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I was raised in a Christian family in Ipoh. Both my parents know Mandarin but we converse in Cantonese as I am not able to read Chinese words. As I turned 21, I got baptised and dedicated to following Christ. I was attending bible study class and cell group meetings and serving in church ministry. Later in life I was quite complacent and stopped doing most of what I have been doing. As I feel I do not even need to go to church being a Christian.

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HOW TO CONTRIBUTE BT76 cheques / cash. Payment reference: 'BUILDING' Sadly to say, for the most part of last year, I had not been feeling well - sick, fever, depression and sleeplessness. So, I began seeing many doctors but still couldn't find the real cause of my issues. Most doctors said I had depression and anxiety problems or diabetes and urinary infections. My main symptom was my body got dehydrated and I often felt very thirsty.

Many months had passed as I struggled with this issue. Until I got a chance to see an endocrinologist (a doctor who specialises in hormones) and I was asked to be hospitalised and undergo a thorough check-up. Eventually, I had an MRI scan and the result revealed that I had a tumour at the back of my eyes. This tumour was found to be causing my eyes to go blind eventually as its growth was exerting pressure on some nerves. It had also caused my hormone gland to stop producing. Without much choice, I decided to go for surgery to remove the tumour.

When I was admitted to the hospital, I met a Christian brother whom I shared a room with. As the day grew late, I began to worry about the surgery the next day and this Christian roommate could sense it. He then came to comfort me by offering to say a prayer. After dinner, my wife and daughter visited me. We began to pray and worship together. He also taught me how to relax and surrender to God, and to trust and cast my anxiety to God. Most importantly he taught me to confess my sin, believe in what He is capable of doing and very soon I could feel the Spirit touch me. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:33-34)

The surgery was very successful and my testimony touched many friends in my cell group members as I shared with them.

During my stay in the hospital post surgery, one of the brothers in Christ told me FBC had started a Cantonese service. Knowing this was indeed great news to me. I was very excited as I looked forward to being able to attend a Cantonese service. Soon after I was discharged from the hospital after a 2-month rest, I finally got a chance to attend the service.

In the Cantonese service, I had the opportunity to share with the Pastor how I have put a barrier between me and God. And I was taught how I can trust and feel God again in this new life. Also, how we can deal with unanswered prayers and why some of our prayers seem not answered by God.





The sermons come with many diverse experiences and teachings about Chinese culture. The most interesting topics to me are those related to Chinese superstitions. It is fascinating to learn all about Chinese traditions and beliefs from the Sunday sermons. With this background knowledge, hopefully, in the near future, I can share more about Christianity with those older generation unbelievers.

With most of the Cantonese congregation coming from retired and older generations, I can see they all are very eager to attend service each week. This encourages me a lot to come and join them weekly as well. Most of the time I will stay back after service to talk and share with them and it is encouraging to know how some of them come from a strong non-believer background to accept Christ as their saviour. In Cantonese service, we are very blessed by the family in Christ who prepares food and drinks after service. This gives us more time to mingle and fellowship. I enjoyed this short sharing and fellowship each week to share our walk with God.

Many a time, we attend church out of a sense of fear, hoping to secure a place in heaven without truly feeling God's presence. What I really want to share is, that I had backslided. Unknowingly I was putting a barrier between myself and God. But God so loves us, He somehow finds a way to draw me back to Him. Through the grace of God and the support of my church community, I experienced a profound spiritual awakening. I now feel strengthened and renewed by this newfound connection with God's spirit, confident in His love and guidance.

I am grateful to God for this episode in my life that had led to moments when I could experience His spirit again, and the transformation of my perspective. Now, I feel more confident in my faith and strengthened by this newfound connection with God. I am also deeply grateful for the Cantonese service and the role it has played in reigniting my passion for Christ and deepening my understanding of both my faith and my cultural heritage.



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1. Thanksgiving for entrusting the Cantonese fellowship team with the opportunity to serve God and witness to the Cantonese speaking members in meaningful ways.

2. Pray for Ps Ling and the team to guide and lead the congregation following the vision in Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

3. Pray that the preaching will be led by the Holy Spirit, filled with God's truth. Pray for the sermons will be clear and down to earth, causing the audience to grow in the knowledge of God.

