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## “I Couldn’t Deny the Living God”

The Powerful Works Destroying All Speculations and Transcending Human Knowledge



The God of love wants all men to be saved, so He has shown His existence through the works of the Holy Spirit in order for them to accept the Lord. Also God comes to us so that we can destroy all speculations against Him and lead true Christian lives (From left, Dr. Kwankyu Lee, Dr. Elvin Hwang, Dr. Gilbert Chae, and Professor Yongwook Park).

In 2006, Dr. Kwankyu Lee was concerned about his mother who seemed to be too preoccupied with a believing life and attending church. With a concern, he followed her, and there he met the living God. Now he is preparing to be a pastor (Picture 2).

When he followed his mother, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee was preaching about Heaven during Sunday Morning Service. He listened to the message and reasoned all details as if he did research for a thesis. In the meantime, he found out none of logical fallacies in the sermons. And he also saw an amazing thing that demolished his self-framework of thought.

It was a circular rainbow surrounding the sun. He recounted, “It was my first time I saw such a rainbow. It was inexplicable even with cloud iridescence which is one of the meteorological phenomena because such rainbows occurred very frequently in the church especially on the church’s meaningful days like the Anniversary. Moreover, thousands of

people saw the rainbows. So when it comes to the probability it was definitely God’s work. I couldn’t deny it.”

Then he joined a revival meeting and was healed of chronic allergic rhinitis. Furthermore, he received a blessing of having a child. His wife and he had been waiting for a child for 13 years but after coming to the church they gained a son. So he could never deny God.

“I used to be a picky man. I considered spiritual things something that I had nothing to do with. I thought I lived in abundance and felt content with my life so I doubted the necessity of knowing the spiritual. However, now I am eager to learn about spiritual things. And my way of thinking totally changed. While seeing the evidences of the living God in the church, I thought it would be wise to change my thoughts quickly.”

Today, knowledge has constantly increased, and men’s thoughts have been stained with humanism value. Therefore, to help them accept the

existence of God, works should happen that destroy all speculations and transcend human knowledge. Only when they see and experience something amazing transcending their limit can they themselves meet God as their own God.

GCN’s program titled ‘Creation & Science’ introduces God’s providence of creation and the authenticity of the Bible based on Dr. Jaerock Lee’s sermon ([www.gcntv.org](http://www.gcntv.org)). Dr. Elvin Hwang, neurobiologist and Vice President of WCDN helps the program as a scientific advisory member. He said, “Science is imperfect. Although one hypothesis appeared right once, it may be considered wrong after some time. But God’s explanation is unchanging and offers us answers to the questions nobody had solved. Once you acknowledge God, you will see so many of your questions are answered all at once” (Picture 1).

World Christian Doctors Network has linked Christian medical doctors all around the world and is proving God’s powerful works with tangible

medical data. The organization’s President Dr. Gilbert Chae, Director of Yosei Jeil Hospital used to feel frustrated before attending Manmin Central Church because he felt helpless when his patients faced with unexpected problems although he tried all his best to treat them.

Meantime, he came to the two-week consecutive Special Revival Meeting led by Dr. Jaerock Lee in 2000. He was amazed to see many members being healed of knee arthritis, herniated lumbar disc, apoplexy, and bad eyesight. It was a great chance for him to renew his life as a Christian doctor (Picture 3).

He realized that all diseases have spiritual causes. He stated, “When I see many patients who suffer from diabetes, high blood pressure, apoplexy, and cancer, I feel sorry and hope that they will too hear about this holiness gospel, realize the causes of their diseases, and receive healing and salvation. I often tell my patients that if they want to be free from diseases they should believe God.”

Dr. Yongwook Park Professor of Ulsan College longed for God’s grace. As he was guided to South Ulsan Manmin Church, he started a refreshed Christian life (Picture 4).

He solved all questions he had had through the sermons such as ‘The Message of the Cross’, ‘Spirit, Soul, and Body’, and ‘Lectures on Genesis’. He also witnessed many diseases being healed like cancer and leukemia by Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer.

“Senior Deaconess Eundeuk Kim’s testimony was amazing. She had the third-degree burn but was healed only by Dr. Lee’s prayer! Isn’t it an amazing work that everyone cannot help admitting the living God?”

