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the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. C The record in [Mark 4:35-41](#) is a picture of rebellion and of the kingdom of God as the power to subdue rebellion: [Mark 4:39](#) And having awoken, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Be silent! Be still! And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. 1 Satan has a kingdom, the authority of darkness, which is against the kingdom of God: a The demons belong to Satan's kingdom and possess people for his kingdom. b Satan is the ruler of the world and of the authority of the air; he has his angels, who are his subordinates as rulers, authorities, and world-rulers of the darkness of this world. [Eph. 6:12](#) For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies. 2 Between the word concerning the kingdom of God in [Mark 4:26-29](#) and the record of the demonstration of the kingdom of God in [5:1-20](#), there is the incident of the stormy sea in [4:35-41](#): [Mark 4:26](#) And He said, So is the kingdom of God: as if a man cast seed on the earth, 27 And sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and lengthens—how, he does not know. 28 The earth bears fruit by itself: first a blade, then an ear, then full grain in the ear. 29 But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he sends forth the sickle, because the harvest has come. a The fallen angels in the air and the demons in the water collaborated to frustrate the Lord Jesus from going to the other side of the sea because they knew that He would cast out the demons there. b The Lord rebuked the wind and commanded the sea to be silent because of the rebellious angels and demons who were behind the scene. c After He rebuked the wind and spoke to the sea, the wind ceased, and there was a great calm, for the rebellion of the evil angels and the demons had been subdued by the power of the kingdom. II The kingdom of God is the transfiguration of the Lord Jesus: [Mark 9:1](#) And He said to them, Truly I say to you, there are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the kingdom of God having come in power. 2 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up alone into a high mountain privately. And He was transfigured before them, A What is described in [Mark 9:1-13](#) is a picture of the kingdom of God coming in power; the center of this picture is the glorified Jesus, and with Him are Moses and Elijah, representing the Old Testament saints, and Peter, James, and John, representing the New Testament saints. B For the Lord Jesus to be

transfigured meant that His humanity was saturated and permeated with His divinity; this transfiguration, which was His glorification, was equal to His coming in His kingdom: **1** The Lord's word in verse 1 about the coming of the kingdom of God in power was fulfilled by His transfiguration on the mountain. **2** The transfiguration, the shining, of the Lord Jesus was His coming in His kingdom; where His transfiguration is, there is the coming of the kingdom. **3** The transfiguration of the Lord Jesus was the realization of what He is. **4** The kingdom is the shining of the reality of the Lord Jesus; to be under His shining is to be in the kingdom. **C** Christ has been sown into our hearts as a seed; this seed will grow and develop until it blossoms and is manifested in glory: **1** In Mark 9 we see the transfiguration of Christ as the seed sown in Mark 4. **2** The One whom we have received as the seed of the kingdom of God needs to grow in us until He blossoms from within us; this blossoming will be the transfiguration of the Lord in us in a practical, experiential way. **3** When Christ is transfigured within us, that transfiguration becomes the kingdom of God ruling over everything in our life. **4** The church as the kingdom of God cannot exist in the natural life but can exist only in this realm of transfiguration. **5** If we are willing to lose our soul-life for the Lord's sake, we will experience a prevailing transfiguration in the church life; this transfiguration will be a genuine revival. [Mark 8:35](#) For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever will lose his soul-life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it. [36](#) For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul-life? **III** "Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matt. 13:43a): **A** At the time of the manifestation of the kingdom, our humanity will be glorified by the glorious divinity within us. **B** In one sense, the Lord will come back from heaven, but in another sense, He will come out of us; when He fully lives Himself out of us, that will be the time of His coming. **C** At the time of the full manifestation of the kingdom, we will fully enter into glory. [Phil. 3:21](#) Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory, according to His operation by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself. **D** In the millennium the overcoming believers will be with Christ in the bright glory of the kingdom, whereas the defeated Christians will suffer discipline in the outer darkness.

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There are two principles in the universe—God's authority and Satan's rebellion. We cannot serve God on the one hand, while taking the way of rebellion with a spirit of rebellion on the other hand. Although a rebellious person can preach, Satan will laugh, because the principle of Satan is there in the preaching. Service is ever attendant to authority... How did the Lord establish God's kingdom?... Whatever the Lord did on earth was entirely based on submission. He did nothing that opposed God's authority. Everything was in submission, in perfect cooperation with the authority of God... The church today must also allow God's authority to have a free way and manifest His kingdom through submission.

[Application to YP, college & graduate students, new ones](#)

Testimony 1 The word "rebellion" is very strong, so I didn't think it had much to do with me. I thought

that as long as I was not outwardly rebelling or expressing hostility toward God and in the church life and service, I was not in rebellion. However, I was reading the book of Samuel during my Bible reading and was shocked by the presence of Saul. Seemingly humble and humbled and for God, but in various behaviors he was exposed as being for his own kingdom. I was impressed that when it is not absolutely for God, whatever it is, it is rebellion. And I remembered that when I need to take a different direction and in a different way than I had planned in various services, I certainly felt a certain discomfort welling up inside of me. And I recognized that this was the rebellion. Satan laughs when I serve in rebellion. **Oh Lord Jesus! Deal with the rebellion in me!**

