

Why Me?

My Fate-God's Fault!

My childhood was hard and painful and as a result, I used to strongly believe that people should be independent and self-reliant. My Dad passed away when I was at the age of 8 and my Mom passed when I was 11. I went into nursing, found myself a stable job, and got married.

Shortly after getting married, I became a mother of two. My daughter Rina was an angel and very easy to take care of. A few years later, my son Louis was born with a cleft lip and cleft palate. I found it exhausting just to feed him. Fortunately, life became a bit easier after he received corrective surgery.

I initially thought Louis' speech was delayed because of his condition, but he was later diagnosed with mild autism. At the time, autism was not well understood with minimal support available to families. His behaviour was, at times, disturbing to others and we stopped going to church. I questioned God's existence and how He could treat me so poorly!

After Louis turned 7, my family immigrated to Australia. His behaviour changed from bad to worse, and included self-harm and destructive acts. He was diagnosed with severe autism; he had impaired intelligence and lacked the ability to verbally communicate. This led to our family receiving an order deportation from the Department of Immigration, charging us for incorrect disclosure of Louis' health condition.

After 18 months of stressful court hearings and emptying our savings to pay for legal fees, the case was finally resolved in our favour. As a consequence, my husband had to take on work overseas in order to recoup our finances.

During this time, Louis was not receiving much help from the special school that he attended. Since he was non-verbal, hyperactive, and had no developed writing skills, I felt heart-broken. As a mother, I deeply felt I had the responsibility of teaching him, to at least know how to write his own name. So, I decided to start teaching him at home.

I spent more than 10 hours each day preparing materials, going through reference books, and working through various methods to train Louis to just sit for 5 minutes with me. Many times I felt defeated and wept, but I had hope. It was purely out of love for my beloved son.

My Stubbornness Worked!

My persistence eventually paid off. After a month of hard work, I managed to get Louis to sit down for 30 minutes. In 3 months, he was able to write his name. In 7 months, he could write "Daddy I love you". I faxed the note to my husband. We both were exhilarated! The progress was slow but he was moving forward. It took Louis one year to learn the numbers 1 through 10 and to count.

Though I had turned my back on God, He sent Christian friends to my home who encouraged me to read the Bible. I was too busy teaching Louis. We marveled that after 18 months he was able to process complicated mathematics beyond my curriculum. My husband started to video-

tape Louis working on math problems. We would show them to friends and medical professionals, thinking Louis was a non-verbal mathematical genius.

Messengers From Above

Urged again by a Christian friend, I started reading Proverbs and came upon 22:17, "Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, and apply your mind to my knowledge."

On the same day, another friend of mine who is a medical doctor and not a believer, phoned from overseas. He had watched the video tapes of Louis and made a keen observation: Louis' 'genius' ability to work out solutions to problems that he had never been taught is quite different from a genius who is capable of acquiring knowledge at a faster rate than others. He suggested challenging Louis with more complicated problems that involved trigonometry, geometry, and algebra to see if he was able to tackle them quickly on his own.

With my daughter's help, we borrowed her school assignments and generated many difficult questions from an encyclopedia to test Louis.

God's Encounter

As it turned out, nothing was too hard for Louis! Within seconds, he was able to answer all the problems we provided him in written form. We were shocked and terrified.

I was eager to find out how this was possible and wrote down my question, "Who taught Louis math?"

"G O D", was Louis' written answer.

As a witness to this, my daughter immediately prayed to God and accepted Jesus as her Saviour. We continued testing Louis' limits, even using different languages to see if there was any question he couldn't answer. There were none.

Later on, Louis would take the initiative to write his own messages on his worksheets:

"God loves everyone in the world"

"Jesus came to save"

"Holy Spirit taught Louis to write this"

"Louis will follow Jesus"

"I am a tool of God"

"Louis will tell the world that God sent His Son to die for our sins"

"Holy Spirit leads Louis to tell you I am an autistic boy. Holy Spirit stays with all of us. Holy Spirit mentions that Louis writes messages for servants of the Lord is planned. Holy Spirit will guide more people to help Louis, more people will spread the Gospel via this miracle."

Many more messages like this followed. Louis continues to be God's messenger for 7 years.

My Mission

God revealed Himself to me through my autistic son. When He told me He loves Louis, all my misfortunes suddenly turned into blessings. God's love compels me. He loves me despite my brokenness and iniquities. He chases after me with compassion.

The first assignment that God gave to us through Louis was to write a book to testify about His love and faithfulness to my family and I.

The second was to start a program that teaches parents of autistic children to see God's love and to coach them through their struggles with God's strength.

We named the program the Louis Program (http://www.lp.org.hk/e_index.htm).

Today, my husband and I both serve the LORD full-time. We hold evangelistic meetings in many countries to bring hope to parents under similar circumstances and, most importantly, to know Jesus Christ.

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