He said that he felt sorry because most people in the world do not know who they are and what they are living for. And he added that we should live our life with awareness of who we are and our life purpose.

Spiritual faith is not what men can have just because they want it. But it is given by God from above. Whoever opens heart, accepts the Lord, and destroys all speculations and knowledge can receive this spiritual faith from God. By extension, they can experience healing in spirit and body by the work of the Holy Spirit, and can have true rest.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan” (Joshua 3:17).



The second generation of the Exodus, led by Joshua, began their march towards the Canaan Land. To enter the Land of Canaan they had to conquer the city of Jericho. On the way to Jericho the swift current of the flooding Jordan River was blocking them.

Unlike the first generation of the Exodus, the second generation was well-trained in their stand on faith. Let's look into how God led them to cross the Jordan River and conquer Jericho.

### 1. God told the priests to step into Jordan River carrying the Ark of the Covenant

They had to find a way to cross the river because it was the season for the flooding of the river and it had a very strong flow. It was impossible for more than two million people together with the children and elderly people and their baggage to cross a big river when it was in flood stage.

However, God taught them a very simple way to cross it. He told them that if the priests would step into the flooding Jordan River carrying the Ark of the Covenant, the water would stop flowing and it would pile up in a heap.

Using only common sense this was impossible. How could the flow of river stop just by stepping on it? However the second generation did not utter a single word of complaint or doubt. The instant that the priests stepped into the flowing river, the promise of God was fulfilled as

## The Israelites Crossed the Jordan on Dry Ground

spoken. The waters which were flowing down from above stood still and rose up in one heap.

The Israelites quickly crossed the river on dry ground. As the Israelites witnessed this great power of God, they came to trust Joshua even more and began to revere him as they had revered Moses (Joshua 4:14).

God wanted them to remember that day forever and not to change in their reverence toward God, and He commanded them to do something. God told them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, and they carried them over with them to the lodging place and put them down there. It was for them to remember forever what God had done for Israel, and to revere and obey God (Joshua 4:19-24).

### 2. God commanded the Israelites to circumcise themselves before Jericho

#### 1) They circumcised themselves with faith

After crossing the Jordan River, the Israelites had very high spirits and it seemed that they could conquer the city of Jericho immediately.

But God did not let them attack Jericho right away. He made them do something first. Before such a major attack God did not tell them to get their weapons and soldiers ready for battle. He commanded them to circumcise themselves.

In Genesis chapter 17, God promised Abraham that He would give him the Canaan Land. With the promise, God commanded him to circumcise the men. It is the symbol of covenant that the nation of Israel is the people of God.

But after the Exodus, those who were born in the wilderness were not circumcised. So, before the conquering of Canaan began in full scale, God made all men receive circumcision to confirm His covenant once again.

Once they had been circumcised, they would have pain and would not be able to move freely for several days. If the enemy attacked them, they would have been defeated without being able to fight back. So, with a human way of thinking, they could have complained or even disobeyed. But because the second generation of the Exodus had faith, they just

obeyed without saying anything. God protected them until their cuts were completely healed, and no enemy force came near them.

#### 2) The reason that God commanded them to circumcise themselves in such a dangerous situation

The reason God did this was to teach not only the Israelites at that time, but everyone, including us today, how to win spiritual battles. The process of conquering the Land of Canaan may be seen as merely fighting among different peoples. But, in spiritual realm it was fierce spiritual warfare between good spirits belonging to God and evil spirits that tried to disgrace God.

So, Ephesians 6:12 reads, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

In 1 Samuel Chapter 17, the boy, David, defeated the gigantic warrior Goliath. David won because he was a man after God's heart. Because he had already won the spiritual battle, he was able to defeat the giant Goliath with just a sling and a stone.

Also, in the battle between Israel and Amalek after the Exodus, when Moses' hands were raised, Israel prevailed, and when he let his hands down, Amalek prevailed (Exodus 17:11). When the man of God, Moses, raised his hands and prayed, God was with them to prevail in the battle.

