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May God be glorified through our instrumentals!

The 21st Anniversary of Nissi Orchestra, the world first orchestra specializing in praises to God



The Nissi Orchestra members say they are the happiest of people because they can deliver performances that show the love of the Lord and hope for New Jerusalem, the most beautiful heavenly dwelling place. 1: 1995 Jubilee Crusade at the 50th Anniversary of Korea's Independence (Yeouido Square) 2: 2003 Dr. Lee's Russia Miracle Festival 3, 4: Manmin Central Church's Anniversary Celebration Performance 5: Nissi 'Happy Concert', a culture sharing event

Nissi Orchestra was founded only for the glory of God, and now it has celebrated its 21st anniversary. On March 1, 1992, Nissi Orchestra was organized after several years of prayer offered up by Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee who knew the heart of God who delights in praises. It now comprises of 74 members including a conductor.

'Nissi' means triumph as written in Exodus 17:15 (KJV). The Nissi Orchestra has made worship services full of the Spirit by showing their inspiring performances with the choirs. They also joined Dr. Lee's overseas ministry for the 2000 Nagoya Miracle Convention in Japan, the 2001 Philippines United Crusade, and the 2003 Russia Miracle Festival.

The Nissi Orchestra has also performed in national events such as the National Annual

Breakfast Prayer Meeting, Goodwill Concerts in foreign embassies, and the opening ceremony of Goodwill Match of 2002 Korea-Japan Joint-hosted World Cup. In a great variety of united events of the Christian world including 1992 World Holy Spirit Explosion Crusade, the orchestra has contributed to evangelization and development of Christian culture with more than 100 performances including many charity concerts held by social organizations. They also deliver the love of God by releasing praise albums at home and abroad.

There is a special reason their performances move the hearts of many people. It is because the members themselves have experienced the love of the Lord and are focused on offering up performances which can please God. Elder Kwanhyung Cho,

who is the conductor, gave glory to God saying, "It is not that the members had sincere faith from the beginning, but while listening to Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons they realized that they have to love God and live in His will. In doing so, they strengthened the base of their faith and experienced greater grace of God. In the end, they have become performers who offer up their hearts in their performances."

Deaconess Jiyoun Lee, President of Nissi Orchestra, has helped the members unite in the love of the Lord. She stated, "The members have been changed by the Word of God. They serve each other with mutual consideration. They rejoice together when something good happens to other members, and they pray together when other members face difficulties.

In all things and all the time, we are united in the love of the Lord." As their spiritual love increased, their performances have moved the church members all the more and their love has also been accepted by God as a beautiful aroma. There are orchestra members who became pastors who are now dedicated to souls' salvation. Many of the other members also experienced the power of God and gave glory to God. By Dr. Lee's prayer, Deaconess Miyoun Ahn (violin) was healed of calcific tendinitis, Sister Minkyung Lee (marimba and percussion), was healed of a cervical cyst, and Deaconess Eunjung Kim (horn), was healed of a fractured toe. Deaconess Jieun Park (double bass) was cured of a urinary stone, and Hyena Jung, daughter of Deaconess Junga Lee (viola), was healed of a

hip abscess. A married couple, Deacon Jaemin Lee (horn) and Deaconess Eunsung Kim (double bass), received the blessing of conception. Nissi Orchestra wishes to give glory to God every time with its best performance. They get recharged by offering up the regular services and praying in Daniel Prayer Meeting. They don't have just regular practices, but also each individual has been endeavoring to improve their skill. They have increased the number of the members to become a large-scale internationally recognized orchestra.

Above all, they want to be an orchestra that proclaims the glory of God to countless souls in the world with the flag of victory in the lead with Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee. We give all thanks and glory to God who has led them in His love.

Goodness (3)

Goodness of Ruth

“But Ruth said, ‘Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me’” (Ruth 1:16-17).

In the Old Testament of the Bible, we can encounter a woman who, through her good heart, led a more blessed life than anybody else though she was faced with a miserable situation. It was Ruth. She lost her husband though young, but she served her mother-in-law heartily and accomplished goodness in fulfilling her duty even in such a hopeless situation.

