

GLORY TO THE TRINITY MINISTRY
“SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT”

THE TESTIMONIES OF ESTHER WANG

MY SPIRITUAL TEACHER

The thought of Aunt Esther Wang always brought to me memories of warmth and godliness, radiating and intermingled with charity, absolute faith and absolute reverent for Our Lord Jesus. Even though she was 50 years older than me, I had always called her “Wang ku ku” in mandarin meaning “Aunty Wang”, as everyone addressed her. She could have been my grandmother as she was 50 years my senior but most of all she was my spiritual teacher. Someone that have deeply imprinted in my heart the image of Christ, filled by the power of the Holy Spirit, bearing the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Lord to grow me and taught me the godly ways of the Lord.

HER LIFESTYLE OF PRAYERS AND GODLINESS

Every time I visited Los Angeles, I could not but visit Miss Esther Wang. The Holy Spirit that indwelled in my heart act like a magnet that drew me to her. I remembered when I was ill years ago, she invited me to stay with her and offered me her bedroom while she slept on the sofa outside in the living room. Very early in the morning, she would be on her knees praying and reading God’s words and she would serve me with charity. What marked my heart most was her power of prayers in a very humble yet godly reverent voice and posture on her knees as she took me together to pray with her. Miss Esther Wang, was indeed a godly servant of the Lord, mightily used by the Lord as she spent 20 years in life imprisonment for her faith in Jesus. And yet through the mighty hand of God, she was finally set free and was sent by the Lord to America to witness for Jesus.

HER BRIEF BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION

She was a co-founder of a church call “Ling Liang Dang” or bread of life church that started in Shanghai China, which are now found in many parts of the world. She co-labored with Pastor Chao Se Kuang in Shanghai as a pianist. Later, the Lord called her to the full time ministry

as a preacher and she was also the principal of an orphanage prior to the coming of the Communist regime. She had written 2 books in the Chinese language which were translated in English with the title of “How Amazing” and “His mighty power”. She had very many testimonies which she shared with me. I shall hereby write and share some of these testimonies with you.

THE VOICE OF THE LORD PRIOR TO HER IMPRISONMENT

Our heavenly Father through the voice of the Holy Spirit will always warn His children prior to major tribulation. Likewise, Miss Esther Wang was about to face one of the most difficult trials in her life. A so-called young pastor betrayed Miss Esther Wang. He pretended to ask her to pray with him, when in actual fact what he did was the opposite. He came as a wolf in a sheep’s clothing, recording all that Miss Esther Wang had prayed and reporting them to the Communist police. As a result, Miss Esther Wang was captured and sent to jail for 20 years for her faith in Jesus Christ. Obviously, no body knew this except the Lord and the betrayer and the Communist police. Nonetheless, Miss Esther Wang had no remorse of what the so-called young pastor had done. On the contrary, she had always done kindness to him and treated him as her own son, and many times gave him “the food coupon” that were needed to purchase food for the betrayer’s children.

One day, Miss Esther Wang told me that the Lord spoke to her verbally through the air like to the Apostle Paul in “Shanghainese” language. The Lord told her that “she is to face great tribulations & chains awaiting for her”. “Her case has been known to the Communist police”, the Lord said. In return Miss Esther Wang replied and asked the Lord: “Who reported the case?” and the Lord responded by mentioning the name of her betrayer being that “young pastor” that pretended to pray with her.

Also, the Holy Spirit warned her about this so-called pastor being “a bad person” and “a Gibeonite” (Joshua 9:3) spiritually means a cheater. Yet, Miss Esther Wang did not pay a close attention to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Another vision was also given to her while she was in prayer, which was fulfilled when she saw the scene on the way to the jail upon her arrest. Indeed, after hearing the Lord’s voice, Miss Esther Wang was given a long term imprisonment for being “anti-revolutionary as she maintained her faith as a Christian and also for translating a book titled “a life of prayer” by Andrew Murray from English into the Chinese language.

HER LIFE IN PRISON

Miss Esther Wang was never physically healthy and she had many kinds of illnesses from the heart problem to arthritis etc. When she entered the jail, she was ready to die for Jesus. Her jail life was a horror as she was sleeping on the floor with a stack of hay underneath and enough space for her body next to a box of human feces. Food was very scarce and later she had to face hard labor in the labor camp. Before long she had developed ear infection and became partially deaf.

MOB ATTACK RESULTED IN THE MIRACULOUS HEALING

Apart from being labeled as “a criminal” for her faith in the Lord, she was also forced to participate the communist indoctrination class. At one of the meeting, one of the so-called “former Christian” who decided to denounce her faith in order to get credit from the Communist party so that she could be set free from the jail term early, decided to find fault with Miss Esther Wang.

She began to ask Miss Esther Wang a question and she said: “Esther Wang, the churches are closed and the Bibles are burnt, where is God?” to this question, Miss Esther Wang who was filled by the Holy Spirit stood up and contested to her question knowing her risk of being punished by the communist. She stood up boldly and replied: “True, the churches are closed and the Bibles are burnt but God is still alive.” Having said this answer, the whole communist criminals in the class turned to “mob attack her” and beat her up for approximately 2 hours. Finally, her jail mate who was a former prostitute which Miss Esther Wang did kindness by giving her things like empty bottles etc, gave her a hard punch on her ear. Because Miss Esther Wang led a life of godliness, practicing the crucified life and “purchased a flask of oil” of the wise virgins (Matthew 25:4), she was filled by the Holy Spirit when darkness and temptations arose. As the Holy Spirit filled her, not only she was able to stand up in boldness as a small stature woman, she was also able to glorify the name of our Lord and forgave them. After being beaten up to the ground for about 2 hours, she finally stood up and said: “In the name of Jesus, I forgive everyone of you.”

