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## “The Power of Love Is the Secret to Change!”

### Students' Winter Retreat 2018 Filled with the Word, Prayer, and Praises

From February 22 to 24, Students' Winter Retreat 2018 was held so that students could receive power to pray and experience joy and fullness of the Spirit during winter vacation.

At 10:30 a.m. in the opening service on the first day, Pastor Changmin Kim, Principal of Students' Sunday School, preached a message entitled “Power of Love” based on Mark 10:27. He urged the students to come forth as the fruit of renewal through the power of love that God, the Lord, and the shepherd had shown to them.

At 2:30 p.m., they had a seminar with Rev. Heesun Lee, Manmin World Guidance Pastor as the speaker. She delivered the message “Spiritual Realm” taken from Genesis 1:1. She told them to believe and stay aware of the existence of the spiritual realm. She also advised them to set a specific goal in everything and work hard with unchanging obedience.

After the seminar, Sister Hayoung Kim, 11th grader, said, “I came to understand how to set a proper goal in faith.”

On the second day, they had the Athletic Meet in Seoul Digital Grounds near Gasan Digital station at 11 a.m. Though it was still winter, it stayed very warm and nice during the event. Sister Yuna Lee, 8th grader, stated, “It snowed and rained yesterday but by the prayer of Senior Pastor we are enjoying the spring-like weather. I am excited!”

At 11 p.m. on the same day, they attended Friday All-night Service held in the main sanctuary until 4 a.m. Saturday. During the first half, the Nazareth Choir that consists of students, sang the song, “Shiny Waves” with dance. They listened attentively to the sermon and lifted their voices saying, ‘Amen’ in reply. After a 30-minute break, the second half session “Praise and Prayer” started. Each grade mission came to the front of the altar with signs and praised earnestly. Sister Hyerim Lee, 12th grader, said, “I felt happiness and joy praising that I had never felt in the world.”

At 3 p.m. on the last day, Pastor Heejin Lee, Chairperson of Performing Arts Committee, led Praise and Worship for them.

Pastor Lee delivered the love of God and urged them to develop various skills and be used as workers for the kingdom of God. After her message, they praised with Manmin Praise. They were in tears, high emotions and joy with hope for heaven.

Sister Jaeun Lee, 10th grader, said, “Pastor Lee taught us how to achieve our dreams. She also shared the love of the Lord that she had experienced. I received much grace. I was also happy to praise jumping and dancing.”

At 9 p.m. they attended Daniel Prayer Meeting. Manmin Prayer Center President Boknim Lee led the prayer in fullness of the Spirit, and pastors helped them pray. They experienced the Spirit's works of repentance, speaking in tongues, and receiving the fiery baptism of the Spirit. They testified to their experiences saying, “I prayed without knowing the passage of time,” “I received the Spirit's baptism of fire,” “I spoke in tongues when Mrs. Lee prayed for me,” “I was strengthened to stay away from the worldly

things,” and with many similar professions overflowing.

Sister Jihyun Baek, President of High School Mission, said, “I engraved the tears and love of God, the Lord, and the shepherd in my heart all the more and made up my mind to come forth as the fruit of the shepherd. We have listened to the word of life and experienced the power of God, so we will be always good examples and loved by people everywhere we go.”

Manmin's students received the fullness of the Holy Spirit and power of love from God and the Lord during the retreat, and they made up their minds to come forth quickly as beautiful fruit. Let's give all thanks and glory to God.





Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

# Joseph Believed God Would Allow Him to Achieve His Dream

“By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones” (Hebrews 11:22).



We can fulfill our heart's desires if we ask God the Almighty with true faith. Joseph was the 11th son of Jacob, the father of Israel. He did not forget a dream given by God and finally achieved it with faith. Let's look into his faith.

## 1. The points we should realize through the life and faith of Joseph

**First, the cause of hardship lies mostly within one's shortcomings.**

Jacob loved Joseph more than all the other sons because he was the son of Jacob's old age and his mother was Rachael whom he loved. He made him a multicolored tunic and let him stay with him even when the other brothers worked outside. His brothers felt uncomfortable due to their father's bias for him. They even hated him for having brought back bad reports about them to their father. Of course, Joseph did so because he couldn't let something unrighteous slip through his self-righteousness. But it was not right in God's sight.

One day, Joseph talked to his brothers about a dream he had in which their sheaves gathered around and bowed down to his sheaf. Not long afterwards, he related another dream where the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to him. This dream turned out to be reality in the distant future. But, if Joseph had been wiser and humbler,

he would have kept it quietly in his heart without rousing his brothers' jealousy.

