

## 得救見證- 梁穎遜 (中文：2422 字)

自幼我便知道世界有一位創造主，也相信耶穌及聖經的故事，並沒有怎麼懷疑過。不過小時候主是我生活中的偶像而已，需要祂時就拜祂，遺失了的東西經禱告就能被尋見；不需要祂時就拋諸腦後，絕無關係可言。

現在往回看，我發現自己的童年幸福無比，不過，以前的我卻身在福中不知福。我總是暗地裡與他人比較，十分在意別人的眼光，造成了自卑、怕事、悲觀消極的性格，容易憤世嫉俗、遷怒於人（家人），在每個環境裡常常以「受害人」的角度看自己。我不滿意自己的一切，包括外在條件、我的成就、家庭背景、生活角色，也不滿意教會兒童主日學，更認為教會不單沒有用心栽培我，甚至不重視及利用我<sup>1</sup>。我總在問「為什麼我這樣，而別人是那樣」的問題，歸根究底其實只有一個原因——我不喜歡梁穎遜，寧願自己是其他「更好」條件的人。

然而這一切除家人以外都沒有人知道，因為表面上我是個絕對的「乖乖女」，甚至在兄弟姊妹中我也是表現得最服從的。與其說乖，倒不如說我是精明狡猾、假冒為善，幹壞事時能不動聲色、收拾徹底，謊話天衣無縫。小學起貪念偷了同學的文具、超市的零食、家裡的錢，我能惡人先告狀、教唆弟弟一起偷竊，並一直瞞天過海不被發現。「可惜」的是，每次做完壞事後我都極度內疚，不斷受「良心」責備，偷回來的東西須藏起，不敢光明磊落地用，後來才意識到所謂的「良心」乃是聖靈提醒。

我跟神的關係從小學到中學都十分疏遠，但畢竟在基督教家庭長大，多少也學到點真理知識，只是道理歸道理，未能從心靈上領會。小孩子的記憶力特好，學校聖經課上背誦詩歌、金句、故事等我是全級中數一數二的。以前我會為此沾沾自喜，可若然這些知識僅僅停留於頭腦而沒有聽進心裡，又有什麼用呢？作為「基二代」<sup>2</sup>，別人的見證我聽過不少、決志禱告也做過不少，但仍覺得天父一直沒怎麼幫助我，感覺祂不是我在天上的父，我也不是祂的寶貝女兒。小六福音營與義工面談時，她問我是否肯定自己得救，當時我毫無頭緒，她便告訴我只要「口裡認耶穌為主，心裡信神叫他從死裡復活，就必得救」<sup>3</sup>。這大概是我首次感受到真理從頭腦層面落進心裡去。自此以後，我便開始認真思考信仰的事情。原來我大半的屬靈人生還是糊裡糊塗，停留在嬰兒階段..... 其實基督徒無世代之分，我們都需要親自經歷恩典、主動與主建立父女（或父子）關係，認祂為個人救主，天天背起十字架<sup>4</sup>，從屬靈的嬰孩努力成長至有基督的樣式<sup>5</sup>。

初中時期是心靈最黑暗的時候。沒有人給我任何壓力，但我對自己各方面的要求很高，因此自我形象低劣，甚至影響到跟家人的關係，也覺得世界上沒有任何人會明白自己。奇怪的是，在低谷中的我知道自己的景況，但就是不願意走出來，想要繼續憤恨的過日子。高中自己卻慢慢的想通了<sup>6</sup>，知道快樂是個選擇，不受環境控制，於是心情豁然開朗，也明白自己是被愛的、是寶貴的<sup>7</sup>，便學習去愛自己、去接受梁穎遜。在基督裡我是完全的；當一個人學會了與自己相處，跟別人的關係也會好起來。

很感恩能在迦密這個溫室長大，因為中學遇到了太多好老師、好同學。進了大學價值觀上的衝擊便接踵而來。大學的自由度實在是太大了，自由伴隨的就是掙扎，也是考驗信心<sup>8</sup>的時刻。我作過很多屬世的選擇，想要被世界所愛<sup>9</sup>，但感謝主沒有放棄我，透過大學團契、營會把我拉回祂的愛裡。我主修生物，大學階段也有研究關於信仰與科學的衝突。其實科學與信仰是兩碼字的事，亦可以並存。科學嘗試研究事物的原理及定律，信仰是解釋為何會有這些定律，甚至「藉著所造之物」我就曉得「神的永能和神聖是明明可知的」，完全「無可推諉」<sup>10</sup>。於我來說，科學有時更能印證上帝的真實。