As a result, Ruth was blessed to be in the genealogy of Jesus as David’s great-grandmother although she was a Gentile woman. What were the goodness and deeds that made her such a blessed woman?

1. Ruth fulfilled her duty until the end

Ruth was a Gentile woman living in Moab. She married an Israelite man who moved to Moab to escape from a severe famine. However, all the men in the family died without any offspring, and there were only Ruth, her mother-in-law, Naomi and her sister-in-law, Orpah left. In that situation, Ruth’s mother-in-law, Naomi, heard that there was an abundant harvest in Bethlehem, so she prepared to return home. Naomi had pity on her daughters-in-law who had to live without hope in a family where there was no longer a man. She advised them to return to their home country.

So, Orpah wept and left her mother-in-law, but Ruth still clung to her until the end. She said, “Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God” (Ruth 1:16).

But if Ruth had a mind to seek her own benefit, what would she have done? She could have just said a couple of times that she wouldn’t leave, but then she too could have left Naomi pretending to be forced by her to leave. But Ruth, who had a good heart, couldn’t leave her mother-in-law who was now also alone. This was because her heart of goodness that wanted to follow her duty didn’t change in any kind of situation until the end.

2. The Goodness of Ruth that was acknowledged by God

1) The heart to sacrifice and follow one’s duty

If Ruth had not followed her mother-in-law but returned to her hometown, she could have met with her family and relatives and gotten re-married. But if she followed her mother-in-law, what would be in the days ahead for her? For her mother-in-law, it was her hometown, but for Ruth, it was a strange place. Their livelihood was not certain there either. Furthermore, since her mother-in-law was old, Ruth had to take the responsibility of making a living. Still, Ruth didn’t calculate what would be better for her, but she boldly chose the way of doing her duty to serve her mother-in-law who would have been alone.

The goodness to do one’s duty works in the same



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

way not only in families, but also in your workplaces. Our members sometimes ask me the following type of question. They ask, “I have been offered a job where I can be paid more, what should I do?” They ask me this question because they want to follow the good will of God before they choose to take what is beneficial for them. If you received great help when you were in difficulties, or if you learned the skills to become a good technician in your current company, you should think what kind of action is truly good. Not to forsake the grace you’ve received is one’s duty and goodness. If you still feel that you should change your workplace, you must not cause any harm to your current company that has given benefit to you. However, if you give up your benefits to follow the way to fulfill your duty by believing in God, God the Father will surely pay you back with better things.

Even within faith we can see those who have a good heart to do their duty grow more quickly in spirit. Those who are good in their hearts are grateful for the grace of the Lord and the love of God who saved them from sins, so they naturally acknowledge that to live according to will of God is their duty. They keep the whole Sabbath, give whole tithe, and practice His commandments. If you have a good heart to do your duty, you will not feel it is a waste to give tithes to God.

If you experience God’s grace through the Holy Spirit, you come to know everything you have is actually from God, and you will not feel burdened about God’s Word that tells you to give one tenth of your income as evidence of showing your faith. So, even new-believers who have good hearts keep the Sabbath and give proper tithes from the beginning stages of their faith.

If we have goodness in following our duty like Ruth, God will let us increase our spiritual faith by experiencing His work in both spirit and body.

2) The heart to follow one’s duty with diligence and truth

The God of love doesn’t delight in something that we

are forced to do. He is pleased with things we do with diligence and truth from freewill and He blesses such people. Ruth went to the land of Judah following her mother-in-law. She never regretted choosing to follow her mother-in-law and served her with an unchanging heart.

When she arrived in Bethlehem of Judah, she immediately had to find something to eat. She had to glean the field for grain that was dropped among the sheaves. Yet, even in that she was happy that she could serve her mother-in-law. After her work of the day she told her mother-in-law what happened during the day in detail. She served her mother-in-law with great faithfulness and love as if she served her own mother.