However, he was a young boy who wanted to brag about it. He lacked virtuous generosity and wisdom to consider others. As they continued hating him more and more, they finally sold him to a Midianite trader. Their actions were really evil, but if Joseph hadn't acted so arrogantly and had humbly served them with love, it would not have happened (1 John 5:18). Thus, if you are in hardship, first look back upon yourself and your shortcomings.

**Second, a person with true faith won't lose heart in any kind of situation.**

Joseph was sold to Egypt and became a slave, but he didn't lose heart. He believed God would guide his life. He also hoped that God would arrange for him to reach an honorable position as he had been in the God-given dreams.

Joseph was sent to the house of Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard. As he worked diligently there, God set him as the overseer over Potiphar's whole house. But his wife tempted Joseph to lie with her but he constantly turned her down. Then, she wrongly accused him of harassing her and he was put in jail. However, he didn't hold a grudge nor give any excuse.

Even when he was faced with hardship, and even when the dream seemed far away from him, he was sure that he would be made a beautiful vessel for God through His refinement if he endured everything with faith.

**Third, a person with true faith is recognized for his diligence even by worldly people.**

Joseph did not feel disheartened even when he was put in jail. He diligently served others with a bright face and he sacrificed himself as well as not committing sins in God's sight. He pleased God by becoming

light and salt with his good deeds. So, God blessed him to receive love and gain recognition from others wherever he went. Even the chief jailer recognized him and committed all the prisoners in the jail to his charge.

One day, the cupbearer and the baker for the Pharaoh of Egypt were confined in the jail. Both had a dream the same night, and each man had his own dream. Joseph interpreted each dream for them, and just as he interpreted, the baker was hung, and the cupbearer was restored to his office.

Two years later, Pharaoh had dreams and looked for a man who could interpret them. Then, the cupbearer remembered Joseph and talked about him to Pharaoh. Before the Pharaoh Joseph introduced God saying, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.” And he gave Pharaoh a clear interpretation on his dreams. He even presented how to deal with the problems that would come (Genesis 41:1-36). Eventually, he was given the duty as the second ruler over Egypt. It happened 13 years after he had been sold into slavery in Egypt.

**Fourth, a person with true faith never loses hope and rejoices in hardship.**

As Joseph interpreted, abundance came to Egypt for seven years, and famine followed for the next seven years. However, they prepared for famine according to Joseph's wisdom, so there was enough food in Egypt even during the times of famine. Joseph's brothers in Canaan also came to Egypt to buy food. It was at that time that they bowed down to Joseph to ask for food.

Through Joseph, Jacob's family was saved from the famine. Joseph's dreams at an early age finally came true. Things he went through, such as being sold as a slave and being imprisoned led him to the fastest track to fulfill the dream in the sight of God. He humbled himself more at the low positions and came

to have a broad heart to accept many people with love and virtuous generosity. As he constantly relied on and communicated with God, he reached the measure of the status which belongs to the fullness of Christ. He prayed unchangingly with faith, never lost hope, passed through refinement by diligence, and glorified God in the end (Romans 5:3-4).

## 2. Joseph fulfilled a dream with faith and hope.

Joseph did not blame his brothers who had sold him. He just kept the God-given dream in heart and tried his best in everything with belief that the dream would be fulfilled. He also firmly believed God would bring the sons of Israel to the land of Canaan that God had promised to Abraham. So, when he died he told his people that they should carry his bones up there to the land of Canaan they would enter (Genesis 50:24-25; Hebrews 11:22).

God chose the sons of Israel for the providence of human cultivation. And he planned to let them establish a nation and to send Jesus through the nation. However, at the time of Joseph, the sons of Israel were just a small group of people. They needed a place of shelter from strong enemies around them. They needed food and necessities to survive during the 7-year famine as well.

That is why God sent Joseph to Egypt before the sons of Israel, made him the second ruler over Egypt, and then led them to Egypt. By this, they did not suffer in the famine, multiplied for the ensuing 400 years that followed, and they became a great nation. Knowing it was the providence of God (Genesis 45:7-8), Joseph confessed his faith even when he died. It tells us how much he hoped and tried to accomplish the dream with faith during his entire life.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will possess unchanging faith like that of Joseph and enjoy overflowing answers and blessings until you enter the glorious heaven.

## 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 Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
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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# The Numbers Recorded in the Bible

There are several numbers with significant meanings recorded in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and all of them carry spiritual meanings. For example, the Israelites lived in the wilderness for 40 years after the Exodus from Egypt and then entered Canaan the land flowing with milk and honey. Jesus also offered up 40-day fasting before He started His public ministry. The number 4 symbolizes 'the earth' and 'suffering'.

