

Warriors of Faith

When faced with such hardships of life as the diagnosis of incurable diseases or problems to which there seem to be no solutions, people become discouraged. "Faith," however, serves as a turning point of turning crises into blessings.

Manmin News caught up with three warriors of faith who have solved a variety of problems of life by way of a spiritual method of "faith" and experienced God's power. (Editors)

The Truth that has Quenched the Thirst of the Spirit



Deaconess Soon-Wol Lee (53; 1 Great Grand Parish 2 Parish) was physically weak for much of her life; since her 20's, she had suffered from gastroneuria, hypotension, and other conditions. She could withstand the illnesses with a strong attachment for her life and mentality but what she found more difficult to deal with was discord at home.

As she began clashing with her husband over most trivial matters and her son, the only person on whom she had placed all expectations, went astray, Deaconess Lee lost all hope in life. She could find no

satisfaction from anything in the world and, in a desperate search for the truth, delved into Buddhist scriptures. In the beginning, it looked as though peace was settling in her heart at last but the more she delved into the scriptures, the more she found herself isolated and her health deteriorate. What rescued her from falling into a deeper pit was a Bible she received from an acquaintance. After reading it cover-to-cover three times, Deaconess Lee came to believe in the Word and realize that the true Master of her spirit is God. She had at long last found the eternal truth she had been seeking.

She destroyed all remnants of idols hidden around her home and began devoting herself to prayer early in the morning, beseeching God to lead her to a true shepherd.

That's when she came across a copy of *Manmin News* someone had placed on her front door but had to stop short of visiting Manmin Central Church when people around her suggested otherwise. At the

sight of the vitality in life she gained while diligently studying the Bible, Deaconess Lee's family was evangelized and it appeared as though hope was taking its root at home.

As she discovered the elements of evil she was unable even after she began believing in God, however, peace in her heart faded away and she grew increasingly disgusted with herself.

Then, one day she received a call from her mother. She had been asked numerous times to go to Manmin Central Church and Deaconess Lee's mother wanted to know what her daughter thought.

She had also been curious about Manmin and together with her mother, Deaconess Lee attended a Friday All-night Service towards the end of January 2007. When she was 5 years of age, Deaconess Lee had some rice cakes and suffered from a severe stomachache; she had often suffered from the symptoms of indigestion and that night was no exception. When she shook hands with Rev. Dr. Jaerock Lee

prior to the Service and drank the Muan Sweet Water (Exodus 15), her stomach suddenly felt better. As she listened to "Lectures on Revelation," Deaconess Lee felt her stomach being cleansed to the point of almost holding a grudge against all those who had advised her not to come to Manmin.

After she read Rev. Dr. Lee's books *Tasting Eternal Life Before Death*, *The Message of the Cross*, *The Measure of Faith*, and others, Deaconess Lee realized that God does not wish to punish His children who do not live by His Word but that, by leading each child according to his or her measure of faith and allowing trials so that he may throw out the evil in his heart, He waits for them in perseverance.

This realization was a refreshing shock for Deaconess Lee and enabled her to commit everything to God. Stronger and healthier than ever before, she prays fervently and her heart is filled with hope for heaven.

Where Did the 8-centimeter Ovarian Tumor Go?

When an individual depends on God at the hour of most desperation and hopelessness, God recognizes that as faith and extends His healing hand. That was the case of Deaconess Young-Joo Kim (50; Eastern Gwangju Manmin Church).

Around 4 o'clock in the morning on Sunday, May 11 of this year, Deaconess Kim felt a sharp pain in the lower abdomen, as if a needle were piercing it. After battling the pain through the night, she was brought to an Emergency Room via an ambulance. An MRI scan revealed a tumor of 8 centimeters (about 3.2 inches) in length in her ovary and

the doctors urged her to undergo an operation right away. It was the moment when she needed to make a decision, whether to receive the operation or receive the Senior Pastor's prayer. All the images and articles of countless testimonies of God's healing flashed before her eyes. Her stomach felt as if it were being twisted left and right and pulled apart. From that pain, it was difficult for her to breathe and she could hardly stay sharp mentally. Still, she attended the Sunday Morning Service and received the Senior Prayer's prayer via satellite.

"Father God! Please, let Your time-and-space-transcending work take place now! Drive away the pain and scorch the cyst in the ovary by the fire of the

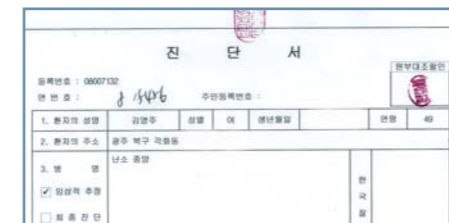
Holy Spirit!"