讀中學時我已有個出國夢，只是大學未能出國，大三亦未能成功當交換生，到大四快畢業時，天父出乎意料地幫我完了夢，帶我到英國 阿伯丁(Aberdeen)交流半年。這半年去了很多地方、認識了許多人、發生了許多事。特別想提到的是，原來當一個女孩在寒冬孤獨的騎著爛單車到城裡尋教會，一間、兩間、三間、四間都覺得不適合，準備理直氣壯地放棄時，主又再次抓住我，把我帶到一群華人弟兄姊妹當中，甚至到後來我瘋了的竟因為渴慕參與青年團契而「犧牲」了一些遊歐時間。也是因為他們，我起了留英的念頭。半年過得飛快，我不捨的離開。

返港後我不住禱告說若神讓我有機會再回英國，我便全心在那裏服侍神，為祂所用。我也被自己這個禱告嚇倒了。從前我只希望被人服侍，卻不喜歡去服侍人。不消兩個月的時間，主給了我答覆：我收到了阿伯丁大學碩士課程的全額資助！說實話我從沒想過要讀碩士，不過主就這樣為我開了一條不用花一分一毫的路。哈利路亞！神的道路高過我們的道路，祂的意念高過我們的意念<sup>11</sup>。我順服帶領，也信守承諾，努力服侍主，作了很多在香港這個舒適圈沒法作的事，包括時常邀請同學到家作客、帶他們到教會、以普通話協助啟發課程、用英語帶主日學、幫忙舉辦大大小小的福音聚會等等。這一年非常充實，我得著的遠比我付出的要多。最感恩的是結交了如同初期教會般熱心的青年弟兄姊妹，靈命因而不斷成長，也不斷在學習如何「常作準備，以溫柔、敬畏的心回答各人」問關於我「心中盼望的緣由」之問題<sup>12</sup>，更讓我體會到國外華人學生福音事工的重要性。

上年暑假回港後，我很奇妙地讀了教育。在香港這個家經歷了動盪的一年，同時也是我人生中讀書最辛苦的一年。上帝一次又一次的利用實習將我破碎，不過靠著祂豐盛的恩典<sup>13</sup>，我又涯過去了。接下來下一步該如何走我完全不確定，但我要感謝的是父母給我播下及栽培這福音的種子♥，使我的生命有了意義。我決定要捨己並抓緊耶穌<sup>14</sup>，把生命獻上作活祭<sup>15</sup>，讓聖靈來陶造我<sup>16</sup>，在這彎曲的世代<sup>17</sup>能「靈巧像蛇，馴良像鴿子」<sup>18</sup>，作神重用的器皿<sup>19</sup>、作燈臺上的燈照亮他人<sup>20</sup>。我戰兢亦期待接下來耶和華如何指引我的腳步<sup>21</sup>，也準備好繼續被主修剪去結更多果子<sup>22</sup>。耶穌連世人最恐懼的死亡也戰勝了<sup>23</sup>，祂留下世界奪不走的平安給我們<sup>24</sup>，因此我們應當歡喜快樂<sup>25</sup>的把這大喜的信息傳給各人<sup>26</sup>，讓主所愛的都得著救恩，因為到主再來時，祂必審判各人<sup>27</sup>。我們一同努力，好好準備吧！

<sup>1</sup>當時兒童主日學的事工長期人手不足，分班造成問題；到我已升中後，感覺要被逼參與服侍 <sup>2</sup> 自小在教會成長的第二代基督徒 <sup>3</sup> 羅 10：9 <sup>4</sup> 路 9：23 <sup>5</sup> 太 11：29 <sup>6</sup> 在這裏要感謝一下媽媽吧，她在養育我時只能用最有效的策略——默默地為我禱告 <sup>7</sup> 太 6：25-30 <sup>8</sup> 彼前 1：7 <sup>9</sup> 約 15：19 <sup>10</sup> 羅 1：20 <sup>11</sup> 賽 55：9 <sup>12</sup> 彼前 3：15 <sup>13</sup> 約 1：16 <sup>14</sup> 太 16：24 <sup>15</sup> 羅 12：1 <sup>16</sup> 耶 18：6 <sup>17</sup> 腓 2：15 <sup>18</sup> 太 10：16 <sup>19</sup> 提後 2：20-21 <sup>20</sup> 太 5：15 <sup>21</sup> 箴 16：9 <sup>22</sup> 約 15：2 <sup>23</sup> 林前 15：53-57 <sup>24</sup> 約 14：27 <sup>25</sup> 彼前 4：13 <sup>26</sup> 路 2：10 <sup>27</sup> 太 25：31-46

## **My Testimony- Sally Leung (English: 1781 words)**

Ever since I was young, I believe and never really doubted the stories from the Bible, the presence of a creator God and Jesus. Yet God, whom I pray to when I needed to find something that I have lost, was only an idol to me. When I was not in need, I put Him in the back of my mind. There was simply no relationship between us.