This battle of Joshua and the sons of Israel against Jericho was also a spiritual battle under God's control. There is something that is absolutely necessary to have in order to win this kind of spiritual battle. It is the purity of heart. This is the reason why God commanded them to circumcise themselves before they entered into the battle with the city of Jericho. Only when we win in spiritual battles can we win in physical battles.

#### 3) The spiritual meaning of circumcision: sanctification of the heart

The physical act of circumcision is to cut off the male's foreskin on the eighth day of birth. But it spiritually means the circumcision of heart.

It is commanded in Jeremiah 4:4, “Circumcise yourselves to the LORD and remove the foreskins of your heart.”

In the times of the Old Testament they had the symbol of belonging to God by circumcision because it was not the time of the Holy Spirit and people could not cast away sins by their own strength. But what God really wants is the circumcision of our hearts. In the New Testament times, by the help of the Holy Spirit, those who have faith can circumcise their hearts.

No matter how much we listen to the Word of God, unless we circumcise our hearts, our faith just remains as faith as knowledge that is fleshly faith. But by circumcising our hearts, we can have spiritual faith. Therefore, we should listen to the Word of God, practice it, and cast off sins and evil, and thereby purify ourselves. It is removing foreskin of our hearts. This is the circumcision of our hearts.

Before God worked by stopping the flow of the Jordan River, Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you” (Joshua 3:5). Before the battle with Jericho, the captain of the host of the LORD told Joshua to remove his sandals from his feet (Joshua 5:15), and it was for the same reason as above, to spiritually remove the filth of sin and achieve the purity of sanctification.

Before the fulfillment of the promise of God to give them the Land of Canaan, God let them circumcise themselves first. It was to let them cast off sins and purify themselves once again.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, God who stopped the flow of the Jordan River is still performing powerful works beyond human ability through men who are after His heart now.

I hope you will have true heart and perfect faith so that you can receive the Holy Spirit and His power and achieve the work of the Lord. I pray in the name of the Lord that God's providence for the end time will be achieved in the works of the Holy Spirit through your faith and righteous acts and God's glory will shine all over the world.

### The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles' Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.

“[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.” (Acts 17:25)

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

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## “I Am Happy to Know and Attend Manmin Central Church”

Manmin Central Church has a Chinese Parish and an Overseas Parish for foreigners who live in South Korea. Among them a cell that consists of Vietnamese has revived. Let's hear about the members' testimonies.



### “My Christian Life Has Been Totally Renewed”

Deaconess Lieu, Cell Leader



In June, 2006, I registered in Manmin Central Church following my husband who is Korean. At that time I was not proficient at Korean, so I couldn't concentrate on the message delivered in the worship service. I had not been to church, so everything was new to me. Meantime, I experienced the love of God.

When he was three, my son was in the passenger seat in the car that my husband drove. But the door was not shut tight and it opened on the road. My son fell out onto the roadway. Worse, a bus passed over him, which could have led to a horrible accident. But, miraculously, my son remained normal between wheels. He was not hurt at all. Hallelujah!

This changed my Christian life completely. I started to keep the Lord's Day and give a proper tithe. I tried to live by the Word of God and helped Vietnamese members who did not understand the sermon.

From June, 2014, I worked as a cell leader in Overseas Parish and interpreted the message in the worship services into Vietnamese. I also visited other members with my Parish Pastor and helped with interpretation. I would have dreams where I learned Korean words that I did not know. It was amazing. Living in the love of God, I testified to His love to my cell members. Then the number of members increased. Through this, I received Award of Merit as a Cell Leader in the church in February 2015.

### “Many Vietnamese People Long for the Worship Service”

Sister Retrien



In 2012, I married my Korean husband and learned about Manmin Central Church. I attended the worship service via the internet through Chinese interpretation because the Vietnamese interpretation service was not provided. I could understand the service because I had learned to speak Chinese while helping my father who is a ship owner.

I also read Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's books in Vietnamese such as Heaven, Hell, The Message of the Cross, The Measure of Faith, Awaken Israel, and My Life My Faith, and received a lot of grace.

In Vietnam, my husband spread the gospel diligently, and I also spread the gospel to my family and relatives, and neighbors. We finally formed a family church and started to offer up the worship service together. The number increased, and two groups were made: one with thirty people and the other with fifteen people. I also gave them Senior Pastor's books, and the books greatly impressed them.