The moment the Senior Pastor finished his prayer, Deaconess Kim realized the pain had suddenly disappeared. She ran over to the restroom, threw up hazy and sticky water, which was soon followed by less gluey fluids.

Following the Evening Service, Deaconess Kim did not go home but stayed at the church and searched her



heart in prayer to discover the wall of sin standing between God and her. She remembered how she had sometimes not kept the Lord's Day holy and having uttered the words that ended up hurting other people's feelings, and rent her heart in repentance. After discharging thick and reddish urine, even the minutest pain faded. A subsequent evaluation at the hospital revealed that the tumor was nowhere to be found.



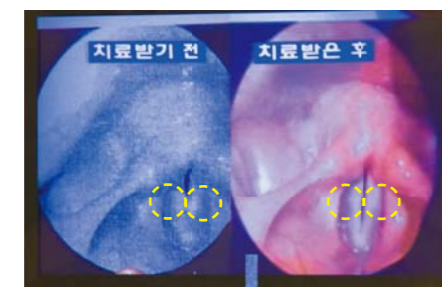
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The Joy of Raising My Voice to Praise



In January of this year, Deaconess Young-Sook Kim (43), conductor of the choir at Jeonju Manmin Church, noticed something unusual with her throat. It felt as though foreign substances had gone into her throat and clogged it. Her voice

became hoarse and she began having difficulty not just with her duty as the conductor but in everyday life as well. Unable to withstand the pain, Deaconess Kim went to a hospital, where



< Before the Prayer > < After the Prayer >

"intracordal cysts" were discovered. Intracordal cysts refer to white cysts

in one's vocal cords and develop when secretory duct in mucous glands are clogged.

The doctor called for an immediate operation but Deaconess Kim decided to attend a meeting at Manmin Prayer Center. During a discussion with President Mrs. Boknim Lee, Deaconess Kim was urged to devote herself three-straight 21-day Daniel Prayer Meetings and obeyed right away.

Deaconess Kim wished to get her voice back immediately but remembering "God's righteousness" according to which He answers our requests and prayers, she examined herself and persevered in prayer. She thought she had been faithful

but after realizing that her heart of thanksgiving had grown cold, Deaconess Kim rent her heart in repentance. When she received the Senior Pastor's prayer, she could feel her throat being cleansed. Her voice has become crisper and she now has a very resonant voice.

Following the period of devoted prayer, Deaconess Kim went back to the hospital and was told that the cysts had disappeared.

The Bible could not be clearer in telling us that all diseases come from sin and that God can heal us of them all (Exodus 15:26).

Thanksgiving and glory are due only to God for whom nothing is difficult or impossible (Jeremiah 32:27).

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'Seminar for Pastors and Church Leaders with Rev. Mikyoung Lee' India's Christians Awakened by Gospel of Sanctification

A flower of the gospel of sanctification bloomed once again in the largest Hindu nation in the world. "The Seminar for India's Pastors and Church Leaders with Rev. Mikyoung Lee" took place in Kamarajar Arangam in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, on Monday, November 17, 2008.

Following the performances by the Crystal Singers of Manmin Central Church and the Power Worship Team consisting of sisters at Chennai Manmin Church, Main Speaker Rev. Mikyoung Lee in a message titled "The Secret to Growth at Manmin Central Church" emphasized that "As Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Jaerock Lee lives by the Word and manifests the signs and wonders, he without doubt attests to the truthfulness of the Bible and the existence of the living God. The 'Daniel Prayer Meeting' cannot be left out, either."

Afterwards, participants magnified God after having received His healing of a variety of diseases and infirmities including difficulty

in breathing, chest pains, tinnitus, and the like.

More than 1,500 pastors and church leaders from Sri Lanka, Bhutan, and Union Territories of Delhi and Pondicherry, transcended the boundaries of denomination and attended the Seminar. Rev. A. Pratapsingh, Chairman of the Chennai Full Gospel Ministers' Fellowship observed, "The Seminar took place at the most necessary and appropriate time and I am certain it will bring forth great change to the direction of pastoral ministry in India. Many pastors have been both challenged and moved by the Manmin ministry," and requested additional seminars in the future and the return of Rev. Dr. Jaerock Lee to India.

The Seminar quenched the spiritual thirst of India's pastors took place at their invitation as they have desired in earnest the gospel of sanctification following "The 2002 India Miracle Healing Prayer Festival with Rev. Dr. Jaerock Lee" that gathered more than 3 million people.

