

STUDENT JOURNEYS

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Little did I know that when I moved from my country of India to France that there was a more important journey I would be taking.

I am from Chennai, India, and received salvation when I was seventeen years old.

My relationship with God in the beginning was overflowing with joy, but it did not continue in the right direction.

Because of improper understanding of scriptures, I was living a life to please God with my own strength and efforts. I failed many times, as I could not stand righteous by my own effort.



When I got married and we had our first child, things became worse as I did not know how to allow God's love to flow through my life. Then, after moving to Paris for my work as an expatriate, I experienced some critical failures. France was so very different than life in India. There were different laws, language, and culture. Just getting a driver's license required so much effort.

All these challenges brought me to the end of my own self-effort, and finally, my self-centeredness and ego were broken.

I can see now that this was a major hindrance to receiving the grace of God in my life, and even though I started growing so much in my understanding of God's grace, the moment I registered to Charis Bible College was another major breakthrough. I was in a great fear to make this big important decision because I was coming to the end of my expatriation contract and would be left with limited financial means if I stayed in France. If I returned to India, the overseas experience on my resume would allow me to provide a luxurious lifestyle for my family.

This huge decision of permanently leaving my native country of India to stay in France or returning to India was troubling me so much.

I listened to Andrew Wommack's teaching, *Believers Authority*, where he taught on James 4:7, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

This brought an amazing personal encounter in my life and made a big U-turn in how I dealt with problems thereafter.

I started rebuking all the fear Satan was bringing and immediately registered for my first online courses at Charis Bible College. God soon confirmed that staying in France was His will and His calling to serve Him.



My favorite Charis course so far is *Basics of Righteousness*, where I realized my identity in Christ. I see my character has strengthened altogether as I dig deeper into the Word and I am totally amazed the way God is using me.

I can confidently say that God is working miraculously on my inside and using this earthen vessel for His ministry and to encourage people.

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." 2 Corinthians 4:7

We have received so many blessings this past year that reassured us of God's purpose for us to stay in France.

- We got a house for rent in the suburbs of Paris in a miraculous way.
- There was a profile change in my job, which was my earnest prayer request to God.
- I received a salary raise and a few other benefits in an unexpected way from my company.
- My sicknesses were healed, and I am living a medicine-free life.
- Our son, Paul Joshua, was born February 25, 2020 in a hospital in Paris. It was a perfect, normal delivery, and he is healthy and whole. Praise God for this new addition to our family!



This has been an amazing journey of transformation from self-effort and failure to living in the grace of God.

I am thankful to God to study in Charis Bible College and for Andrew Wommack, who played a key role in this transformation.



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