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## “Lord, We Will Surely Go to New Jerusalem, the Most Beautiful Heavenly Dwelling Place!”

### 2012 Summer Retreat for Students who Are Manmin's Future



Happiness we can't enjoy elsewhere in the world ■ Photo 1: Students praising the Lord's name on day 3 of the 2012 Students' Summer Retreat. ■ Photo 2: Pastor Taehan Kim's seminar ■ Photo 3: Golden Bell Bible Quiz ■ Photo 4: Pastor Soojin Lee's seminar and prayer meeting ■ Photo 5: The 19th Manmin Students' Praise Contest ■ Photo 6: Athletic Meet ■ Photo 7: Camp Fire Worship & Praise with Pastor Heesun Lee

From July 30 to August 2 in 2012, the Students' Summer Retreat was held in Hwangdun Youth Center in Wonju, Gangwon province. Many students not only from Manmin Central Church in Seoul but also from many branch churches in Busan, Daegu, Daejeon, Gwangju, Ulsan, Cheonan, Seosan, Masan, Miryang, Gimhae, Tongyeong, Pohang, Gumi, Mokpo, Jeonju, Gangneung, and Chuncheon took part in the retreat. It was the hottest summer season, but they enjoyed the cool weather and overflowing truth, grace, and touching moments.

#### Seminars and prayer meetings helped students attain spiritual hearts

Through daily seminars and prayer meetings during the retreat students' hearts were greatly touched and they were changed into God's true children. On July 30th, Pastor Taehan Kim, Principal of Students Sunday School, delivered the message "Human Cultivation" taken from Genesis 3:23 and Psalm 105:17-19. He said, "Let's realize God's providence in human cultivation and run the race of faith with the goal of becoming His true children."

On July 31st, Pastor Soojin Lee, President of Pastors' Association, preached the message "Choice" based on Romans 12:1-2. She stated, "What you choose in your school days is very important in your whole life. In addition to studying hard as students, I urge you to choose only truth, goodness, and spirit as well."

On August 1st, Pastor Heesun Lee, General Guidance Pastor of Men's and Women's Mission, delivered the message under the title of "Spirit" from John 4:24. She explained that the heart of spirit always thinks of others first and seeks their benefits. She told the students to achieve such a heart citing Ruth as an example from the Bible.

In prayer meetings after the seminars on the second and third days, students repented that they hadn't kept their faith and had chosen untruth and they renewed their resolutions.

#### Manmin Students' Praise Contest, Athletic Meet, and Camp Fire Worship & Praise

The students gave glory to God and enjoyed friendly competition demonstrating their talents through

various programs. On the first day about 60 students who had passed the preliminary rounds competed in the Golden Bell Bible Quiz. The Grand Prize was awarded to an 8th grader, Sister Eunhae Shim.

In the morning on the second day, the 19th Manmin Students' Praise Contest was held and 12 teams took part in the final round. The Grand Prize went to 11th grader Sister Dasom Chung: her testimony is on page 4. The Golden Prize was awarded to Sister Daseul Jang, Silver Prize to Sister Bomi Lee, and Bronze Prize to Sister Arum Kim, all 12th graders; and the Popularity Prize went to 9th grader Sister Juyeong Kim.

In the morning on the third day, the Athletic Meet was held with the three teams from Central Church and one united branch church team. The branch churches' united team that had won last year won again this year. In the evening, Pastor Heesun Lee led the Camp Fire Worship & Praise. Students wore rings that symbolized the promise with the Lord. They made up their minds to achieve the heart of spirit and whole spirit and enter the most beautiful of

the heavenly dwelling places, New Jerusalem, with thanks and joy.

#### Students' active volunteer works

For the retreat, guidance teachers, financial directors, and teachers devoted themselves to dealing with programs and taking care of students in spirit and body. The students themselves worked as members of the volunteer teams: principle of life team, service team, reception team, broadcasting team, and the preparation teams for the Athletic Meet, Praise Contest, and Golden Bell Bible Quiz. Their active volunteer works were wonderful.

Sister Jiyoung Lee, President of High School Students' Mission said, "I give thanks to God who allowed us to enjoy the cool weather and to the speakers who preached the messages students could understand well in our various student situations, and helped us pray. I'm thankful to the teachers and financial directors who supported us both with their hearts and finances." She went on to say that she expected students who were changed in the retreat would run diligently to become sanctified.

# Fleshly Love and Spiritual Love

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” (1 John 4:7-8)

The word “Love” makes us happy and our hearts fluttered just at hearing it. There could be no greater happiness than being able to share love unchangingly with someone during our lives. We heard that some people overcame death, changed their circumstances, and made their lives beautiful with the power of love. Love is an essential requirement for happiness and has great power to change our lives.