Naomi also loved Ruth very much with her true heart thinking of her like her own daughter. These deeds of Ruth were known to the people of Bethlehem and she was praised by the people. Eventually, an influential man there named Boaz became the kinsman redeemer and took Ruth as his wife. Ruth received great blessing spiritually and materially (Ruth 2:20; Leviticus 25:25). Ruth gave birth to Boaz’s son, Obed. Obed was the grandfather of David, and through this, Ruth is in the genealogy of Jesus even though she was a Gentile woman.

Those with good hearts do not stop doing good deeds somewhere in the middle. Because it is the pleasing will of God to sacrifice oneself for the benefit of others and to follow the proper way of man, people with good hearts like Ruth do good deeds without change of heart. Doing good deeds unchangingly in any kind of situation is to accomplish the perfect will of God the Father.

How should we act as children of God who know God and the word of truth? We are saved by the grace of the Lord from the way of eternal death and received the promise of eternal life. It is duty of man to pay back the grace he has received. Moreover, the father of our spirit is God, and we are His children. I want you to check whether you have fulfilled your duty as God’s children by doing what pleases Him.

Especially those of you who confess to offer their lives to the Lord with thanks for His grace, you should check whether or not your heart has changed somewhere in the middle. I urge you to firmly believe that God the Father will cause everything to turn out for the good and give you the best things. I hope by doing so you will run with thanks and joy always though you are faced with some difficulties (Habakkuk 3:17-19).

Dear brothers and sisters, are you serving your family members and your spiritual family members in church with good hearts as a member of these families? If you are God’s true child, you will follow your duty both in spirit and body with a heart that is unchanging. Therefore, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will completely accomplish goodness in fulfilling you duties like Ruth so that you will receive the grace that God has prepared for those who are good.

The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by

the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.

4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles’ Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.

“[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.”(Acts 17:25)

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”(Acts 4:12)

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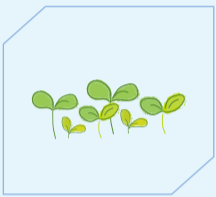
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Steps in developing the 'true trust relationship'

What do you think is important in our Christian life? It is to realize the good will of God and truly believe Him. In this edition, we are going to delve into what is meant by a 'true trust relationship' and develop an understanding of the steps to develop the true trust relationship with God.

Step 1 _ "It could never be the case."



When someone speaks ill of one whom you trust, you might strongly say, "That could never be the case. He is not such a person. There must be a misunderstanding." Do you think it shows complete trust? To men, it seems like trust. But God, who sees men's inner hearts, doesn't acknowledge it as trust. This is because of the strong negative connotation in the expression, 'What if?'

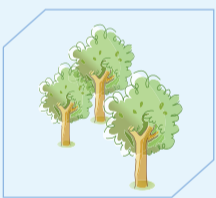
If others talk ill of them repeatedly most people become interested in the negative things spoken about people, even those whom they trust. But if you really trust them, you must not listen to the words and you must not even have such a thought as, 'That could never be the case.'

Step 2 _ "Even if He does not..."



Daniel chapter 3 records about Daniel's three friends' reliability in God. King Nebuchadnezzar commanded them to worship the golden image that he had set up and he said, "Whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire." But Daniel's three friends didn't worship it and said that God could deliver them from the furnace and even if He didn't they would not serve his gods. They 'unchangingly and unconditionally' trusted and served God even before death. "It could never be the case" could be regarded 'conditional trust.' "Even if He does not" can be said to be 'unconditional trust.' If we establish a true trust relationship we can achieve the heart of unworthy slaves recorded in Luke 17. Even if their master asked them to serve more without saying, 'Good job' after they came back from work, they might have obeyed and said that they had done only what they were supposed to have done. If we have trust like that of unworthy slaves, we also can have such a humble heart.

Step 3 _ "There must be good will in it."