Looking back, I had a very blessed childhood, but my younger self never appreciated this. I used to secretly compare myself with others a lot and I was incredibly conscious of what others think of me. That's why I always felt inferior, which made me a timid, pessimistic person who hated people. Under all circumstances, I see myself as a 'victim' and would lash out my anger towards my family. I did not like anything about myself, including my physical appearance, my achievements, my family background and my social status. Nor did I like the Sunday school then, as I thought the church did not teach us well, the teachers disregarded me and was even using me in a sense<sup>1</sup>. I loved to ask myself questions regarding 'why I am like this while someone else is like that'. There was indeed one problem with me only: I did not like Sally Leung and would rather be someone with 'better' qualities.

However, these were all hidden from others except from my family. To the world, I behaved as the perfect 'good' girl, and I dare say that I was the most obedient one among my siblings. Instead of 'good', perhaps I should say I was sly, cunning and hypocritical. I just knew how to act indifferently, leave no traces behind and lie seamlessly following misconducts. Greed got the better of me in primary school when I stole stationeries from my classmates, snacks from supermarkets and money at home. Afterwards, I would finger-point at others, persuade my little brother to become my partner in crime and I even managed to remain 'clean' without anyone ever finding out. 'Unfortunately', I felt so very guilty every time after stealing things that I had to hide the 'stolen goods' and dare not use them at all. I only realised much later on, that this 'conscience' was actually Holy Spirit's reminder.

Even though my relationship with the Lord was quite distant from primary till secondary school, having grown up in a Christian family, I managed to grasp some parts of the Truths from the Word. Yet, the Word only remains as merely words, if they are not being understood by heart. As a little kid, I memorised hymns, verses and stories well, so I scored the best in Bible lessons at school. I used to take pride in that, but what use is it if such knowledge stays only on our minds without entering our hearts? As a '2<sup>nd</sup>-generation Christian'<sup>2</sup>, I've heard so many testimonies and have made loads of conversion prayers. Still, I felt that God hasn't really been helping me. He wasn't acting as my Heavenly Father, nor was I His precious daughter. Upon my primary graduation, I joined a gospel camp where I had the chance to talk with a volunteer one-on-one. I remember having absolutely no idea how to reply her when she asked me if I'm certain that I'm saved. She replied me saying that 'If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved'<sup>3</sup>. This was the very moment when I experienced the Truth sliding down from my head into my heart. Since then, I started to think more seriously of my faith when I finally noticed how absent-minded I was for the better half of my spiritual life. I have wasted so much time as a 'spiritual toddler'... There's no such thing as generations for Christians, because we all need to experience His grace first-hand, i.e. to actively

establish a Father-child relationship, to declare Him as our personal saviour, to ‘take up our cross daily’<sup>4</sup> and to grow diligently from spiritual babies to Christlikeness<sup>5</sup>.

My darkest moments happened when I was in lower secondary. Without pressure from anywhere, I gave myself high expectations in all aspects, hence my self-esteem plummeted which then worsened my relationship with family. I genuinely believed that no one would ever understand me. Strangely, I did not want to pull myself out from the pit that I had put myself in. Instead, I wanted to continue living angrily as I had been doing. In higher secondary years, I thought through eventually<sup>6</sup> and acknowledged that happiness is a choice. It’s not under the influence of any environmental conditions. I am loved and treasured<sup>7</sup>. From then on, the moody cloud over me lifted and I tried to love and to accept Sally Leung as who I am: I am whole in Christ. When one learned how to be with oneself, our relationships with others will start to turn well.

I’m very grateful for Carmel (church and secondary school), a warm and protective place where I came across so many great teachers and friends. When I entered university, attacks on my personal philosophy came one after another. Along with the huge freedom in university, struggles came as well. Freedom also means a time to test for our faith<sup>8</sup>. I have made worldly choices, wanting the world to love me as its own<sup>9</sup> but thankfully the Lord did not give up on me. He pulled me back into His love through fellowships and gospel camps. In university, I majored in biology and I have tried to study about the conflict between science and faith. They are two entirely different disciplines and are not mutually exclusive. Science investigates about laws and principles in nature, while faith explains the existence of such laws. To me, sometimes science can even proof the realness of our Almighty Lord, because ‘God’s invisible qualities- His eternal power and divine nature- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse’<sup>10</sup>.

