

How I Found My Place of Destiny

For over a decade, God's love pursued public relations officer Hazel Chua till she found her place of destiny in Trinity Christian Centre.



Faithful God, Faithless Me

In 1995, I left my former church to pursue a relationship with a pre-believer. I was unfaithful and ungrateful to God, who had helped and blessed me greatly in my studies then.



The days that followed were the darkest in my life, as I lived without God's favour and covering.

I started working and met a harsh boss, who made me feel like I was good for nothing. I lost my identity and confidence, I was crushed and trapped. Despite my despair and depression, I rejected suggestions to see a psychiatrist, as I refused to believe that I needed to do so. **My situation worsened to the extent that I struggled with even simple daily routines.** Life was a torture.

His Mercy, His Grace

My boyfriend saw my pain and felt that we needed to ask God for help. One year later in 1996, he accepted Jesus at a Christmas

event. In 1997, God rescued me when my harsh boss miraculously offered me a transfer out of that department. God granted me favour in my new portfolio and I slowly recovered.

My Faith, His Blessings

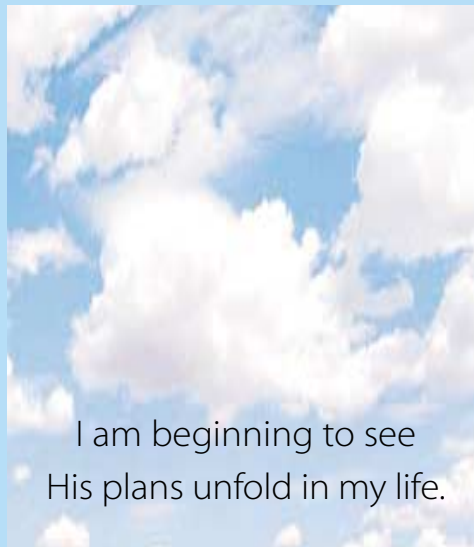
I first attended Trinity in 1999, but never took the step to go further than attending its service. **I resisted the idea of building relationships, of becoming committed to a church all over again.** I stayed comfortable visiting churches with my boyfriend, who is now my husband. There was no breakthrough in my life.

In 2003, my husband had to accept a job that worked overseas. It was another difficult phase in my life. But I began to attend Trinity more regularly and drew closer to God. In 2005, I attended the watchnight service. The message preached was on destiny. I told God that I longed to know and fulfill His destiny for my life. **I did not want to live my life the same old fruitless way, with the same old fruitless result.**

I knew that to experience God's plans for my life, I could not sit there and do nothing. **I knew that the first step I needed to take was to join a carecell,**

regardless of how I felt. Half a year later, in June 2006, I wrote to Trinity, asking them to connect me to a carecell. God blessed me with a great carecell, just 10 minutes' walk from my home. This step of faith released God's blessings and breakthroughs:

- *3 months later in September 2006:* I received the church's unexpectedly great support when my father-in-law passed away. About two-thirds of those who came to the wake did not even know me personally, including the District and Zone Pastors, and the Sectional Leader. They were a great testimony to my in-laws, who are pre-believers. For the first time, my husband and I declared our faith as a couple, as we refrained from the rituals. If I did not take the step of faith to join a carecell, I would not have received such encouragement.
- *5 months later in November 2006:* God answered my prayer to be baptised in the Holy Spirit. That day, my heart was troubled, but in spite of it, I chose to raise my hand and sing to Him during the service. As I did so, God just enabled me to speak in tongues. For the first time, I responded to the altar call. God spoke loud and clear to me: "I have not forgotten you, I love you deeply and I will fulfill My promise to you". I was deeply touched, as I was



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convicted of God's forgiveness and acceptance once again.

- *8 months later in February 2007:* One Saturday, I "grumbled" in my heart as I was on my way to serve as a core teacher in the Nursery. God spoke to me in Joshua 24:15 – "**But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...**" I prayed for a right heart.

God certainly has a sense of humour, for that day, this little girl came to the nursery. When I saw her, I thought to myself, "Oh dear, it's that girl again! The last time she was here, she cried most of the time." Just then, the dad told me she just "poo-ed" (and it was a lot!) She cried as I cleaned her up and led her back to the room. But then, she stopped crying and adjusted well. At the end of the session, when she bid goodbye to me, she smiled, gave me a flying kiss and kept turning back to look at me as she left. There and then, I thanked God and I knew that if I had not take the step of faith to say "yes" when my Zone Pastor asked me to serve, I would not have known the joy of serving God.

- *9 months later in March 2007:* I became a Trinity church member on 25 March 2007. After 12 years of aimless wandering, I have finally settled in a home church. A few days before that, I received news of a promotion at work. The envelope containing my membership certificate had the

words – "A place of destiny". **Indeed, Trinity is the place where I have begun and will continue to see God's destiny fulfilled in my life.** If I had not taken the step of faith to join a carecell and sign up for membership, I would not have experienced all these blessings in my life!

His Love, My Response

My life is now so different because of God's love.

For the last decade, even when I strayed away from God, He never forgot me. His love pursued me relentlessly. And indeed, He has fulfilled His promise to me in Psalm 71:20-21 – "Though You have made me see troubles, many and bitter, You will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth You will again bring me up. You will increase my honour and comfort me once again".

I do not deserve God's love and blessings. But through it all, He chooses to love me. He is love, He is faithful, He is good. This is His nature. I believe God wants to bless His people and has great things in store for us. But how can He give them to us if we do not allow Him to do so? He is a "gentleman" who never forces His way into our lives. If we do not take the step of faith, we will not see His plans and blessings unfold.

I am excited as I am beginning to see His plans unfold in my life. I will continue to war for His destiny to be fulfilled in my life, my family, my church, my work, my relationships. All praise and glory to God!