



“Have you forgotten God? Even if you have, He has not forgotten you.” This line struck me as I watched the Bible series, Episode 2. This was what Moses said to the Israelites when they doubted that the LORD had sent him to set them free from the hands of the Egyptians.



This line was striking because it reminded me of myself when I was really spiritually dead in high school. I started questioning God’s love for me because of what happened when I was still in grade school. Did I deserve what happened to me? I felt that life was a curse. I lost faith and gave up on Him. But despite the fact that I disowned Him, God remained faithful and didn’t give up on me. He still found ways to draw me closer to Him.

Because of God’s faithfulness, I became a Christian in 2010. However, I still had a hard time trusting Him fully. I still ended up relying on my own strength and efforts to fight and face all the problems and struggles in life. It got so tough that I was often on the verge of giving up and depression took over me. I felt lost. Because of being too depressed, I even prayed to Him, telling Him to take away my life, because I was unworthy and didn’t deserve to live anymore.

Honestly, I was not sure if God did indeed call me. I started to fear that I might not be able to handle the ministries that will be assigned to me in the future. I always tended to backslide, so I started to doubt myself. But during a Revival Night held at the United Evangelical Church of Zamboanga, God answered my questions through Luke 5: 1-11 – the calling of the first disciples. I felt God was talking to me when Jesus responded to Peter’s plea. He was telling me that I need not worry and should not be afraid of my decision. It is not about what I can or cannot do, but about what He can do for me. Just like what Jesus said to Peter, He was going to make me a fisher of men; all I had to do was trust and believe in Him. Sure that God was indeed calling me, I left everything and followed Him.

Here I am today at BSOP, a testament of His grace and faithfulness. I praise and thank God for everything that He has done and will continue to do in my life!

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At a young age and by God’s grace, it was clear to me that someday I will be serving God full-time by being a pastor. It all started when I was a little boy attending weekly Sunday School. Through this ministry, I became more aware of the Gospel but I soon realized that my knowledge of the Bible did not reflect any changes in my life. Despite my active involvement in Sunday School, I still found myself lazy to do my schoolwork and worst, a disobedient child to my parents.

When I was old enough to join our church junior summer camp, I was registered to attend by my mother. If I remember correctly, the venue was at BSOP. Thus began the turning point of my life. God used this camp to change my heart and increase my desire to know Him more.

I learned that the goal of a Christian life is to glorify God by knowing Him truly. The more that I knew Him, I became more convinced that I was a worst sinner saved by grace in Christ alone. And yet, because of Christ’s perfect work on the cross, His unconditional love and amazing grace, I am assured that I am God’s child forevermore. As I grew in my faith, the care and inspirations that I received from my believing friends and pastors affirmed my commitment to use my God-given skills and talents for full-time ministry. I wanted God to use me to touch others, to be used as His instrument of love that will reach out and take care of His people.

Life, as we all know, is not easy. Unexpected circumstances in the past troubled me and caused me to work abroad; for a time I had to leave my family and fellow believers. I worked in a country where Islam is the main religion. Soon I realized there was no church nearby. I only found a few Filipinos. Despite my situation, God was there for me. Five months later, my family joined me and after a year, I was challenged to form a Bible study group. Looking back on my four years of stay in that place, I was reminded of the commitment I made to God many years ago.

Finally, by God’s perfect timing I am now studying at the Biblical Seminary of the Philippines, preparing myself to be equipped with the fundamental foundation so that someday I can lead a church. Despite the heavy task ahead of me, I believe that God through Christ and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I will be able to become His faithful servant.

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