

生命见证

很感恩能够有这样的机会给大家分享我对神的见证。我爸妈给我提供了一个非常好的成长环境。小孩子的时候总是非常无忧无虑的，我总是有很多新玩具和新衣服。然而，生活总是有不完美的一面，慢慢长大以后发现爸妈的关系不是很和睦，至少不像他们在外人面前表现出来的那么恩爱。我还记得大概十岁的时候，我写完作业准备睡觉。听见爸妈在客厅吵架，大概吵了一阵之后，他们开始摔东西。当时家里的地板是大理石的，所以我能很清楚的听见杯子，花瓶，电话，和其他东西摔在地上的声音。那个晚上东西摔在地上的声音一直到现在都在我脑子里。我不是在责备我爸妈因为我也很清楚的知道没有父母愿意让孩子看到听到自己吵架。而且我爸妈真的对我们都很好。我记得我很冷静地走回房间，关上房门。我当时想：“如果婚姻是爸妈这样子，人为什么要结婚呢”。我猜想大概我从小对婚姻的恐惧感是那时候开始有的。一直到大学，只要是听到爸妈有不和的事情，我就心情特别烦躁。

后来在中部念书的时候一个朋友带我去了当地的华人基督教会，第一次去的时候刚好开始唱圣歌。我当时觉得歌好听然后就跟着大家唱。后来我很惊讶的发现在教会的时候我内心非常平静，那个时候我也不是很明白是为什么，但是我喜欢这种内心平静的感觉。从那以后我就开始学习圣经。再后来搬到佛州念书，认识了一个对中文热爱的基督教朋友，于是我们每周见两到三次，一半时间我教她中文，另一半时间我们查经。那一年多的时间可以说给我提供了一个认识神的基础。有一年的夏

天，在网上遇到宇豪就聊了起来。我们从大学时代开始就是很要好的朋友，毕业以后一直保持联系，那次聊天发现他也在念圣经，还常常去教会崇拜查经，也因为这样我们聊得比以前频繁。同时，我们也觉得关系变得有些不一样。因为对婚姻的恐惧感和不信心，我依然没想过要恋爱跟进入婚姻。那段时间我还是一样跟朋友查经，跟朋友分享这件事情，她就跟我说要有信心不要害怕，然后给我传了好多福音。比如有一条我至今都很喜欢的经文，箴言第三章二十六节：因为耶和华是你所倚靠的。他必保守你的脚不陷入网罗。如果我真的信主，我又有什么应该害怕的呢。同时我也祷告，请神带领我做正确的选择。再后来我跟宇豪很真诚的聊了一次，那次的聊天他给了我很多信心，然后我们就在一起了。

结婚以前的三年半里面，我们一直是长距离。宇豪在香港，我在美国。长距离加上时差，肯定有闹不开心的时候。那段时间依靠神的力量，我们更多的理解对方，对方更有耐心，有更强的信念在一起，也同时让我们更加珍惜彼此在一起的时间。再后来我们结婚了，感谢主，让我知道婚姻是可以很美好很幸福的。诚实的说，我很难断定是具体哪个时间让我开始信主，但是我知道的是：神通过很多件大大小小的事情让我相信他，让我相信他是唯一能够救我的神。感谢主，让我变成更好的人！感谢主，给我自信和勇气！感谢主，让我遇到这样好的先生陪我走人生的这段路！感谢主，让我在 NCBC 遇到这样关心我们的弟兄姐妹！

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The Testimony for My New Life

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Good afternoon, everybody! Connor and I have been waiting to be baptized for so long. I really appreciate this opportunity to share my testimony of god with you all. My parents provided me a great environment to grow up. There was really nothing for me to worry about when I was a kid, I always had lots of new toys and new clothes to wear. However, life is not perfect. I felt the relationship between my parents were not harmonious, at least not as good as they were in front of outsiders. There was one night when I was about 10 years old, I finished my homework and ready to go to bed. I then heard my parents were quarreling with each other which lasted for a while, then they started throwing things in the living room on the floor. We had marble floor by that time, in this way, I can clearly hear the cups, the vase, the phone, and all other things were thrown on the floor. The noise was very loud. Until now, I still can remember that noise. I am not here to complain my parents since I do know no parents want their kids to experience this and our parents are very nice to us except they don't have good relationship with each other. I remembered I walked back to my own room and shut the door behind me very calmly. I started thinking: "why people want to get married if marriage is like this?" I guess that's the time I started having the fear of marriage. Until I was in college, I was being very irritable every time I heard anything about my parent's bad relationship.

When I was master student in the University of Missouri-Columbia, a friend took me to a Chinese Christian Church. People already started singing when we stepped in, I tried to follow others since the songs was very nice. I was surprised to find peace in my heart when I was at church. I didn't know why but I liked the feeling. After that, I started reading the Bible. I then moved to Florida for my Ph.D. I had a new Christian friend who desired to learn Mandarin,

we met with each other 2-3 times a week. She taught me bible and I taught her Mandarin. I had a very good foundation of knowing God during that time. It was a summer, I met Connor online again. We were best friends since college and we always catch up with each other after graduating from college. During the chat, I found out that he went to bible study 3 times a week and church on Sunday. In this way, we talked more during that time. At the same time, I felt something getting weird. I still didn't want to date anybody and didn't want to get married because of the fear of marriage and lack of confidence. I also talked to my friend during bible study, she said you shouldn't afraid of this and shared lots of gospel from the Bible. There was one of my favorite verses, Proverbs Chapter 3 Verse 26: For the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared. It's so true, if I believe in God, there is nothing I should afraid of, right? I also prayed, hope God can lead my way. After a while, Connor and I had another talk, he gave me confidence as well and we started our relationship.

We had a long-distance relationship for three and half years before we got married. Connor was in Hong Kong and I was in States. Of course, we fight with each other sometimes since we had time difference besides long distance. We depended on the power of God during that time, we understood each other better, we had more patience with each other, we had stronger faith, and we cherished the time we can spend with each other more than ever. We got married in 2014 summer. Thank you God for blessing our marriage and letting me know I can be this happy in marriage. To be honest, I was not quite sure when exactly I started believing in God, but I do know God lets me believe him through a lot of things, he is the only God can save me. Thank you God for making me a better person! Thank you God for giving me confidence and brave! Thank you God for sending Connor to share the journey of my life! Thank you God for letting us meet so many brothers and sisters who care about us!