## 1. What is ‘fleshly love’?

Even non-believers and evil men love those who are nice to them and are beneficial to them. Their love seems to be true love on the outside, but in the end it is not ‘the real thing’ and it’s not true love. This is because their love is fleshly love—a love that changes over time and disappears in the face of even small problems.

Fleshly love changes over time according to circumstances and conditions. It changes in accordance with advantage and benefit. It gives only when it receives and when things are beneficial. If you want to receive as much as you give to others and feel bad when they don’t return it to you, the love is fleshly love.

Most parents raise their children with devotion and efforts, but many of them raise their children for their own benefit or glory. They say, “I am doing this for my children to grow up well” but many of them want to satisfy or boast of themselves through the children. They oppose their children or feel uncomfortable when the children’s choice in choosing their occupation or spouse is different from theirs. It proves that their love is conditional love that has a price-tag on their devotion and sacrifice.

What about children’s love for their parents? Just as a saying goes, “A protracted illness wears out filial devotion”, some children consider their parents troublesome and ignore them when they get old and have diseases. They may rarely call their parents with the excuse they are busy. Their lives are centered on their own children and their lives. They are indifferent about their parents. Moreover, there are some immoral children who hate their parents just because the parents turn down their request of money. Some have even killed their parents.

How about love among friends? Some people are heartbroken due to betrayal of friends that they trusted. Others ask friends to lend them great amounts of money or ask them to stand as a loan surety. If the friends reject their request, they feel betrayed and their relationship sours. If you truly love someone, you wouldn’t give the person any kind of hardship. However, fleshly love seeks its own benefit and distances itself if there is no benefit.

## 2. What is ‘spiritual love’?

A dictionary says love is to value someone/



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

something and give everything to him/her/it or to have such a heart. But the love God talks about is a higher level of love than in the dictionary. It is spiritual love. Spiritual love seeks others’ benefit, gives joy, hope, and life to them, and never changes forever.

In the Bible David and Jonathan shared this kind of spiritual love. Jonathan was the son of Saul, the first King of Israel. Seeing David defeat Goliath, the champion from the Philistines, with a sling and a stone, Jonathon realized that he was a warrior who had God’s Spirit with him. Jonathon was also a troop commander, yet he admired David’s braveness, and his heart was burning. From then on, Jonathan loved David as himself. He didn’t spare anything for David.

1 Samuel 18:1-4 reads, “Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself ... Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.”

Jonathan was the first son of King Saul so he could have succeeded to the throne. But he had no selfish-motives or greed, so he didn’t cling to the position of a king. He rather tried to save David at the risk of his life when Saul desperately tried to kill David to keep his throne. Jonathan’s love for David was unchanging until he died.

When Jonathan died in the battle on Mount Gilboa, David fasted and mourned over his death. After becoming the king, David found Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, and restored to him all the lands of his grandfather, Saul, and took care of him in his palace.

Like their love, those with spiritual love can unchangingly love putting their lives at risk for others even if it means no benefit, and may result in harm to them. Their love is not given to be loved or receive

love or benefit in return. Spiritual love sacrifices itself unconditionally and gives everything to others.

## 3. The unchanging love of God and the Lord for us

Have you ever suffered hardship due to fleshly love that is opposite to spiritual love? When we are distressed and feel lonely because of the changing love, there is the One who can comfort our hearts as our Friend. It is our Lord.

The Lord knows our hearts better than any one because He was ignored and despised by people although he had no sin and blemish at all. He left the heavenly glory behind, came to the earth, and took the way of suffering. By doing so, He became a true Comforter to us and gave us true love through His death on the cross.

I had lived in poverty with many kinds of diseases before I accepted God. Because I was on my sick bed for seven years, all that I had were my sick body and a great quantity of debts that had snowballed. People I trusted and loved left me one by one. I was totally abandoned, ignored, and despised. When I wandered at the doorstep of death hopelessly, God came to me.

After I met God, I was healed of all my diseases and gained new life. I started to lead a new life. God’s love was priceless love. It was not I who loved Him first. It was God who loved me and He came to me first and stretched out His hand to me.

Isaiah 49:15-16 clearly shows God’s love towards us. “Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.”

At the moment when I was painful remembering that everybody had left me, God held me tight. When I realized His love, tears flowed and didn’t stop. Because of the time of pain I experienced, I could feel His love is true more clearly and now I am working faithfully as a pastor to repay His grace, comforting countless souls’ hearts and embracing them.

