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People Who Met God

*Like sunlight filtering through the trees,
may the warm love of the Lord fill your heart today as well*



“Pop! After Five Years, My Ear Opened”

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Five years ago, I had a hearing test at an otolaryngology clinic because I could not hear sounds well, and I was diagnosed with “congenital hearing loss.” The doctor said that if this difficulty continued, I might eventually need to wear hearing aids. In particular, I often could not clearly hear moderately loud voices or the ends of words, so I would misunderstand what was said or have to ask people to repeat themselves. I felt frustrated each time.

I felt at a loss at the thought that I might have to wear hearing aids, but because I believed in God’s power, I came to have a strong desire to be healed at the Manmin Summer Retreat. During worship services, I received Pastor Soojin

Lee’s sermons as messages God was giving me, and I repented of the things I had failed to obey and the lack of earnestness in my heart.

I listened again to *The Message of the Cross* sermon series and prepared for the summer retreat by fasting and attending the Special Daniel Prayer Meeting. On Day 1 of the summer retreat, during the pre-service praise time for the arrival service, I was deeply moved in my heart, and I felt the fullness of the Holy Spirit, along with a refreshing sensation running through my whole body. The lyrics, “See the desolation of this land,” and “Heal this land,” touched my heart as if they were a prayer for me.

As I became deeply aware of my

shortcomings and wrongdoings, repentance came from deep within my heart, and I laid down my heart before God with tears. While I was receiving prayer after the message, something amazing happened. Suddenly, I heard a “pop” in my right ear, and I felt as if the blockage had been partially cleared. I began to hear voices more clearly than before.

Later, during the evening service, as I received Pastor Soojin Lee’s prayer for the sick, the sounds became even clearer. I could hear moderately loud voices and the ends of words, which had been difficult for me to hear, more clearly than before. Hallelujah! I give all thanks and glory to Father God who healed me.



“Freed from 10 Years of Suffering from Cystic Acne”

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I started getting acne back in middle school and have been stressed out by it for over ten years. As the breakouts kept coming back over such a long period, my worries about my skin naturally grew. Even after entering adulthood past my teenage years, the acne didn't seem to go away, and red inflammation broke out not only on my chin but also on my cheeks. I also had large, inflammatory acne with pus breaking out.

As soon as one spot subsided, another would appear somewhere else, so there was hardly a day when my face was free of acne. Even when my skin seemed to improve for a while, new breakouts would appear again and again. When the inflammation was severe, even washing my face was uncomfortable, and my skin continued to itch and hurt. When I wore makeup to cover the acne, the itching and stinging became even worse, making me reluctant to wear makeup.

As the acne and scars continued from adolescence through my college years, I felt embarrassed and distressed about showing my face when meeting people. Even with makeup, I could not completely cover my acne, so I felt as if people were looking only at my skin. Wherever I went, I envied people with clear skin. Whenever I looked in the mirror, the acne and scars were the

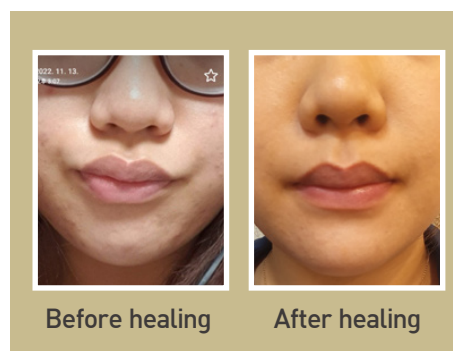
first things I noticed, and it often made me feel discouraged.

I tried cosmetics that were said to be good for acne and changed my cleansing products several times. I even changed my lifestyle and eating habits by trying to lose weight and reduce skin irritation, but nothing seemed to make much difference. I tried various methods, but my skin did not improve as much as I had hoped, and I gradually became exhausted. Eventually, I thought, “I guess I just have to live with this kind of skin.” I lived without even expecting it to get better easily anymore.

Then, in May this year, I was invited to the Gethsemane Prayer House event as a volunteer. I went to the Prayer House with a desire to resolve the skin problem I had struggled with for more than 10 years. I wanted to entrust it to God in prayer and experience the work of healing for myself. A few weeks before the visit, I began using Muan Sweet Water on my face every morning and evening. The acne on my cheeks gradually began to decrease, but new breakouts were still appearing.

So I asked Pastor Soojin Lee to pray for me, and at the Prayer House, after receiving her prayer, I also prayed earnestly for the restoration of my skin. After spending a happy and joyful time there and returning home, I noticed a

clear change in my skin. Instead of new acne continuing to appear as usual, I could feel my skin gradually changing. First, no new acne appeared on my cheeks, and about a week later, I no longer had new breakouts on my chin either.



Previously, I would get new acne every two or three days, but it decreased to one spot a week and then to one every two weeks. The acne that had continued without a break for more than 10 years had noticeably decreased. I am still using Muan Sweet Water regularly, and the scars remaining on my face are also gradually fading. For me, who had struggled with skin problems for so long, these changes are truly a source of gratitude and joy. I give all thanks and glory to God the Father who healed the skin problem that had troubled me for so long.



Divine Healing Meeting

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 Overflowing healings and answers
 through the fiery work of the Holy Spirit!
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**During the Friday All-night Service
on November 27 at 11 p.m**

Speaker:
Senior Pastor Dr. Soojin Lee Broadcast live on GCN TV! (www.gcntv.org)

“My Back, Bent at a 90-Degree Angle, Was Miraculously Straightened”

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On July 5 this year, I registered at Manmin Central Church after being evangelized by Deacon Noh Seong-geum, a friend from my hometown. Although she was a close friend and had shared the gospel with me several times before, I was hesitant to go. But seeing how severely bent my back was, she kept encouraging me, saying, “If you come to our church, your back can straighten, and your long-standing digestive problems can also be healed.” Eventually, I decided to give it a try and went with her.