The number 6 symbolizes 'cultivation' and 'completion in the fleshly world'. Jesus was invited to a wedding in Cana of Galilee and performed the first sign of changing the water into wine. He told the servants to fill the 6 water pots up to the brim. It implies six thousand years of human cultivation after Adam was sent out from the Garden of Eden due to his transgression. Now let's delve into the spiritual meanings of the numbers 3, 7, 12, and 17.

3

The number of 'accordance' for the 'accomplishment of perfection'

'Accordance' means 'conformity to the qualifications' or 'agreement in the will'. God the Creator has existed as God the Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, and the Trinity has been guiding mankind to salvation in agreement.

Jesus came to the earth in flesh to fulfill His duty as the Savior. Before He started His 3-year public ministry at the age of thirty, He was led by the Spirit to the wilderness and received the 3 temptations of the devil. Also, on the 3rd day from His crucifixion and burial, He overcame death and was risen with the resurrected body. Prophet Jonah was ordered by God to go to Nineveh the great city and to tell them about the impending judgment. But he disobeyed the will of God. While he was fleeing on a ship to Tarshish, there was a great storm on the sea. He ended up in the stomach of a great fish. After he thoroughly repented eating nothing for 3 days, he was saved.

7

The number of 'completion' and 'perfection'

As written in the book of Genesis, God completed the Creation and rested on the 7th day. Since He rested on the 7th day after all the work of the Creation, He blessed the day and sanctified it.

The seven Spirits of God written in Revelation refer to the heart of God that examines the 7 aspects of each person. The number 7 implies that God examines the heart of men perfectly without any error.

In the fourth chapter of Leviticus, blood of sin offering had to be sprinkled 7 times. This means that the person who gave the sin offering shook off the sin completely. Naaman, the Commander of the Army of Aram, was also healed of his leprosy after he submerged himself in the Jordan River 7 times. Elijah also received the answer to his prayer for great rain after he prayed 7 times. Jesus said in Matthew 18:22, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven." It means we should forgive others completely.

12

The number of 'light'

The number 12 appears when an important providence of God is explained. Jesus said in John 11:9, "Are there not twelve hours in the day?" He told us to walk in the day since it is bright during the day, and the true Light spiritually refers to our Lord Jesus (John 1:9).

Through 12 sons of Jacob, God founded Israel, the nation of God's elect and sent Jesus to the earth in the genealogy of David. He selected 12 disciples, and with them He preached the gospel all over the world and fulfilled His duty as the Savior.

In New Jerusalem, the most beautiful place in heaven, the names of 12 tribes of Israel are recorded on the 12 gates of pearl, the names of the 12 apostles are on the 12 foundation stones of the city wall, and 12 kinds of fruit are borne on the trees at the riverside of the River of Water of Life.

17

The number of 'fruit' and 'fulfillment'

The number 17 implies that God Himself works according to His will and providence. Noah's flood was the event that clearly revealed the implication. It was the final inevitable choice made by a merciful and patient God. At the same time, it carried His expectation for many true children to come forth through the new phase of human cultivation that would start from Noah. It was again the expression of His will that He would surely achieve it.

When Noah was 600 years old, the flood started on February 17, and the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat on July 17 since the water had subsided. When Joseph, the son of Jacob, was sold to Egypt, he was 17 years old. The number 17, above all, stands for fruit. It symbolizes the renewal of many people at the end time and accomplishment of the providence for the end time.

## Photo

### Vision School for Children 2018

From February 22 to 24, 'Vision School for Children 2018' was conducted to implant dreams and visions into the heart of Manmin's children.



To spiritually stay alert in the end time!  
Pray in fullness!



My dreams and vision, "What do Levite workers (the church's full-time workers) do?"



My own recipe, "Lovely Cake"



Happy Power Praise with Pastor Minkyung Cho,  
Principal of Children's Sunday School

On October 2, 2017, a Chinese boy Wi mistook very hot water for cold water and drank it up in a gulp. Afterwards, he suffered from serious pain. When he ate, he vomited all. He couldn't eat.

The endoscope identified that the lower part of his esophagus wall had decomposed and was ulcerated and infected. The affected part was congested with blood and swelled up, so it could also lead to bleeding. In December, he was examined again through esophagography. The lower 7.3cm-long part of the esophagus became narrow and the narrowest part was just 1mm.