What was amazing, was the fact that our Lord Jesus who was always with her is always victorious. As she stood up and told them these words, something hard and large fell out of her ear and her hearing was restored and she could hear again. How amazing that God would allow temptations to come to His children that would ultimately be

replaced with His goodness and to His glory. Hence the book of Roman says:

“AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD, TO THEM WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.”

(ROMANS 8:28)

HER OWN SONG TO ENCOURAGE HER

Miss Esther Wang was not only a gifted preacher, she was also a talented pianist and hymns writer. One of her famous hymn that was written by her, guided with the touch of the Holy Spirit, was the hymn that title “**OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS FAITHFUL.**” I shall translate a few stanzas of this hymn from Chinese into English in order for us to receive spiritual edification of this testimony. In her song she wrote:

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS FAITHFUL,
HE WILL NEVER FAIL HIS PROMISES
HIS PROMISES ARE VERY DEPENDABLE
THE CROSS THAT I CARRY, WOULD NEVER BE TOO HEAVY
WHEN THE TIME COMES, MY CROSS WILL BE TURNED TO HIS GLORY

CHORUS:

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS FAITHFUL
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED (2X)
SO LONG AS I AM FAITHFUL TILL THE END OF MY LIFE
DEPENDING ONTO THE LORD AND WOULD NOT BE MOVED
WHEN THE TIME COMES, I SHALL SEE THE GLORY OF GOD

The second stanza sings:

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS FAITHFUL,
HE WILL NEVER FAIL HIS PROMISES
WHEN I FACE DANGER, HE WILL ALWAYS OPEN A WAY OUT
FOR ME

The third stanza sings:

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS FAITHFUL,
HE WILL NEVER FAIL HIS PROMISES
HIS NAME IS JEHOVAH JIREH
FOR ALL MY NEEDS HE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE
SO LONG AS I THANK AND PRAISE HIM

These 3 beautiful stanzas and chorus with beautiful spiritual meanings are my favorite hymn. But most of all, it is written by Miss Esther Wang and orchestrated by the Holy Spirit to encourage His children in times of need.

One day, as Miss Esther Wang felt very discouraged for her jail term was very long and difficult, she needed the extra strength from above. As she walked through a wall of bathrooms with her spirit of discouragement, she heard “one of the criminals” in the bathroom who was also a sister in Christ taking a shower. This sister in Christ began to sing the song that she had written above. Miss Esther Wang recognized the hymn as she was the author of that hymn. The Holy Spirit began to remind her that God is always faithful and all of a sudden, Miss Esther Wang was uplifted spiritually as she realized that her temporal temptation of being in jail will someday be exchanged for a crown and that our heavenly Father meant it well. What an amazing encouragement for His Children!

THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE OTHER 2 PREACHERS

The power of darkness in the jail required the flask of oil of the 5 wise virgins to shine for Jesus. Miss Esther Wang was that wise virgin that purchased that flask of oil in her daily living and prior to the jail term. She was ready for the Lord with that flask of oil and could shine for Jesus in that temptation and darkness. However, there are 2 very famous lady preachers in China that were assistant to Watchman Nee, that were also captured and sentenced to a long-term jail term for their faith in Jesus. These 2 lady preachers did not buy the flask of oil in their daily living and obviously did not lead the crucified life. Even though they were famous preachers, because they did not obey the Lord in their daily living and did not purchase the flask of oil of the wise virgin, they were not able to withstand the long-term power of darkness. As their lamps have gone out and do not have the flask of oil to fall back on, they would not be able to bear the sufferings in their flesh in jail. Hence, they decided to give up their faith ultimately and began to look for problems with Miss Esther Wang and reported them to the communist in order to

receive credit, hoping they would leave the jail early. Their inability to follow Jesus to the end not only did not allow them to leave the jail early, on the contrary they both died tragically in jail. One of the lady preachers who had forsaken Jesus became mentally ill and died eating her own feces. What a tragic ending!!

As for Miss Esther Wang, not only the Communist set her free from her jail term but the Lord healed her from all her illnesses. The Lord sent her to America to witness for Jesus. Miss Esther Wang led a very healthy life spiritually and physically in America. She lived up to the age of 94 years and was probably the oldest preacher that preached with power and zeal, as I translated her preaching from Mandarin into English for the last time, 3 months prior to the Lord taking her home.

LET US GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

There are so many more testimonies of Miss Esther Wang that have yet to be written. Nonetheless, let us give thanks unto the Lord for He is always merciful and faithful to His words. The final advice from Miss Esther Wang that I shall share with you is:

“Always come before the Lord by faith!!”

This voice from Miss Esther Wang will always ring in my ear. May this blessed spiritual truth be yours today. May her story and testimonies uplift your heart, mind and spirit as you recall the goodness of the Lord, once again reminding us as Miss Esther Wang writes in her first stanza of her hymn.

“God is faithful to His words of promise”

“Do not be discouraged”

“Let us fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life” as the Apostle Paul writes (1 Timothy 6:12)

May we once again give glory and thanks unto our Lord God for these wonderful testimonies, as you lay to your heart what the Lord has done for His Children. May these **“testimonies for thought”** be yours today!! Amen

Prayerfully yours, His servant
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