Testimony 2 In my previous workplace, the atmosphere was dark and chaotic, with colleagues complaining about and blaming the parent company and other departments for their problems, which were never resolved. At one point, brother Yoriki, who had been the general manager of the department, took on the dual role of head of that department, and the brother indicated to the members of that department, including myself, that we were to obey God's deputy authority, that is, the national laws and regulatory authorities, then the parent company, and then the president and company supervisors. He also encouraged the brothers and sisters working in the company to pray together in the Body, with Christ as the Head. As these became more prevalent, they gradually brought order to the company, which eventually led to a shift to respectful, friendly, and positive communication with other departments and with the parent company. I was also greatly enlightened that I had the element of rebellion within me in all this. Whenever I was instructed or asked to do something by my boss or the parent company, often out of minute concerns, the thoughts such as "I've never done that before and I don't know if we can do it," or "I wonder if this kind of trouble may occur," and I found myself unconsciously uttering, "That's difficult." The brother, who was my superior, fellowshiped with me that I should admit that I was rebelling by not accepting the instructions and looking for "reasons why we can't do it" to protect myself, and I should rather think about how we could do it instead of looking for reasons we cannot. **Oh Lord Jesus, forgive me for being so concerned about the minute points and telling the reasons why we can't do it. I**

accept what I am instructed to do by saying Amen first, then I figure out how to do it. May the Lord heal the rebellious nature in me." By praying in this way time after time, gradually my inner rebellious nature was healed. **Prayer** Lord, conquer me. Never let me win. Defeat me all the time.

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We need to lose all our present soulish enjoyment for the Lord's sake, for the sake of the church, and for the sake of all the saints. If you are willing to lose your soul for the sake of others, those with you will be enlightened, nourished, and filled. This is the way the church is built....There cannot be a proper family life without the losing of the soul. For the sake of the family, you need to lose your enjoyment. Then the Lord Jesus will reward you in a positive way when He causes a transfiguration to take place in your family. The same is true in the church life. In the church we all need to learn to lose our soul, to lose our soulish enjoyment. By losing our soul, a transfiguration will take place. Then in the Lord's transfiguration we shall be rewarded positively, and the Lord will save our soul.

Application to businesspersons, graduate (PhD) students
Testimony I testify that I am blessed by losing my soul life. I was saved in May of the first year of college and

immediately started attending all the meetings. However, in the first year, I could not function anything in the meeting. In the second year, I was suddenly revived because of the Lord's mercy and began to preach the gospel enthusiastically and function in the meeting. At that time, after Brother Boki gave a message at a meeting, there was always about a minute of silence, after which some people gradually shared. I could not stand that stagnant atmosphere. At the time, I opened myself to the Lord and spoke honestly and personally about all kinds of things. I was not sure if the Lord was listening when a new one like me prayed, but I was speaking to Him. As I later realized clearly, the Lord was very pleased to hear these prayers. I spoke to myself and to the Lord, "Lord, I must have a breakthrough in this situation for sure, or else the meeting will not be lively. Also, I feel too sorry for the brother who prepared and fellowshiped. After the brother has fellowshiped, I exercise the spirit to speak without pause and strengthen his fellowship. Then other brothers and sisters can follow to share. Since I am young, I may be embarrassed to share right away because I can't get to the point, but I will do my best to do this for the meeting." I did this faithfully for over two and a half years. Through this little practice, I learned a little about sacrificing myself for the building of the Body of Christ. Hymn 784 Stanza 2, "Pray to fellowship with Jesus, Fully opened from within, With thy face unveiled, beholding, Single, pure, and genuine. Pray to fellowship with Jesus, In the spirit seek His face; Ask and listen in His presence, Waiting in the secret place."

At the end of my 3rd year of college, when I was 21 years old, I went to Taiwan and made up my mind in my heart that I would serve full-time in the future. However, there was no environmental leading at that time, so I went on to graduate school. At the age of 24, before graduating from the master's program, I heard Brother Lee suddenly say, "Young people should participate in two years of full-time training after college." Hearing this call and remembering my previous consecration, immediately after completing my master's degree I fellowshiped with the responsible one in the church, with the desire to serve full-time. It was the age of "lifetime employment" and there is few mid-career hires at that time, so such a decision would have meant that my future as a pharmacist working for a pharmaceutical company would have to be terminated. Also, since I am the eldest son, I had to be prepared to lose my right to inherit the eldest son's family property (I used to think

that since my parents had little property, I could take care of them, work a cushy job, and live an ordinary life). At the same time, it would be a disappointment to my parents and elder sisters. I was fearful as I considered these things, but I prayed, remembering the consecration of my 3rd year of college and my desire to serve full-time, "Lord, I am afraid of leaving everything behind and serving full time. However, while young brothers and sisters from various churches throughout the earth hear of Your call through Brother Lee, I cannot endure the situation where we Japanese saints are the only ones who are unable to follow. Have mercy on me and help me. I believe that if I take a step forward, even if I fail, many others can follow, using me as a steppingstone (sacrifice). I now return to the consecration and resolution 3 years ago, despite my fears, and I will follow You now, whatever it takes." A year and a half after this prayer, I joined in the two-year full-time training. During the three and a half years, I have had many times of the Lord speaking to me from within and the manifestation of the Lord of Glory. The Lord heard my sacrificial prayer and blessed me.

神戸に在る教会交わりと報告事項

1. 献金の負担:

●三宮集会所のリフォームに100万円、王子公園学生福音センターのエアコン等で41万円を出費しました。

●東京基臨ビルのエアコンの入れ替えの必要のために約2700万円(工事費用約3400万円、補助金約670万円)必要です。神戸からは150万円献金することを決めました。

2. 10月国際長老訓練(現地:ポーランド):

10/4(金)-6(主)

関西から坊木B、笠井B、有澤B、真嶋B、余力Bが参加されます。

ビデオでの参加者は、その次の週の金・土・主日に参加します。

3. 10/13(主)夜~14(月・祝)リジョイスガーデン合宿ブレンディング

4. 12月ビデオ訓練(オンライン):

申し込み締め切りは10/20(主)まで。

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