God is love itself. We were all sinners, yet He still sent His only begotten Son to this Earth for us. He prepared the heavenly places along with beautiful things for us and has been waiting for us, feeling like a day is a thousand years. When we open our hearts even a little, we can feel His delicate and abundant love.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

There are two kinds of love: fleshly love that seeks its own benefit and changes over time and spiritual love that seeks others’ benefit and rejoices with the truth. I pray in the name of the Lord that by realizing that God’s love is not fleshly love but spiritual love, you will share unchanging love with Him eternally.

## The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus

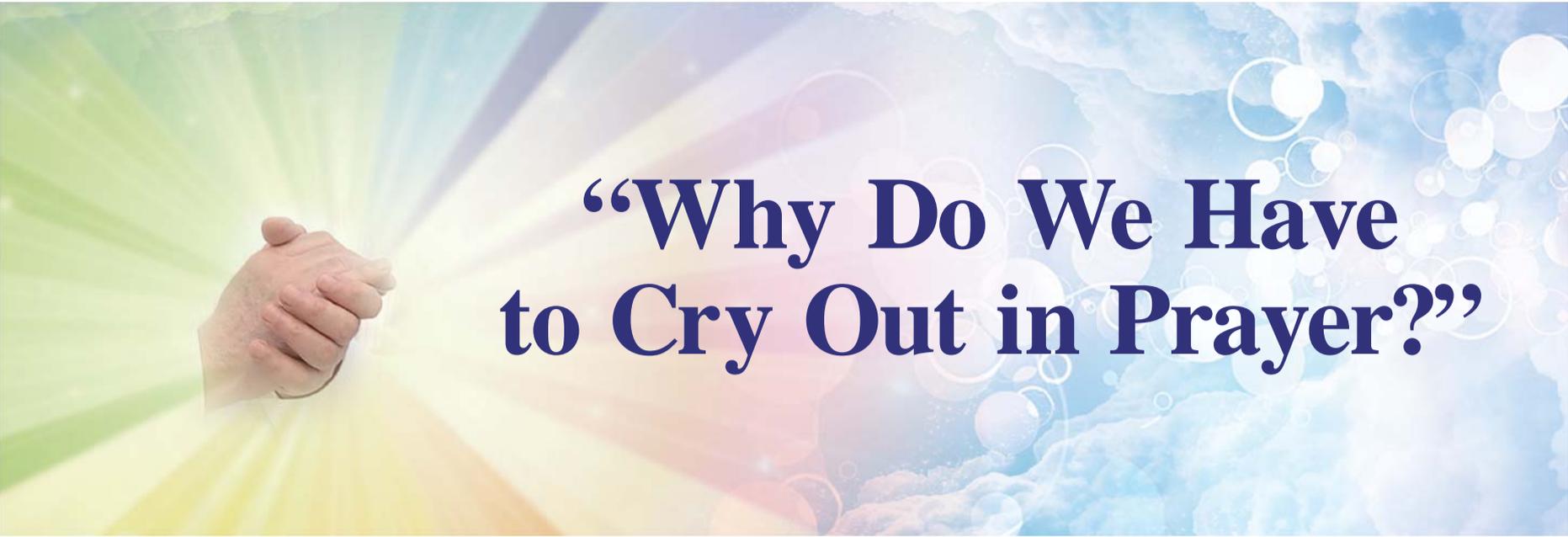
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles’ Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.
- “[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.” (Acts 17:25)
- “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

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# “Why Do We Have to Cry Out in Prayer?”

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I have thought for a long time that silent prayer is holy and reverent before God. But in the Bible God tells us to cry out in prayer. Why do we have to cry out in prayer?

**A** Jeremiah 33:3 says, “Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” God promises to answer us when we call out to Him in prayer. This is because we can’t have idle thoughts and get drowsy and we can give prayer from our hearts when we call to Him and cry out in prayer.

Of course, when we pray just before the service or at home at night we should pray quietly not to cause troubles for our neighbors. But except for such cases, we should cry out in prayer. It is God’s will.

**Crying out in prayer: God is pleased with it and answers it**

In Luke 22:44, we can see that Jesus cries out in prayer. How fervently did He pray until His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground?

The Bible tells us about many forefathers of faith besides Jesus who called to God in prayer. When the forefathers of faith like Moses, Samuel, and Stephen did so, God answered them. (Exodus 15:22-25; Numbers Chapter 12; 1 Samuel 7:7-10; Acts 7:54-60)

When the son of the widow in Zarephath died, Elijah called to the LORD and the son was revived as written in 1 Kings 17:17-24. Jonah also cried out from the stomach of the fish and came to life again (Jonah Chapter 2). A blind beggar named Bartimaeus was blessed to gain eyesight by crying out to Jesus (Mark 10:46-52).

