



Mum's journey

TO BELIEVING IN THE LORD JESUS

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Acts 16:31

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Mum is 91 this year. For the past 30+ years since I became a Christian, I have been praying for my mum's salvation. My late sister, Jenny and I would pray every night for my entire family to believe in Jesus, but we found it hard to share the gospel with Mum.

Being the eldest daughter-in-law of my grandmother, she kept her vows to Grandma to continue with the worship of our ancestors. She did this even after Grandma had passed on. Over the years, many of my Christian friends tried to share the gospel with her but she would politely reply that she cannot become a Christian because of her promise to Grandma and that she had been worshipping the ancestors for so long. She had been very faithful in

her belief; she would dutifully perform all the rituals during the various festivals and visit the temples regularly. I had always imagined how faithful Mum would be to the Lord Jesus had she been a Christian.

Strangely, one day, about 15 years ago she decided to move the ancestors' altar out of our home to the home of one of my brothers. I believe this was a step directed by the Lord to start the process of her faith in Christ. At that time, my sister and I were the only Christians and since my late father had willed the flat to the both of us, Mum figured we would not want the altar in the house when she passed on. However, she dutifully continued with the ancestral worship at home by offering prayers with joss sticks in the morning and evening.

I retired at the beginning of last year to care for

my mum full time as she was getting weaker with age. During this time, our relationship grew stronger and she depends on me for all her needs. In November last year, she suddenly suffered a minor stroke. It was a shock for my family as Mum had always been very healthy without medical conditions. She was hospitalized for seven weeks. Due to her age, the doctors were afraid that she might not recover.

But, by the grace of God and to the surprise of everyone, Mum recovered with all faculties intact. While she was in hospital, several intercessor friends came to visit and prayed with her. During one of these visits, she agreed to accept Christ and said the sinners' prayer. Sadly, soon after that, she forgot what she had done and remarked that she cannot stop worshipping the ancestors. When she was discharged from hospital, she continued with her daily offerings to the ancestors. In March, she was hospitalized for a compression fracture and again in early May due to high blood pressure and dizzy spells. And again, the Lord healed her.

During my daily prayers and through my intercessor friends, the Lord has been reminding me of His faithfulness and His promise of salvation for my mum. I continued to trust in the Lord and claim His promises in His Word: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household" (Acts 16:31); "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9). "My Grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in your weakness." (2 Cor 12:9). And so many more.

On 21 May 2020, mum was feeling very tired and did not want to get out of bed. She was also very emotional as she worries about me when she passes on. The Lord prompted me to ask her if she believes in Jesus and she said yes without any hesitation. I then led her to ask Jesus into her heart. She repeated the prayer steadily without any hesitation and repeated "Jesus I love you" twice in Mandarin. This was captured on video by my niece.

I believe the Lord heard her prayer and that He would continue to work in her heart. A few days later, she said she wants to burn the joss sticks but I reminded her that she is now a Christian and should not do that anymore. She agreed and since then, she has not asked to do that again.

On 1 July 2020, I was praying in the morning for

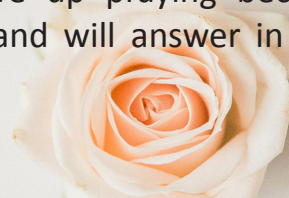
the Lord to show me when is the right time to ask my mum about baptism. Shortly after that, whilst talking to my mum, I asked her if she was ready for baptism now that she believes in Jesus. I praised the Lord when she said she was. I immediately contacted Ds Bessie Lee who arranged for Pastor Judy Teo and herself to baptise Mum the next day. Judy spoke to her in Hainanese to ensure she understood her decision and that she, on her own volition, wanted to be baptised. Thank God! This is certainly the day that the Lord has made!

I praise God for His love for my mum, for sustaining her and for saving her soul. I thank the Lord for my brothers and sisters in Christ who have

been faithfully praying for me and my mum all these years. I pray that God will guide my mum to openly confess her faith in Jesus to all our relatives.

Lord Jesus, I praise You

for hearing my prayer and also the prayers of all my friends for Mum's salvation. You've started a good work in her and I thank you that in Christ, she is complete. I pray for my brothers and sisters in Christ who are praying for their loved ones to know the Lord. I pray that they too will not give up praying because the Lord hears and will answer in His own time. Amen



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2 PETER 3:9

