Reflection from NYTS — Kevin Yiin

Out of all the church events that I’ve attended, this past NYTS was the most meaningful. Before this NYTS, I was a freshman in college. To be honest, I was slightly depressed during that stage of my life. Why? Because I thought some things were truly meaningless. We spend money on classes we don’t need to get a temporary job in this temporary life. It seemed that a lot of time was wasted on the college campus studying for general classes that would not even affect me in the future. Even if I did have time, I would waste it on entertainment.

As I approached NYTS, I didn’t have much expectation. Not only that, there were certain things that I held on to, and because of these, I think that my prayers for the first few days were quite empty. Thankfully, the pastors encouraged us to be honest and make the most of our time. One speaker even spoke about why our prayers could not reach God. In the end, I repented because I realized that I had been putting entertainment as my idol. Thank God that the next few prayers, I felt that I drew closer to God, but that didn’t solve my question about wasting time in college.

Then, something changed. As I was meditating on the teachings from Nehemiah, I felt moved. That particular teaching was about Nehemiah’s encouragement to the people in (Nehemiah 4:14). In it, we see a reminder to remember the Lord, and to fight for our brethren. As I meditated, the Holy Spirit moved me; I gained spiritual strength again. It is difficult to describe, but I know for sure that God had a message for me in that prayer.

Thank God that after meditating upon this more I believe I have found my purpose in life. Not only that, I can feel my spiritual strength renew again. Life doesn’t seem meaningless anymore; we just have to realize what part we play in God’s plan. I know that time after time, we may be weakened, or we may be content and fall into a state of apathy. That’s human nature, but in times like these, we need to remember the Lord for his strength, remember the Lord so that we may fulfill his role for us. If God is willing, I hope I can continue to serve Him with all my strength, to the end of my days and complete the tasks he has set aside for me. Thank God for giving me this chance to reflect for the glory of His name.

Intercession Request

- Pray for Bro Nicholas Chang for his Diabetes condition.
- Pray for Sis. Moo for her arthritis pain.
- Pray for Bro. James Law and Mr. Lim for his surgery and recovery.
- Pray for Susan He and her family for her journey of faith.
- Pray for Bro. Thomas Lin and his family for their lost.

Bible Reading Schedule

- 9/1- 9/7 James 1-5, 1 Peter 1-2
- 9/8- 9/14 1 Peter 3-5, 2 Peter 1-3, 1 John 1-5
- 9/15- 9/21 1 John 2-5, 2 John, 3 John, Jude
- 9/22-9/28 Rev 1-7

Phoenix Church Activities:

- 9/15- 9/16 RE Teacher Workshop. Parents are invited for the Sunday morning classes.
- 10/13 Gospel Outreach. Topic: The Road of Peace Time: 4:20 PM – 6:00 PM
- 10/18- 10/21 Fall Evangelical Service & Spiritual Convocation

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- 2012 National Adult Theological Seminar (NATS)
  Event Date: November 12-18, 2012
  Venue: Irvine Church
  Online registration will be open from September 10 to October 20, 2012.