Can you believe there is the good will of God in any situation that goes beyond your limitation of understanding? When we are faced with something that is opposite to our own thought, if we believe there must be God's will that is higher than our thought, it is said to be true trust (Isaiah 55:9). Abraham the forefather of faith obeyed immediately without any thought when God told him to offer up his one and only son, Isaac, who had been given by God as the seed of God's promise. This is because he believed that there must have been something in it that was in God's good will. Even in relations among men, when we believe others thinking there must be a reason and see them with goodness, we can say that we trust them.

Step 4 _ "I got it. He had this kind of heart."



Joseph became the ruler of all Egypt second only to the Pharaoh. Delivering God's good will to his brothers, "Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life" (Genesis 45:5). Joseph was sold by his brothers to Egypt as a slave. When he worked under the bondage, he was falsely accused and was imprisoned. But he realized there that the good will of God who wanted Jacob's descendants to establish a nation as Israelites. So, he could achieve God's providence only with faith and love (Genesis 50:20-21). True trust relations cause us to not just believe there is the good will of God in every situation but also realize and obey it.

Check your reliability in God by comparing with that of the forefathers of faith

◆ Do you believe unchangingly in any kind of situation?

When David the King was in trial, it seemed like he was forsaken by God and there would be no era of David as king. If his three mighty men had accepted the situation as it had appeared, they might have betrayed David. But they trusted David and followed him when he was faced with miserable situations and even in the threat of death. On the opposite side we have those who see reality and seek their own benefits. Eventually they end up not in trust, but in betrayal. Then, what was the faith of Apostle Paul like? He believed God would perform extraordinary things and God would receive glory through him. He praised God even when he was imprisoned and almost beaten to death. He trusted God until the end when he was beheaded. True trust doesn't change, but believes regardless of situation, location, and environment.

◆ Have you met your limit?

If Abraham had said to God, who had told him to offer up his only son, Isaac, as a burnt offering, "I can give my life and all I have to You, but I can't offer up Isaac," he wouldn't have been recognized as the forefather of faith and would not have been called 'the friend of God', either. But Abraham went beyond his limit and gave his only son Isaac, who is the seed of promise, to God as an offering. During Jesus' ministry, many people were faced with their limitations. It happened as recorded in John chapter 6 when Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven." At that time, many of His disciples couldn't gain the spiritual realization of the Word, and they left Him. But the disciples who trusted Jesus, like Peter, said only 'Amen' even when the Jesus' Words or the situation were beyond their limitations. They just followed Him.

◆ Generally, do you show deeds of obedience?

David could defeat the giant, Goliath, because he usually slung stones to protect his flock and he also trusted God. In other words, since he had developed the skill before with trust in God, he could defeat Goliath. If you don't show any kind of deeds of faith thinking 'I received prayer, so it should be done', it can't be complete obedience.

Peter's walking on the sea for a while was also made possible because he had usually obeyed the Word of Jesus. Although it went far beyond his ability, he could make steps on the water of the sea without thought while relying on the Word because he trusted Jesus. In the same manner, God works on us after seeing our usual deeds of obedience. Only when we willingly obey what is beyond our own ability can it be recognized as true trust.

From early childhood, I had only one single goal. From the time I was 7, my parents had me learn a board game called 'Go' (also called Baduk, which is an East Asian board game played between two players). It was for my emotional stability and improving my concentration. When I was a second grader, I won the first place in the Boongbae Lee's Go Championships. Since then, I have wanted to become a professional Go player. But I had to quit after my father passed away when I was a 4th grader because my family couldn't afford the Go classes that cost six hundred thousand won—around 600 US dollars every month. Gratefully, I could attend another Go school near my house for free because they recognized my skill. During my years of middle and high school, I still could study the game of Go thanks to my schools' special consideration. But I had to study it by myself using online websites, so it was not until I turned 18 that I gained the skills to become a Go professional.

In most of competitions, I stayed a top ranking player. However, I failed every time in the contest that chooses professionals. This was because I couldn't show my skill due to extreme tension. Statistically, there are more cases where the older person loses in the final round, so I felt more pressure as years went by.

