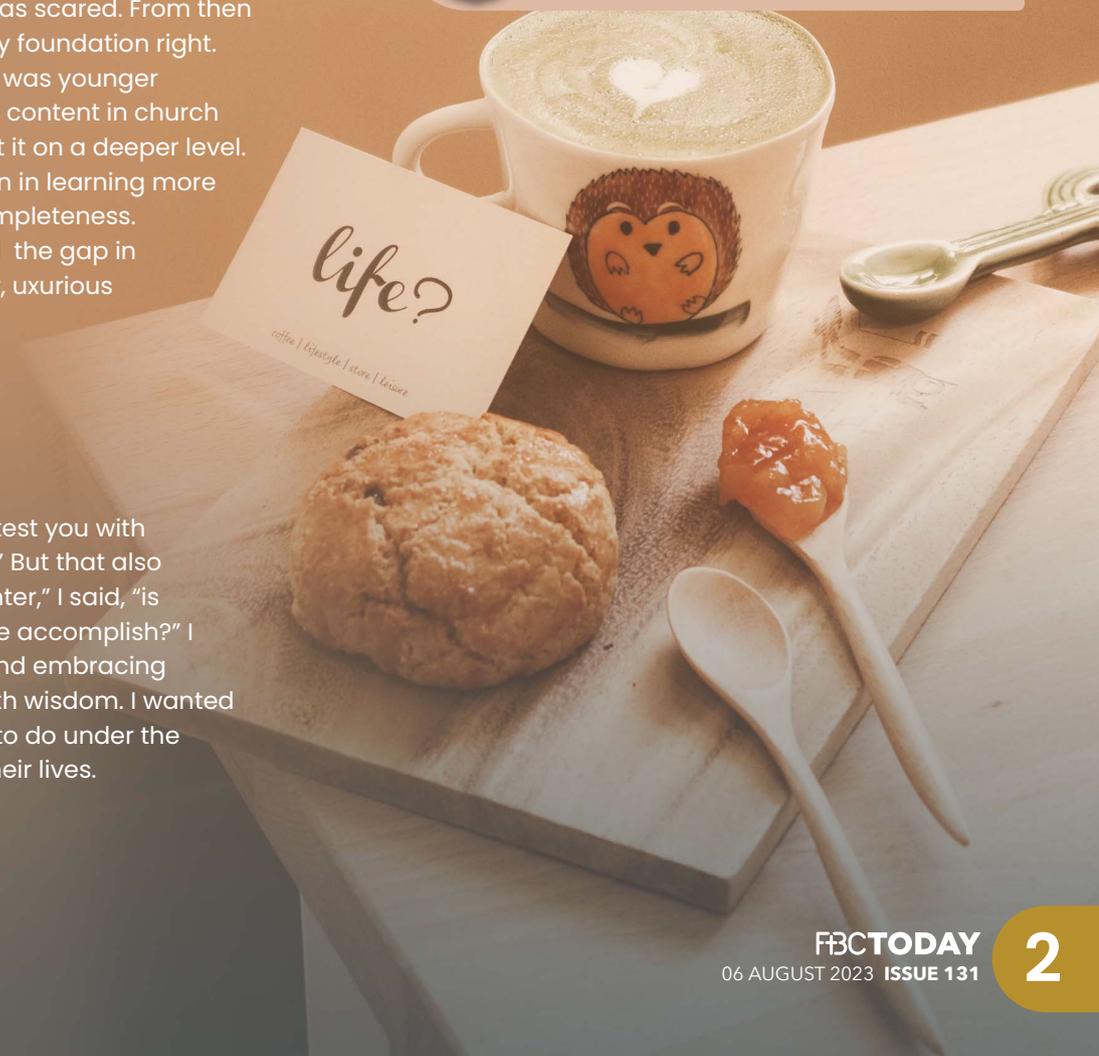
I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees. I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house. I also owned more herds and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me. I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, and a harem as well—the delights of a man's heart. I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me. In all this, my wisdom stayed with me.

*I denied myself nothing my eyes desired;  
I refused my heart no pleasure.  
My heart took delight in all my labor,  
and this was the reward for all my toil.  
Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done  
and what I had toiled to achieve,  
everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind;  
nothing was gained under the sun.*

There'll be people waiting for their touch from God, an encounter with God, or a breakthrough at the end of our obedience to Him to share the word.



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### Ephesians 3:14-21

We kneel before You, Father, and we pray that out of Your glorious riches  
You may strengthen us with power through Your Spirit in our inner being  
so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith.

And we pray that being rooted and established in love,

We may have power, together with all the saints,

to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ

and to know this love that surpasses knowledge

—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.