I had a dream of going abroad as a teenager. Sadly, I missed the opportunity to do so when I entered university, and missed another chance when I failed to become an exchange student in Year 3. In Year 4 when I was about to graduate, unexpectedly, God ‘fulfilled’ my dream by letting me exchange in Aberdeen (UK) for half a year. During this period, I’ve been to a lot of places and have met a lot of people. Among the many things that happened, there was one particular thing that I want to share here. When I first arrived, I remembered riding on an old bicycle to town under the freezing weather in search for churches, all by myself. I tried four churches and still felt like I couldn’t blend in very well. When I was about to give up after trying so hard, God grabbed me again and brought me to a group of young Asian Chinese Christians. In the end, I enjoyed youth fellowship so much that I even ‘sacrificed’ some of my time to travel around for them. It’s also because if them, I started wishing I could stay in the UK longer... Time flies. I had to go.

When I returned to Hong Kong, I kept on praying to God that if He would let me go back to the UK, I will dedicate my time there wholeheartedly for Him. I asked to be used however He pleases. My prayer surprises even myself as I only wanted to be served previously, but never wanted to serve. In less than two months’ time, God answered my prayer: I received a full scholarship to read a Masters course in University of Aberdeen! Honestly, I never thought of doing an MSc programme before but God just opened such a door for me. On top of that, I didn’t even need to pay a single penny. Hallelujah! His ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts than our thoughts<sup>11</sup>. I surrender under His lead and kept my promises to serve Him hard. I tried a lot of

things that I couldn't otherwise do in my comfort zone in HK, including regularly inviting classmates for homemade meals, bringing them to church, using Mandarin to assist in Alpha courses, using English to lead Sunday School and helping organise church gatherings from small ones to big ones. This year was so very fruitful. What I gained was far beyond what I 'gave away'. I'm most grateful to have known the group of brothers and sisters in Christ who are as zealous as the early church, and who spur each other's spiritual life on for continuous growth. This year I experienced how significant overseas Chinese churches are, in terms of student ministries and why I should learn to 'always be prepared to give an answer to everyone' who asks me to give the reason for the hope that I have, and to 'do this with gentleness and respect'<sup>12</sup>.

When I came back to Hong Kong last summer, I was wonderfully placed in an education programme. Here in our hometown, we spent a year in turbulence. At the same time, it was also the hardest year for me in academia. God broke me again and again in teaching practice, but with His grace upon grace<sup>13</sup>, I went through it in one piece. From here on, I have no idea where my next steps are going to be but I do know that I need to thank my parents for sowing and cultivating the seed of the gospel in me♥, and therefore giving meaning to my life. I decide to deny myself and hold fast to Jesus<sup>14</sup>, to offer my body as a living sacrifice<sup>15</sup> and to let the Holy spirit be my potter<sup>16</sup>. In this carped and crooked generation<sup>17</sup>, let us be shred as snakes and innocent as doves<sup>18</sup> so that we could become vessels important to our master<sup>19</sup>, and lamps on stands, giving light to everyone<sup>20</sup>. Fearfully and expectantly, I long for the Lord to establish my steps<sup>21</sup>, and got myself ready for His pruning in order to bear more fruits<sup>22</sup>. Jesus already has victory over what the mortals fear the most- death<sup>23</sup>. He gives peace that cannot be taken away by the world to us<sup>24</sup>. That's why we should rejoice<sup>25</sup> spread this piece of good news that will cause great joy for all the people<sup>26</sup>, to let all those whom God loves be saved. When Christ returns, all will be judged<sup>27</sup>. Let's work hard together and be prepared for the day that is to come!

<sup>1</sup>At that time, children ministry was always short of hands, causing problems in class division and when I entered secondary school, I felt I was being 'forced' to serve kids <sup>2</sup> Second generation Christians who grew up in church <sup>3</sup> Rom 10 : 9 <sup>4</sup> Luk 9 : 23 <sup>5</sup> Matt 11 : 29 <sup>6</sup> Thanks to my mom, she kept praying for me when she didn't know how to deal with me <sup>7</sup> Matt 6 : 25-30 <sup>8</sup> 1 Pet 1 : 7 <sup>9</sup> Jhn 15 : 19 <sup>10</sup> Rom 1 : 20 <sup>11</sup> Isa 55 : 9 <sup>12</sup> 1 Pet 3 : 15 <sup>13</sup> Jhn 1 : 16 <sup>14</sup> Matt 16 : 24 <sup>15</sup> Rom 12 : 1 <sup>16</sup> Jer 18 : 6 <sup>17</sup> Phil 2 : 15 <sup>18</sup> Matt 10 : 16 <sup>19</sup> 2 Tim 2 : 20-21 <sup>20</sup> Matt 5 : 15 <sup>21</sup> Pro 16 : 9 <sup>22</sup> Jhn 15 : 2 <sup>23</sup> 1 Cor 15 : 53-57 <sup>24</sup> Jhn 14 : 27 <sup>25</sup> 1 Pet 4 : 13 <sup>26</sup> Luk 2:10 <sup>27</sup> Matt 25 : 31-46