In March 2010, after failing again to become a professional, I thought about giving up my dream. On April 17, 2010, I visited Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee who knew my situation including my Christian life. At that time, he supported me financially so I could focus on studying the game of Go. He said to me, "It is ok even if you are not to become a

Becoming a professional Go player, the fruit borne through the love of God



Brother Hoseung Lee and his mother

Brother Hoseung Lee (3rd Mission of Young Adults' United Mission)

Go professional, but please, concentrate only on studying Go without seeking the worldly things or the opposite sex."

I got myself together and went to famous Go houses. I improved my skill there competing with professionals. In October, 2010, I was finally ranked as the top amateur player. In 2011, I studied Go in the Go house from 9 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. To enhance my physical stamina and mental ability I ran 6km from 11 A.M. to 12 A.M. I thought I would surely be a professional in the contest that would be held in August 2010. But I failed again.

I started to look back upon myself praying to God. A lot of things came to my mind: I had skipped prayer saying I was tired; I had even been arrogant over my title as the 'top amateur player'; I hadn't kept the promise with the Senior

Pastor in my heart and I hadn't been focused on my studying. I repented to God with tears and I told my faults, with regret and embarrassment, to Dr. Lee who had helped me study.

At that time, I deeply realized how important the spiritual growth is and came to lead a renewed Christian life. Afterwards, my attitude to offer up service and prayer was changed. I tried to watch over my heart and live according to the Word of God.

In January, 2012, Senior Pastor Dr. Lee asked me, "Do you have discomfort?" I said no, but the grace of repentance came upon me while praying. I realized that I had discomfort toward my father thinking I couldn't study the game of Go after he passed away. I also had such a heart towards God. And I realized that the reason I couldn't become a

professional is the love of God who wanted me to possess firm faith and led me to Heaven.

God led me to a true blessing that prospered my soul, not to become a professional. Because I realized the love of God and studied the game of Go, I could be focused on things God is pleased with and I felt peaceful and happiness. In April, 2012, I won in the ninth Tongyang Investment Bank Online Go Game Championship.

In January, 2013, I played the 132nd Go Professional Joining Competition to acquire a professional diploma in the Korea Baduk Association. I would be able to become a Go professional only when I had won eight out of ten games, but I won in the two games and lost in the two games in the beginning. I had to win in the remaining consecutive six games. If it were the game that had been held before, I would have felt disheartened and given up because of extreme nervousness. But I rather prayed, "God! Thank You. Senior Pastor prayed for me and said that I could become a professional and I wanted to give joy to him. Thank You again because even if I can't be a professional player this time, I will be the one next time."

From the 5th game after the prayer, I could see the opponent's nervousness rather than me feeling nervous. I then became bold. From that game, I achieved the 6 consecutive victories and finally became a Go professional with the total score of 8 wins and 2 losses. Hallelujah!

I want to give glory to God with good scores and please God by achieving the good and beautiful heart of the Lord. I give all thanks and glory to God who has led me to a blessed way both in spirit and body.



"The handkerchief of power and Muan Sweet Water contain mighty power!"

In early January 2013, I brought my mother Pat to Israel. She was 88 and lived in USA. I wanted to take care of her because she had been suffering from severe bladder cramps for the previous six months and having a hard time of it. I was told that because she was quite old there was no treatment for my mother even in the urological department of the best hospital in Texas.

Due to serious bladder cramps, she had to go to bathroom every two minutes. She couldn't sleep well. Then, I was reminded of the powerful works that unfolded in Dr. Jaerock Lee's 2009 Israel United Crusade in

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International Convention Center, Jerusalem; the handkerchief of power on which he had prayed (Acts 19:11-12); and Muan Sweet Water that I brought from Korea (Ref: Muan Sweet Water is the sweet drinkable water that had been changed from the salty sea water by Dr. Lee's prayer and it contains the power of God).

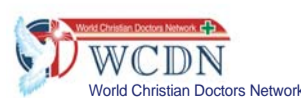
I let her spray the water on herself and prayed for her with the handkerchief on her with faith. Afterwards, an amazing miracle happened. The severe symptom of bladder cramping was gone! My mother now can sleep very well just like a new-born baby. Hallelujah!



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