I had suffered from severe spinal stenosis for many years while running a restaurant. My back began to bend little by little several years ago, and two or three years ago, it had bent almost 90 degrees, forcing me to walk looking down at the ground all the time. Even with a cane, I had to stop and rest after walking about ten steps, and at night, the pain was so severe that I could hardly sleep.

Because my back was so severely bent, I also had difficulty digesting food. In addition, because I often drank alcohol while running my restaurant, I developed digestive problems, making it difficult to

eat meals properly. I was in constant pain. Yet the moment I first entered Manmin Central Church, I felt so peaceful. I loved the warm care of the members in my parish, but above all, Pastor Soojin Lee’s sermon messages really touched my heart. I decided, “I should keep attending this church.”

After that, every Sunday, I placed my hands on my back and abdomen and earnestly received Pastor Soojin Lee’s prayer for the sick. One day, a week before the summer retreat, my daughter looked at me and exclaimed in surprise, “Mom, your back has straightened!” My back, which had been bent almost 90 degrees had begun to straighten. I was so amazed and grateful to see this change in less than a month after registering at the church.

My fellow church members encouraged me to attend the summer retreat, offering to pay the registration fee instead. So I attended the retreat for the first time with an earnest heart. On August 3, the first day of the summer retreat, as I received Pastor Soojin Lee’s prayer for the sick at the divine healing meeting, I felt an overwhelming peace and was deeply moved. After the prayer, my back straightened even more. I took a picture and sent it to my daughter, and she was overjoyed, saying, “It’s a miracle!”

The amazing change was not limited to my back. During the retreat, I felt much more comfortable in my stomach at every meal, and even when I ate foods that would have caused indigestion before, I no longer had acid reflux. These changes continued even after I returned home. The digestive problems that had bothered me for a long time improved, so I can now digest food well without any bloating or pain. My stomach feels so comfortable after meals that I can eat regularly.

In just a month and a half since I came to Manmin Central Church, there has been much change. Now, even when I walk for 30 to 40 minutes, my back doesn’t hurt. It feels as though I have been given a new life and am living a second life. I give all thanks and glory to the living God who straightened my bent back and healed the digestive problems that had bothered me for so long.



Pastor Soojin Lee’s Multilingual YouTube Program: Only Bible

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* <https://www.youtube.com/@SoojinLeeMinistry>

Voice-over available in 6 languages: English, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Russian, French
Subtitles available in 13 languages: English, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Russian, French, German, Portuguese, Urdu, Hindi, Swahili, Romanian, Hebrew

** Scan the QR code to watch the “Only Bible” video.



Why Does the Kingdom of Heaven Suffer Violence? (2)

Heaven is divided into several dwelling places

Taking the kingdom of heaven by force means more than simply escaping hell and entering heaven. It means longing for and pressing toward the better dwelling places, as heaven is divided into different levels.

The kingdom of heaven belongs not to the visible, physical heaven, but to the invisible, spiritual heaven, which exists in a dimension different from the physical realm. Nehemiah 9:6 speaks of "the heavens and the heaven of heavens," and First Kings 8:27 uses the exact same expression; throughout the Scriptures, it is recorded that there is more than one heaven. In 2 Corinthians 12, Apostle Paul's spirit was caught up to the "third heaven," to "Paradise," where he heard inexpressible words that man is not permitted to speak.

The Paradise is the lowest level in heaven, intended for those who barely receive salvation like the thief crucified alongside Jesus. Those who go there have accepted Jesus Christ, but fail to live according to the Word and render no service to the Kingdom of God, thus receiving no rewards. In contrast, New Jerusalem in Revelation 21 is the most glorious place built on foundations of twelve precious stones. It is where the throne of God is located and is inhabited by those who have attained great faith by fully obeying and fulfilling the Word.

"From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force."

Matthew 11:12

Between the Paradise and New Jerusalem lie the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Kingdoms, and where we enter is determined by our faith. As much as we overcome the enemy devil, fight against sin even to the point of shedding blood, and are transformed into a heart of truth, we qualify for a better dwelling place.

To Take a Better Heaven by Force

Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed (Matthew 13:31–32). A mustard seed is a tiny seed, like a dot drawn on paper with a pen. Though a believer's faith is initially as small as a mustard seed, if diligently cultivated, it grows into a large tree capable of withstanding wind and rain, harboring many souls and offering life and rest. As one's faith grows and his heart broadens this way, he comes to dwell in a better place in heaven.

No earthly beauty can be compared to heaven. Even the Paradise, the

lowest place in heaven, is far more beautiful than the most beautiful place on earth, and as one moves up from the First to the Second and Third Kingdoms, the glory increases immensely. In heaven, even the streets walked upon are made of pure gold, and gold and silver sand line the River of the Water of Life where beautifully colored fish swim.

From the 3rd Kingdom and above, angels serve us as our servants, and we enjoy eternal happiness with the Triune God and our loved ones. And the glory of New Jerusalem—where God's throne is located—is beyond all words to describe! After seeing the Paradise just once, Apostle Paul held fast to a great hope and walked that path with joy through countless hardships.

The heavenly dwelling place we will enter is decided the moment our life on this earth ends. Even if our faith is small right now, if we zealously press into the kingdom of heaven, we can enter New Jerusalem; conversely, if we do not cast off evil in our hearts and allow our faith to backslide, we may end up only in the Paradise or even lose our salvation. Scripture says, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall." (1 Corinthians 10:12). I encourage you to earnestly long for heaven and quickly attain a greater faith. By redeeming the time and diligently pressing into the kingdom of heaven, I pray that you will take hold of the best heavenly dwelling place.

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