

# Trasnformed Through **W O R S H I P**

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I was saved in 1995, the year my mom returned from a 12 year assignment in Sri Lanka. Although I had said the sinner's prayer, I was then not convinced that God is true as I could not see any miracles in my life. I retreated into the world, much to my parents' disappointment.

Through the fervent prayers of my mother, my brother Darien and saints in the Church, I went back to the Lord in 2004. However, there was still no conviction in my heart. I lived a life of a compromised Christian. With the Christians I am a Christian; with the world, I am a Buddhist which was my original roots . Nevertheless, I attend church regularly every Sunday.

My life was still a roller coaster. I could not focus as I did not know what my call was. I have been in many vocations; I started off being a chef in a five-star hotel, then I went into design and video filming and worked in a salon and am doing stage makeup. I have been told to remain focused in order to reach my goal. Being a multi-tasker, I thought it was okay to carry out diverse business.

It was only in mid-2008 that I realised that my focus was wrong. In April, brother Dave Richard and his team started helping us to bring our worship to another level. I have never been in the worship team in City of Truth Church. When brother Dave Richard and the worship team encouraged me to be a back-up singer, I decided to give it a try.

Their love, compassion, gentleness and kindness truly touched my heart. I have finally discovered what I had wanted to do so much - sing for the Lord! Brother Dave and his team's patience, perseverance and their unconditional love to coach me to be a worship leader by the grace of God, truly touched my life. It finally dawned upon me that God is real to me. Week after week, I committed to worship practice and singing for Sunday services.

My real breakthrough came after I took up worship leading in October 2008. I prayed like I never did before. I released forgiveness towards my family and friends who have hurt me. More importantly, through Prophet Rusty Russel, I realised I have to forgive and accept myself. This was a turning point in my life. Praise God for Prophet Rusty Russel.

In the mean time, God started shrinking my business and my cash flow was somewhat challenged. I came to realise that without God, I can do nothing. So I rededicated my life to the Lord, started reading the Bible and doing my daily devotion. Every afternoon, I would share with my mother what God had spoken to me about circumstances in my life. My mother reaffirmed me with the same messages. Praise the Lord!

One Wednesday in October 2008 at the Prophetic Intercessory Ministry, as I was leading the worship with brother Max, the fire of God descended upon the meeting. The worship went on for more than an hour before Pastor Alicia preached on Prophetic Intercession. Everyone could feel the heat even though the air conditioning was strong. All the prophetic intercessors were kneeling, interceding and some were travelling before the Lord. At the end of the service, a sister shared that it was as if I was fanning the fire. Praise the Lord!

The subsequent Tuesday, the fire of the Spirit again descended when I was lifting up in praises during worship. Many yielded vessels begin to move in the spirit. I give all glory to God. It was a confirmation of brother Dave's word of knowledge that God has anointed me with a heart of worship.

After that, each day with God has been awesome. When anxiety hit me regarding the business, God would draw customers to me. He is indeed Jehovah Jireh, my Provider. Prophet Collin Gordon from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Prophet Rusty Russel have been a blessing to my life, praying and assuring me of my future through the words of knowledge. What is most encouraging is that Prophet Collin released a word to my mother that 'I will receive a miracle from God who has been protecting my life all these years. When this happens, my mother will be the happiest mother on earth; and God will also provide a good wife for me. However, this is conditional upon putting God first in my life and daily meditation of His word day and night. My family and I are clinging onto this Promise. We believe it will come to pass pretty soon.

My life has never been the same. My spiritual discernment is now sharper and I no longer carry the anger and bitterness I used to carry. I now can manage my emotions better. Then, I began to realise why God has placed upon my heart to organize the Social Emotional Learning Conference which was well attended by

more than 100 teachers and counselors. This was a great breakthrough for me. I have resolved not to look back into my past but to move forward to fulfill the destiny God has in store for me. *He has plans to prosper me not to harm me, plans to give me a hope and a future. (Jer 29:11)*

I praise God that the anointing gets stronger with each praise and worship session that I lead. Many doors have now been opened for me both in ministry and in my business and El Shaddai has now been so real in my life. I will never forget His grace and mercy towards me.

I thank God that He is One who never let go of me. Many of my mother's and my dad's friends commended that my life has totally changed. People in the church started asking me the reason for my change. The only answer I have is He is Jehovah who is the same, yesterday, today and forever. He is a God who never changes. He is a Father of my life. He never gives up on me and He keeps drawing me closer and closer to Him.

I can only say one thing. My life has been transformed through worshipping Him. It is through worship that you can hear Him clearly. It is through worship that all our problems fade away. It is through worship that we can hear God with clarity and it is through worship that we have conviction of sins. It is through worship that our lives can be transformed .

Worship Him till you are lost in His love. Worship Him until the Holy Spirit saturates your soul.

His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation . All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "what have you done?"(Dan 4:34-35). I am quoting the very words king Nebuchadnezzar spoke May you be blessed by this testimony.

Blessings!

**Joshua**