In June, 2013, my husband and I moved to South Korea, and on our behalf, my parents attended to the church members. I hope that the worship service will be interpreted in Vietnamese so that many Vietnamese souls will be able to join this beautiful service of Manmin together.

### “My Son with Autism Improved, Which Relieved My Concern”

Sister Wentibichjang



I have an autistic son who cannot care for himself, so I always paid close attention to him and lived in constant worry. He could not talk well and could not even go to the restroom by himself. He was challenged with both intellectual and functional disabilities.

In July, 2014, I was guided to Manmin Central Church by Cell Leader Lieu. I read Dr. Jaerock Lee's books in Vietnamese version. Reading them, I came to have hope for my son's improvement.

Since then, he has shown a lot of improvement. Now he can go to the restroom alone, react to what is said to him and reply well. In the past he could not stay still because he could not stay focused. Now he can sit still by himself.

My worry that had lingered in my life was gone now. Hallelujah!

### “I Was Healed of a Disease, and My Christian Life Was Renewed”

Sister Hwangtishien



I attended church in Vietnam, but I often dozed off in worship services. In April, 2014, my husband and I visited my daughter who is living in South Korea and stayed for ten months. During the stay, I attended Manmin Central Church and great changes occurred to me.

In particular, I participated in Manmin Summer Retreat in August, 2014. There I witnessed many people healed of their diseases by Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer and felt the living God.

Furthermore, I was healed of rhinitis that had troubled me for 27 years. Previously my husband could not stop drinking alcohol and smoking, but was able to stop. Since I was back in Vietnam, I have been praying for Manmin's branch church to be established in Vietnam with longing.

## Power of God

### “I Was on the Doorstep of Death, but God Regenerated Me”

Brother Hwapyeong Choi, age 27, was in coma due to pneumonia caused by tubercular bacillus in both lungs. He was hovering between life and death. But after receiving Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer transcending space and time, he came round. And his lungs were quickly regenerated and he was discharged a short time later. His recovery speed was too fast to be medically explained.



Before the prayer\_ He was breathing through a respirator because his both lungs were infected with tubercular pneumonia.



After the prayer\_ He had shadows in his lungs due to tubercular bacillus before, but no shadows were now found.



Brother Hwapyeong Choi with his parents

# “God Spoke to Me in Language of Love”

Doctor Mikiyoung Kim is a professor and an art historian who loves and cherishes Korean fine art. She recently received a blessing that her thesis was published online on the website of the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York. She was the first Korean whose thesis was on the MoMA website. Nowadays she is focused on the Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons and prayer aside from her research. Here is our interview with her.

## Q. How were you guided to this church?

Sister Jihye Hwang was one of my lecture class students. She gave me Dr. Jaerock Lee's book *The Message of the Cross*. She gave me one of his books every two weeks. I was curious about the books and read around ten of them. I also listened to his lectures on Genesis and Revelation.

I had attended Presbyterian churches in Korea and Baptist churches in the U.S. so at first the lectures were new to me. But it intrigued me a lot. Then I learned more about Manmin Central Church. In 2012, I also came to receive Dr. Lee's prayer with my daughter since I had heard that his prayer is very powerful. Then two years passed and God guided me to the church in earnest.

At that time I started a research project that I had been interested in. As the project succeeded, I wanted to go further. I wanted to establish a research center that can hold workshop meetings on art works that encompasses planning their exhibition and exhibiting them. But in the course I was put in a great financial trouble. Right then Professor Youngkeol Choi visited my school to give a special lecture. I talked with him about Manmin Central Church and Senior Pastor Dr. Lee. Then I wanted to visit the church again and with longing I revisited to receive his prayer.

## Q. What did Dr. Jaerock Lee pray for when you met with him?

In June 2014, I came to Senior Pastor to receive his prayer for solving my financial problem. He didn't say anything but "Enter the spiritual world quickly."

I thought I was a person of spirit, which is a really haughty thought. I had belonged to Presbyterian churches of which main focus is on the law and doctrine and I had put emphasis on 'spirit' all the time. But I changed my thinking quickly. I thought, 'If he said so, I have not been a person of spirit. I should think about it again.'

