



My name is **Steven Ngiam**. I have been married to my wife, Helena Lim for 37 years. We have two grown-up sons. Currently, we are working as business consultant.

I grew up in a non-Christian family environment. Prior to my conversion, I was a self-righteous person, living for myself and believing that I could do everything without God.

In 1987 (age 29), I encountered God through a missionary (Tom) on my arrival in the U.S. for my Uni. Tom would relentlessly look out and pursued me to share the Gospel in-between my classes. I would try to avoid and ignore him.

At the end of my first semester, while reading the New Testament booklet (given by Tom) for the first time, I was stuck at Matthew 16:26 "What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" The question of losing my soul was really troubling me. There were two differing voices speaking to me for my allegiance. The successive rumbling caused me to suffer a severe migraine and it persisted for a few days, and even my amulet which I believed would provide healing and protection was of no help.

At the peak of my struggle, I called Tom for help. He came the next day and explained the whole Gospel to me. However, when he saw my amulet, he refused to pray for me unless it was discarded. At that point, I dismissed him but the pain did not stop. In my lowest moment, God reached out to me and revealed my arrogance and disobedience. I began to recognize the need for Jesus to save me. I was convicted of my sins and then burnt my amulet and repented. I picked up my courage and sought Tom for help again.

He came and prayed fervently for me. During that time, I was confused but lucid. I was unable to control my body and was convulsed painfully on the floor. Eventually, the unclean spirit was casted out from me in the mighty name of Jesus. When I woke up the next day, I realized that the One (Holy Spirit) who lives within me now is greater than the one who is in the world. From that moment on, I made my commitment to follow Christ.

I was baptized shortly by immersion at University Heights Baptist Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA. God is good and placed some brothers in Christ to come alongside me, taught me the Word including scripture memory and disciple training. The Lord also enabled me to serve in Christian Service to Internationals on campus.

On my return to Singapore in 1990, my family and I joined GBC. I had since served the Lord faithfully as a Sunday school teacher, CG Leader, Deacon and various other ministries, as well as attended Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) for 8 years. Helena and I are grateful to the GBC family for their encouragement and spiritual guidance all these years.

When I was first approached to serve as an Elder Associate, I was hesitant because of its high calling. However, after much prayer and affirmation from my wife and some brothers-in-Christ, I believe that God is calling me to step up to serve - in shepherding His people through God's strength, and selflessly share the work of ministry with fellow Elders to build up the body of Christ.

I am looking forward to serving the Lord wholeheartedly with love and gentleness, and seeking to work together as a team and serve others the way Jesus did. Please pray for humility and a teachable heart as I submit to the Lord - to learn and to reflect His glory and grace in all that I do.