

## **'God will Make a Way for You'**

*Heb. 11:8; Gen. 12:1-3*

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I remember my campus life here in APNTS. I came to APNTS by faith only in 1992. But soon many problems came to me. Struggling with ability in speaking English, battle for assignments, sufferings with grades...

Even if I came here by faith, but I met at all agony and suffering like Abraham. Of course, my campus life in APNTS was one of the happiest days in my life. I can never forget it. But it made me not study any more, rather made me go back to Korea for ministry. (Please don't guess I got the low grades).

At last, the very last semester came to me in 1996. I remember I had preached in the chapel just before I graduated. At that time the text of my sermon was on 1 Kings 19:1-8. I was talking about the prophet Elijah who prayed he might die under a broom tree because he was burned out spiritually, physically, totally.

Through that preaching, I intended to share my four-year-long-life in APNTS and my obscure future after my graduation. And then closing my preaching, I sang a song, "God will make a way" with tears.

This song now became my best favorite song. It makes me courageous and powerful in my life.

After graduation, I went back to Korea and served a church as an associate pastor for 3 years. Then I had myself confidence faith in which I could do anything because I graduated from APNTS like Korean army. All things were O.K. in my family and ministry.

But one day, I was very shocked by an unexpected happening. I had never thought like that happening even in dreams, but it came to me. My wife died by traffic accident in 1997, just one year after we both graduated from APNTS. She was the first student of MARE in Christian Communication under Doug Fleming. We had a big vision of our ministry, but gone away.

There was not bigger suffering for me than her death. Her death was so shocked to me that I spent long time in wandering.

I didn't understand the will of God. Of course, I tried to understand it, but by my head, not by heart. So many thoughts stroke my heart. I had thought many times like this: "If we stayed at Philippines some more years, this happening would not be happened..."

And 6 years were more passed. During that time I got married again with Susanna. She also graduated from APNTS. Many professors encouraged us to get married and blessed us. We have one more baby, 3 years old baby girl. We named her "Harmony." So we have now three children, James, Melody and Harmony.

I am now working Sebyeokisul Church of the Nazarene. This church was organized by myself one and a half years ago. The church is growing and growing. We have now about 30 attendants and 15 seekers. Most of them are young people and young adults. So, our church is very vivid.

Especially I thank God for I am working in New Life Mission Team. I founded NLM as soon as I came to Philippines 11 years ago. And I have been serving NLM as a chief manager since 2000. I thank God for giving me a privilege to visit Philippines my second home country for the crusaders campaign every February. How blessed I am!

Brothers and sisters!

I didn't know these results. That's why I was so hard at that time. But now how wonderful it is God has done for me.

God has trained me for last 11 years. He has dealt with my mind and characteristics. He has made me be equipped for the ministry of God. He has made me a man of God. Praise the Lord who has led me in good!

Loving brothers and sisters in the Lord!

Even now I can't understand the will of God at that time. But I know that situation was the best for me in view of God. And still I don't know what happening will be spread before me in future. But I know exactly God will lead me in His best. I believe God will do his best for me because he loves me.

God is love. So, his will always best!

God is all-knowing. So, his directions are always right!

God is all-powerful. So, he can enable you to accomplish his will.

So, we have to do and go to by faith even though we don't know what to do and where to go. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:8, "We live by faith, not by sight."

Brothers and sisters in Christ!

Are you now spending hard time for your present agony and suffering?  
Do you fear for your obscure future?

But don't be afraid of your future. Look straight at God. Fix your eyes on Jesus Christ.

Do you believe God loves you? If so, you don't need to fear tomorrow.  
For God will make a way for you!

God loves you!