For the following six months, all my problems were all resolved. In the meantime, God let me feel that all series of the blessings never happened by coincidence. I experienced God's work on the last day of my 100-day-vowed prayer and felt His presence. All my problems were addressed in ways that were totally unexpected and God answered me with even greater things.

## Q. How is your Christian life these days?

Honestly I found it hard for me to attend Daniel Prayer Meeting that started at 9 P.M. every night. I had been used to going to Early Morning Prayer, so I used to wake up at 4:30 A.M. and sleep by 11 P.M. My life pattern was changed by attending Daniel Prayer Meeting. I was always drowsy for the first six months. But it was amazing that I did not want to stop. By the time of the seventh month, I was used to the pattern. I was no longer tired and came to be full of the Spirit even with a little sleep.

In Manmin Central Church, I can't see any jealousy and envy among the members. Of course, there should not be jealousy and envy in churches but I had seen many churches where the members were jealous and formed factions. I



Dr. Mikiyoung Kim, Parish 19

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She is the first Korean art historian whose thesis was web-published on the website of Museum of Modern Art in New York which is one of the major art galleries in the world.

-Title: "Expressions without Freedom: Korean Experimental Art in the 1960s and 1970s"

Ha Jong Hyun Art Prize for an art critic (2014)

Director of the Korean Art Research Institute (2006-Present)

Professor of Art History at Kangnam University (1989-Present)

Visiting Professor in University of California in Berkeley, CA

wondered how it could happen in Manmin and listened to Senior Pastor's messages such as 'Spirit, Soul, and Body', 'Love Chapter,' 'Voice, Urging, and Guidance of the Holy Spirit', and 'Lectures on Job'. I felt like I found precious jewels sprawled on a gigantic sand field and strung them together. For me they came together like a gigantic whole thing. I have been constantly looking for more and stringing them too.

## Q. You are the first Korean artist whose thesis was published on the website of Museum of Modern Art in New York. Could you tell us the story?

While I was suffering from the problem, I received Ha Jong Hyun Art Prize. This prize has been given to very influential artists and art critics in Korea... and I received it! It was reported by a daily newspaper with my photo. Sister Hwang, my student, took the news article to Senior Pastor and showed it to him. She said to him, "The professor who received your prayer before earned a great prize." Then he rejoiced, and he laid his hand on the picture and gave prayer of blessing to God. But I did not know it at that time.

In February 2014, after hearing that I had been selected as the Ha Jong Hyun Art Prize winner, I participated in the exhibition in the Para Site Art Gallery in Hong Kong, and it was about performative tendencies in Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan in the 1960s. I also presented my doctoral thesis in English at the Asia Art Archive which is an art research center in Hong Kong. It was a seminar with a discussion session. I gave a lecture based on my thesis with exhibition pictures and brought up related issues worthy of discussion. Next day, I received a call from Museum of Modern Art in New York.

They said they had heard about my lecture in Hong Kong and asked me to give a lecture for scholars of MoMA and other invitees. My doctoral thesis was first published in 2000. It was the very first thesis in Korea that covered Korean contemporary art. It brought great change to Korean contemporary art.

In April, 2014, I visited the Museum of Modern Art and presented a lecture before many directors and curators and led discussion. Then after final editing of the thesis during the ensuing six months, it was published online on the website of MoMA in February 2015.

I had wanted to share my thesis with the world for a long time, and now I was blessed to achieve my hope by the prayer of Senior Pastor on my picture.

## Q. What is your dream and vision?

I am grateful because I have realized that God guided me to this church for my soul's salvation. I thought I had been saved and that I was a spiritual person. Because God knew I was not, He led me to this church so that I can become a real person of spirit.

I had studied and done my research for fifteen hours a day before. But nowadays my research topic is Senior Pastor's message. I listen to them taking notes. I cannot fathom what kind of fruit will be borne through this research of mine.

I had thought I could please God by studying more, but now I want to destroy all lofty knowledge raised up against the love of God without assuming anything. I would like to just achieve the duty that God gives me in prayer. I will consider it the top priority in my life.

I want to hear about what God wants every moment and follow His guidance step by step. And in the final moment, I want to say to Him, "God, I have obeyed You." It is my vision and hope.



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