"It was a successful seminar that met enthusiastic response not only from India's Christian circle but also from its government."

This Seminar in Chennai, India, took place amidst active interest and support of not only India's Christians but also from its government. We received messages of congratulations from Parliament member G.K. Vasan; Minister of Electricity of Tamil Nadu Arcot N. Veeraswami; Minister of Information Parithi Ellamvazhuthi; and Mayor M. Subramaniam of Chennai. Prior to the kickoff of the Seminar, the mission team from Manmin Central Church visited the Chennai City Hall and met with Mayor Subramaniam, who took time from his busy schedule, personally read his message of congratulations, and sent his greetings to Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Jaerock Lee.

The Seminar laid the foundation for India's pastors to wake up and bring revival to the country's Christianity, and created active interest and support from the government.

Missionary Joseph Han from India



Column For the Things which are Seen are Temporal

During their lives in this world, people are mostly obsessed with the reality that is visible to their naked eyes and thus tend to feel more of disappointment and emptiness than hope and joy. They may dress well and fare richly but with each passing day, their flesh grows weaker and each of them inevitably faces death. What good, then, would all that they have accumulated and accomplished over their lifetimes do?

Yet, as people believing in God place their hope not in the things of this world but instead fix their eyes on the glory they will enjoy in the eternal heaven, they are not discouraged under any circumstance. Such hope is an anchor for the spirit; it holds fast to each child of God and provides comfort and satisfaction so that he can rejoice and give thanks always. This is how the individual will be enabled to live a life not in vain but one that is truly worthwhile.

"For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18), from Rev. Dr. Jaerock Lee's column series "The Way" carried in *The Hankook Ilbo*

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Confessions of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes the Bible to have been written in the inspiration of God and is the accurate and errorless Word of God.
2. Manmin Central Church believes that the Triune God-God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - exists as one and works with each other
3. Manmin Central Church believes that only the atoning blood of Jesus Christ forgives us of our sins.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in Jesus Christ's resurrection, ascension, and the Second Advent, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess "The Apostles' Creed" whenever they gather and believe in it verbatim.

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Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

Do You Wish to Get Well?

"A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, 'Do you wish to get well?' ... Jesus said to him, 'Get up, pick up your pallet and walk'" (John 5:5-9).

In the course of our lives, we come across a variety of problems. There are troubles and difficulties at businesses and workplaces, trials and afflictions at homes, and diseases that strike down people. One may also have an earnest desire in his heart but due to circumstances or conditions surrounding him, it is not fulfilled. However, if we only commit everything to the Almighty God who is in charge of one's life, death, curse, and blessing, there are no problems and difficulties that cannot be resolved.

In John 5:6, Jesus asks, "Do you wish to get well?" This question refers not only to the bodily sickness but also to all problems in one's life and signifies how everything can be resolved by the power of God. How, then, can we bring down God's answers from above?

1. We must come before Jesus with our faith placed in God's power and with an earnest desire.

In John 5 is a scene in which a man who had been ill for 38 years received God's healing.

When Jesus one day saw by a pool called Bethesda a man who had been ill for 38 years, He knew that the man had been afflicted for long and asked, "Do you wish to get well?" Even though the man desired in earnest to be healed, he confessed to Jesus that he could not do so on his own. Jesus replied, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk." Immediately, the man stood up and began to walk. Upon meeting Jesus the Son of God, the man's earnest desire was fulfilled. By the same token, no matter what the severity of a disease, it can be healed in an instant when God intervenes.

Therefore, the resolution of any and all problems requires one to come before Jesus with his faith placed in God's power and with an earnest desire. In other words, once an individual has accepted Jesus Christ and become God's child, God is obligated to answer his prayer and, with God's Word of promise on his side, the child has the right to ask God and receive His answers.

2. We must destroy the wall of sin.

For what reasons do people who believe in God, have accepted Jesus Christ, and

have become children of God, fail to receive God's answers to their requests and prayer?

In John 5:14, Jesus tells the man who had been ill for 38 years, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you." By this, Jesus was stressing that when an individual sins, God cannot keep watch over him, in which case disease would penetrate his body again and he would be stricken down with even a more serious disease.

In Mark 2:5, the first thing Jesus told a paralytic who had been carried to Him on a pallet was, "Son, your sins are forgiven." When He subsequently said to the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your pallet and go home," the man "got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone." The paralytic had been stricken down because of his disease and, upon first recognizing the man's faith, Jesus resolved his problem of sins.