He could not eat solid food for four months after the accident and lived only on thin rice gruel and milk. He lost a great deal of weight

## “My son was healed of esophageal stricture caused by scalding!”



Before the prayer: His esophagography result shows that esophageal sphincter narrowed (7.3cm) and the upper part was enlarged (left). His endoscope result shows that the end of the esophagus had ulcer and narrowed due to a scar (right).

and couldn't go to kindergarten. His mother said, “He told me to give him food, whining. When he cried and asked why he couldn't eat, my heart was broken.”

She couldn't leave him to live that way. She began to pray and asked herself why God hadn't been able to protect her son. She realized and repented that she had broken peace

and harbored hatred though she had been taught through a sermon to make peace with everybody and that hatred is spiritual murder.

She prepared for the meeting with Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee and came to Korea in February 2018. She received his prayer in person. That night, something amazing happened. Her son was set free from the serious pain that he had suffered from for the previous four months. He could even eat bread. Hallelujah!

His parents are so happy when they see their son recovering more and more. Since then, he has eaten well and recovered his health. Now he is attending elementary school normally.

Let's give all thanks and glory to God!

## “I was healed of ankle joint ligament damage without surgery!”

Sister Jusun Chung, age 16, Students' Sunday School, Manmin Central Church

On February 10, 2018, my left ankle was twisted inward almost at a right angle while I was coming down the stairs. I dropped to the floor. It hurt so much that I couldn't stand up and just cried. My mother saw me and had me receive Senior Pastor's prayer for the sick recorded on the Automated Response System. After the prayer, I came to move a little and went to the car with mom's help.

Because I hurt my ankle, I looked back upon my life and especially checked if I had been somewhere I should not have gone. That night, I went to Daniel Prayer Meeting on a wheelchair. Pastor Changmin Kim, Principal of Students' Sunday School advised me to check if there was something I had not stopped such as watching soap operas, video clips on YouTube, and the like. I repented but I still felt burdened.

The next day I went to Sunday Services on the wheelchair with my friends' help. I felt so much pain in my ankle bone when I stepped on the ground with the leg, but I didn't give up singing in the choir. I just felt sorry before God that I had not changed more. So, I sang in the choir on crutches. I stood with the other leg while singing and it felt painful and numb, but I endured it and sang the anthem.

After the sermon, I received Senior Pastor's recorded prayer for the sick. My ankle felt strengthened and tendons felt connected. On February 12, I visited a hospital to examine it and was diagnosed with left ankle joint ligament damage. I was told to have a surgery, but I just wore a cast-boot to immobilize it because I wanted to receive healing from God.

I went to the restroom on my knees or a family member carried me on their back. My mom washed my hair. My shoulders and wrists felt pain too because of the crutches. One day, I felt exhausted because only one leg was supporting my whole body. I prayed at home in Daniel Prayer Meeting via GCN

(www.gcntv.org). Right then, tears began to pour down. I was so sorry that I had forgotten the love of God.

I pursued the worldly pleasure

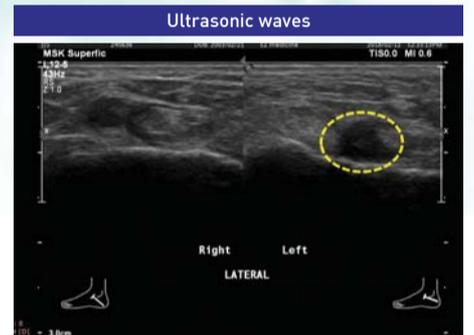
inappropriate for students although Senior Pastor taught me all the time I should not. I thought he must have felt so sorry because of me. It broke my heart and I tearfully repented. After the repentance, I felt unburdened and came to be sure about healing through the meeting with Senior Pastor during Lunar New Year's holidays.

On February 14, I finally went to the meeting between Senior Pastor and our church members. He preached the message and prayed for all the members there. After his prayer, I found that I had not relied on the crutch and it had been in the air. The pain was gone!

And I shook hands with Senior Pastor and said to him, “My leg

feels a lot better!” When he heard what I said he came to me though he was busy with so many people there and he bent his knees and prayed for me with his hand on my affected ankle. I burst into tears when I saw him praying for me because I felt so sorry before him. After his prayer, I no longer needed the crutch and I could climb up the stairs to my house on my own. Hallelujah!

I jumped up and down when I praised God during Students' Winter Retreat and there was no pain at all. I fulfilled my God-given duties as a member of Volunteers' Group and a cheerleader. I give all thanks and glory to God. I extend my thanks to Senior Pastor who prayed for me.



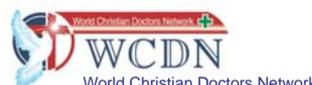
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