

GLORY TO THE TRINITY MINISTRY  
“SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT”

**THE TESTIMONY OF PASTOR PETER LING**

During my school days at the University of San Francisco, the Lord had touched my heart to start the “Asian Christian Fellowship” Bible study. We would meet on every Friday and held our worship on campus on every Sunday. It was at this moment of time that I was acquainted with Pastor Peter Ling; as he was our bible teacher on Friday and our preacher on Sunday morning service.

Pastor Peter Ling was a very gifted preacher. He had originally been a pastor in the “Bread of Life” church in Hang Chow, Mainland China. When the communist regime took over China, he was badly persecuted and was forced to the countryside to labor as a farmer. He had many testimonies and would eagerly shared with me every time I picked him up for our Bible Study and Sunday Service. The trip between the city of Berkeley where he lived and San Francisco where we held our bible study and Sunday service, was approximately 1 hour. It was at this “precious 1 hour” that he imparted his life story and wonderful testimonies to me. One of the most unforgettable testimonies that he shared with me was “his love for the 9 precious souls”. I shall hereby share with you this touching story as we uplift and give all glory to our Lord.

It so happened that there were 9 young men, all university students that contracted “deadly disease” of tuberculosis. At that moment, these students were quarantine by the Chinese government and excommunicated from their own family and outsiders as this deadly disease was contagious; and once contracted could very well be fatal. On the other hand, Pastor Peter Ling was filled with the great love for Christ and was given the Spirit of boldness, zealousness as far as these precious 9 souls are concerned.

One day, he had a touch to share his faith to these 9 students. He knew of the danger of catching the “deadly disease” and was prepared to face the risk for his life.

Pastor Peter Ling would humorously share with me that he could not put on a mask on his face to share Jesus with them. It simply would not glorify the Lord, he added. At first, these 9 students ridiculed

Pastor Peter ling of his faith and belief of Jesus when he came to share with them.

Week after week, he would visit them and they remained cold in their unbelief and refused to accept Jesus as their personal savior. It was not until later on, that they heard Pastor Ling also contracted their tuberculosis disease that broke their spiritual barrier down. When they heard that pastor Peter Ling became like one of them, they were touched to tears of his love for them. As a result, they began to open their heart to the gospel of Jesus Christ that Pastor Ling came to share.

Miraculously, 9 of them accepted Christ and were baptized in the name of Christ. During the day they were baptized, Pastor Ling added, they were physically so weak that the 9 students managed to only carry 1 chair at a time in order to witness the baptism of each student. Since, they do not have a family, they would make pastor Ling their closest relative and their guardian.

Before long, these students became seriously ill and after accepting Christ as their personal savior, one by one they began to die.

In the meantime, as these students left to be with the Lord, Pastor Peter ling became gravely ill with the “TB” disease. One day, Pastor Peter Ling was so bothered by his illness that he began to walk up and down battling in his mind of the threat of death. He had quite a few children and the youngest was barely a newborn, which he could not touch or carry, as his illness was contagious. Amidst this struggle, Pastor Ling finally decided to lay his life for Jesus. As he made up his mind to die for Jesus, he overcame the fearful powerful threat of death from the spiritual enemy.

Later, as the “TB” disease progressed, Pastor Ling began to experience physical exhaustion. He recalled that at the end of each preaching session, he would be feeling extremely exhausted and out of breath. What was amazing was the fact that the Lord later on had indeed healed him. Not only he did not die of the disease, he was led to America to continue to preach and share his story with us and many others. Hallelujah!!

The story of Pastor Ling and his love for Christ and these 9 precious souls has always left a deep impression in my heart. His willingness to die for Jesus in order to save 9 precious souls is eternally remembered by our Lord. While our Lord miraculous healing of his body reveals His overflowing grace on His Children. What man cannot do,

God is able; in order to uplift His name, to manifest His mighty power amidst Pastor Ling's faith, as he surrendered his life into the sovereign hand of our Savior.

May this testimony be an encouragement to you, as you lift your hearts unto prayers for precious souls. May the Lord richly bless you with your "first love for Christ" for the dying souls of men; as we recount the word of the Apostle Paul that says "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13)

Prayerfully yours, His servant  
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