Keep in mind that even if we have the faith by which we believe in God's power and can come before Him, we will not receive His answers to our prayer so long as a wall of sin stands between God and us. Then, what are "sins"?

1) Not Having Believed in God and Accepted Jesus Christ

Jesus tells us in John 16:9, "Concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me," and states that the fact that one does not believe in God and accept Jesus Christ itself is a sin.

When we preach the Gospel, we come across people who say they are without sin as they have lived according to good conscience and have no reason to believe in Jesus. Such words stem from spiritual ignorance from which he does not know what "sin" is. As there is no truth in their heart, such individuals are unable to tell apart the right from the wrong and do know true goodness, evil, and righteousness.

No matter how good a life one may have led or think to have led, once he accepts Jesus Christ and hears the Word he will soon discover that there is no goodness in him. The mere fact that he had not believed in God and accepted Jesus Christ itself is the greatest sin. Even if he had thought he was in the right, there are so many wrongs within when viewed

and measured under the light.

2) Not Having Loved

The Bible tells us we "ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11) and to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44). Yet, if we despise our enemies, much less love our brothers, this is an act of disobedience against God's Word.

Even though He was without an ounce of sin, Jesus redeemed all mankind from their sins by being crucified. When we consider the Lord who subjected Himself to all sorts of affliction and loved us so to death, whom can we not love? Furthermore, not loving brothers and forgiving them are great sins against God (1 John 3:15; Matthew 18:35). Therefore, even if a brother slanders and hates you without any reason, you must keep in mind the grace of salvation and the love of Our Lord and ought to be able to pray for that brother in love. God will then show you mercy and kindness and swiftly answer your requests and prayers.

3) Not Having Obeyed the Commandments

Jesus tells us in John 14:21, "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

We also read in 1 John 3:21-22, "Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight." Therefore, when we obey God's commandments, He shows us His love and we receive whatever we ask Him. If you fail to receive God's answers to your prayers, you must realize that it is the result of the wall of sin of not having obeyed His commandments.

4) Having Prayed in Greed

1 Corinthians 10:31 urges us, "Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God," while James 4:2b-3 remind us, "You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures."

God fulfills all of which He has spoken and answers those who believe in Him and ask Him. People who love and believe in God ask Him for God's glory; that is why they receive from Him whatever they ask and magnify Him. Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:33a, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness." In other words, when we please God by praying first for the salvation of souls and our own sanctification, instead of being concerned with things to eat and wear, He will answer us.

5) Having Prayed while Doubting

God is delighted when we pray by faith (Hebrews 11:6). He has answered the prayer of people who displayed their faith in Him; Our Lord commended the Gentiles when they showed great faith and even rebuked His own disciples for their little faith.

We also find in James 1:6-7, "But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord." "Faith" signifies one's trust in God.

6) Not Having Sown

Galatians 6:7 tells us, "God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap." When one sows prayer, he will receive God's answers, his inner being will be strengthened, and his spirit will be renewed as much as he has sown. A physically weak individual can sow by diligently attending all worship services; when they have sown before God with love and faithful service, he will receive the blessing of good health.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Proverbs 8:17 tells us, "I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me." When we earnestly seek Him, God will meet us. Be sure to examine yourselves to find any walls of sin and if you do, destroy them immediately; God will then answer your requests and prayers.

May each of you receive from God all that you ask Him, prosper in all aspects, and be in good health just as your soul prospers, in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ I pray! ✝

The Message of the Cross: A Passage of Salvation and Answers Paved by Our Lord

'They say God is good and wishes to bless me. Then why do they feel so distant to God?'

To all those who desire to feel and experience God's love in their everyday lives, we recommend this book. They will even discover the fortune of unexpectedly having difficult problems resolved along the way.

A steady-seller that provides many questions in one's life in Christ, *The Message of the Cross* is a guidebook that serves as spiritual soil on which believers can gain and grow true faith. It has been translated into 14 languages, including English, German, and Spanish, at the urgings of brothers and sisters around the world.

Every person at least once in his or her life has posed such questions as, "From where have I come and to where am I going?" "Why have I been stricken by disease and why must I suffer?" "In what can I find the true value of life?" More pressing is the heart of people burdened by the problems of disease and troubles to which there are seemingly no answers, and desperately seeking a way out. (Editors)



A kind companion on the journey to heaven

The greatest advantage of this work is that the key – salvation, eternal life, healing, God's power – to solving such problems is no longer just a concept but comes to us as a part of every-day experiences.