Crying out in prayer shows that we have an earnest heart such that we pray with a loud voice. Through such prayer, we will be filled with

the Holy Spirit and the enemy devil and Satan will be driven away. Furthermore, we can receive answers and experience spiritual things. Then, we can become Jesus Christ’s true witnesses and even manifest the works of the Holy Spirit.

**Crying out in prayer: A key to receiving answers according to God’s law**

The first man Adam ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil and he was cursed due to his disobedience, so all men came to eat fruit from the ground only by toil (Genesis 3:17-19). Of course, they were set free from all curses by the Lord’s crucifixion and resurrection, but still they can eat only when they labor with sweat as long as they are in the flesh. So 2 Thessalonians 3:10 says, “If anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.” That’s why when we pray we should pray as fervently as we sweat.

And we have one more thing to remember. God knows the depths of our hearts, but angels don’t know. That’s why we should pray making sound that comes out of our mouths. This is because angels listen to our prayer and deliver it to archangels and the archangels gather the aroma of our prayers and put it in the censer of prayer around God’s throne. That is, when we cry out in prayer, it is offered up to God’s throne and we can receive the answer from Him.

**The spiritual meaning of “When you pray, go into your inner room”**

Some people might ask why we must cry out in prayer although Matthew 6:6 reads, “But you,

when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret.” But we should understand its spiritual meaning because the Bible was written in the inspiration of the Spirit.

Jesus prayed on the mountain all night as recorded in Luke 6:12 and He prayed in a secluded place in the morning as written in Mark 1:35. He didn’t pray in an inner room. Daniel prayed with the windows open in the direction of Jerusalem (Daniel 6:10), Peter prayed on the roof (Acts 10:9), and Apostle Paul prayed in the place of prayer (Acts 16:13-16). They did so to cry out in prayer with all their hearts and minds.

Then, what did Jesus mean when He told us to go into our inner rooms and pray? Here in the Bible, “A room” spiritually symbolizes the heart of man. We can cut off ourselves from the external environment when we close the door of an inner room which is secluded and quiet. Likewise, we should cut off ourselves from all idle thoughts, worries, and anxiety and pray with all our hearts.

This message of Jesus made people wary of the way of prayer given by Pharisees and priests who prayed with loud voices on the street to boast of themselves. Jesus wanted to teach people that God won’t accept such prayers through this message. In other words, He told us to pray from the bottom of our hearts.

Therefore, because God knows our inner hearts and circumstances and can give everything we ask as the master of all things, but pray to God with our hearts and minds and not flaunt that we pray a lot.

## TIP

### ◆ What is to speak in tongues?

As written in 1 Corinthians 14:5, God wants all His children to be able to speak in tongues that were one of the Holy Spirit’s gifts written in 1 Corinthians 12:10. When we speak in tongues, we speak secrets by God’s Spirit. So the enemy devil and Satan can’t bother our prayer and the prayer is helpful for our spiritual growth.

In the prayer in tongues, the Holy Spirit Himself living in us intercedes for us, so we can ask God even what we don’t know and what we need the most in His sight. Thus, we can receive answers quickly. We also receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit, so we can overcome tiredness of our physical body and drive away or stop trials and afflictions through the prayer.

Also, we can communicate with God more clearly and even know what will happen in the future to the extent that we achieve a spiritual heart since the Holy Spirit searches the depths of God. In this way, hope for Heaven will be given to us all the more greatly and we will become full of faith when we pray in tongues. So our souls will be prosperous.

However, when we pray only in tongues our mind is unfruitful as said in 1 Corinthians 14:14. That’s why we pray both with the spirit and the mind. Praying in tongues is to pray with the spirit so it asks just for soul’s prosperity. But praying with the mind includes to seek the kingdom and the righteousness of God first and to ask for heart desires like solutions to problems in family, work places, businesses, etc. Therefore, we hope you will be a more powerful Christian by praying both in tongues and with the mind.



## “Everything Is Done by God’s Grace and the Lord’s Love”

Sister Dasom Chung (11<sup>th</sup> grader)

When my mother was three months pregnant with me, her doctor said that I couldn’t lead a normal life on account of the weak heart and he recommended having an abortion.

**My heart was so weak that my doctor recommended having an abortion**

At that time, my heart was so weak that my doctor recommended having an abortion. My mother was a new believer, but she didn’t want to abort a baby with life. So she received Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer for the sick. And she prayed at the Dawn Service. While praying, she received the strong guidance telling her to deliver me. Due to the guidance, she committed me to God by giving prayer and fasting until the delivery.

I was born healthy by the grace of God, and grew up as a child who enjoyed singing praises and praying. I was a member of Children’s Praise Team when I was an elementary school student. I led praise singing “Jesus” in the special performance during Children’s Devotional Service. But when I became a 6th grader, I began to hang out with friends more and more. When I entered the middle school and saw other classmates wearing outfits following the worldly trends and enjoying the worldly pleasure, it looked good to me.

**While I was wandering in puberty...**

In May, 2008, I was a 7th grader. There was the Special Daniel Prayer Meeting. On the last day of the meeting, my mother was awarded the Grand Prize in a drawing. When my mother’s name was called, my family members ran to the altar to have a photo shoot with Senior Pastor.

In those days, I hung out with friends during Daniel Prayer Meeting. On the day, I also was hanging around near the church. And I received a phone call about the award. I ran to the main sanctuary in a hurry. My heart started to beat fast while running to the altar. In embarrassment I came late, but Dr. Lee welcomed me holding my hands tight with a warm smile. At the very moment, I was deeply touched by him. And I felt the love of Father God and the Lord seeing Dr. Lee’s gentleness. Finally, I made up my mind to become renewed.

**I developed my hope of being a praise singer**

**while longing for spirit**

While I was praying about with what I would give glory to God, I came to have hope of being a praise singer. So I started to learn vocal music. About then, Dr. Lee appeared in my dream and shook hands with me saying, “You were chosen as a child in New Jerusalem. Thank you.” Through the dream, I came to be convinced of my vision and study the music with joy and hope.

In March, 2012, I heard that Dr. Lee taught praise singers hypogastric breathing and I practiced it steadily. Then, my singing skill had been dramatically improved. In the meantime, God let me discover untruths in my heart like arrogance and poured down waterfall-like grace so that I could long for sanctification.

On June 17 in 2012, I offered praise with the song entitled “So Much Pain He Suffered” in the choir anthem during the first Sunday Morning Service. I felt the heart of God who gave everything for human salvation. Then, I made a vow to live only for God and sang with tears.

**I gave glory to God Receiving the Grand Prize in the 19th Manmin Students’ Praise Contest**

The Manmin Students’ Praise Contest takes pride in its 19-year tradition. It is like a gateway to becoming a Manmin’s praise singer. Since I dreamed of being a singer in Manmin Performing Arts, I prepared for this earnestly for this contest and I wanted to give God-pleasing praise. I desired to offer up beautiful and good aroma to God by preparing for it with all my heart, mind, and soul.

On July 31, I finally received the Grand Prize. I shed many tears knowing that everything was done by the grace of God and the love of the Lord. Two days before the event, Dr. Lee appeared in my father’s dream and he came to the Praise Contest in the dream. After all praises of the participants, he came up to the stage and shook hands with them saying, “You did a good job.” But he hugged me saying, “Congratulations.”

I give thanks to the Lord who has been guiding me gently through the dreams. I want to be a praise singer who delivers the Lord’s love and lead many souls to the heavenly kingdom.

## “I Want to Be a Broadcaster Spreading the Gospel”

Brother Seungmin Lee (12<sup>th</sup> grader)

I grew up healthy in the Lord without causing any big trouble, and I had a good opportunity to make my Christian life firmer. When I was a 9th grader, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee delivered the message about students who had a boy or a girl friend and committed sins because their heart was broken. I also had a girl friend at that time. After the message, I repented right away and renewed my heart. Then, God opened the way to becoming a broadcaster that I had dreamed of.

I had had a dream of working for GCN TV (Global Christian Network TV) ([www.gcntv.org](http://www.gcntv.org)). One day, Seoul Broadcasting High School visited my school to publicize it. Afterwards, I harbored a desire to enter the school. But it was hard for me to enter it with my school record. Thankfully, I got the recommendation of my school because I had been a president of my class for three full years while in middle school and received the Good Student Awards. Now I am a 12th grader studying a curriculum in broadcasting and I was given a chance to enter a university in September 2012 through the early college entrance system.

In 2012, the Manmin Summer Retreat was filled with grace, emotion, and blessings. I worked as a head of the principle of life division for two years in a row. I prepared for my duty with prayer and worked diligently so that students could abide in rules and receive a lot of grace by being on time to every event.

After it, I came to serve others and sacrifice myself all the more. Seeing myself grow up that way, I gave thanks to the Lord who always led me to the way of blessings.



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