Just as Hebrews 11:3b tells us, "What is seen was not made out of things which are visible," the works of God's power manifested on the mission fields of author Rev. Dr. Jaerock Lee can only be attributed as the result of adherence to the law of the spiritual realm*.

From the time he was called the "disease warehouse" to the point at which he became a pastor of God's power standing atop the world, the author's journey of faith itself is the living proof. He is now clearly showing others how they can tread that path. Furthermore, a reader feels as though the author is walking right beside them while reading *The Message of the Cross*. This is because the book contains and shows with caution the hurt, the difficulties, and the things to watch out for as the author has traveled this path ahead of them.

While walking along with the author, readers will become certain of their salvation, experience the restoration of their health, and find peace in hearts clouded in suffering.

This book has been read by people from many walks of life not just at home in Korea but around the globe. All of them unanimously testify to having their lives changed and problems resolved.

God's love for the mankind

Throughout the history of Christianity, many books on the significance of the Passion of the Christ and the blessings therein have been written and published. This is because the significance of that topic cannot be disputed and it is the core of one's life in Christ. In Korea, a nation known around the world for its numbers of churches and Christian population, many books on this very topic are also available, teach Christians spirituality, and serve as a guide for them.

A notable characteristic of *The Message of the Cross* is that while it maintains intact the doctrine of salvation found in

conventional Christianity, it has delved further into the concept. Moreover, the work serves as bridges among previously unanswered topics by thoroughly addressing them.

For instance, many people ask, "If God indeed loves man, why did He place the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?" and they would discover the Providence of God's love from *The Message of the Cross*. The book also offers clearer explanations to topics and concepts with which many Christians are familiar, thereby solidifying the readers' faith. One such example is how the lost authority of the disobedient Adam was recovered by Jesus Christ according to the law of the redemption of the land* and how He opened the path to salvation.

Here is where we can grasp the precise law of the spiritual realm of God, the source of wisdom. This is

where the readers can appreciate the author's spirituality of great depths.

By rediscovering the spiritual significance of the words of the Scriptures, he has added refreshing spiritual knowledge. It is according to God's Providence that Jesus was born in a manger and, while the most affluent, chose to lead a life of destitution so that the readers would enjoy prosperity. From a part when the author writes that we now have a way to be healed because Jesus was flogged and shed all His blood on the cross, readers can find the way to solve the problem of disease (1 Peter 2:24). By Our Lord's donning of the crown of thorns and having His hands and feet nailed on the cross, the author reminds the readers that He has forgiven us all of the sins we commit with our mind, hands, and feet, and that the passage to the resolution of the problem of sin can be found.

* The Law of the Spiritual Realm

After children of God have accepted Jesus Christ, they receive salvation, eternal life, His answers, and blessings. This requires their faith and understanding of the law of God, who is spirit, and the law is found in the 66 books of the Bible. Examples of the law of the spiritual realm are "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23) and "For whatever a man sows, this he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7), among others.

* The Law of the Redemption of the Land

Israel's law of the redemption of the land varies from that of other countries; when one sells a piece of land, it is not sold permanently but the provision of the redemption of the land is clearly stated in the contracts so that the land can be recovered at a later date. The law has allowed the recovery of the sold land by one's nearest kinsman who can afford to do so, and if the individual has no kinsman he could do so on his own in the future (Leviticus 25:23-25).

The law of the redemption of the land is directly related to the law of the spiritual realm on the salvation of mankind. Following his disobedience, Adam had to relinquish all authority he had received from God to the enemy devil but when an individual who is fit to redeem that authority comes along, the enemy devil must return that authority. God had prepared Jesus Christ, qualified according to the law of the redemption of the land, and opened the door to salvation.



The Message of the Cross published in multiple languages



'The Message of the Cross' is an affirmation of God's love.

Rev. Joo-Bum Kim (Philippines)

I accepted Jesus Christ because I knew that God loved me to the point of giving up His One and Only Son for me. As time passed, however, I grew increasingly uncertain of that love. I had been taught that the reason Jesus died on the cross was the way God showed His love for me and that, without detailed explanations, it was for God to be magnified.

Yet, I found that *The Message of the Cross* clearly explained why the Passion of the Christ was a display of God's love for me. God's Providence of

the cultivation of mankind was to gain true children who would fathom His heart and love Him from the depths of their hearts, lead them to heaven, and have them enjoy the kind of joy that cannot be experienced in this world. In other words, I have come to realize that God was not using mankind for His glory but, in His infinite love, was seeking to gain true children.

With *The Message of the Cross*, I have found God's love that has settled not in my brain as a mere piece of knowledge but in my heart.