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Because I was born into a Christian family, I went to church ever since I was born; I went through Sunday school, learnt all the Bible stories and memory verses, and I even remember making a commitment to follow Jesus when I was about 6. I never really had a problem believing in God, but I never really had a pivotal moment in life where God suddenly turned my life around or changed my life forever. So in a way, my testimony isn't all that exciting, but rather looking back at my life I can see God's guiding hands through my entire life.

When I was around 10-12 or so, I decided to read the entire Old Testament for, as I thought back then, no logical reason at the time; no one asked me or encouraged me to, I just decided to do so. Looking back I really believe that it was Holy Spirit was encouraging me to understand and explore the word of God.

This trend continued to my teenage years, wherein I had started to notice that some people around my age had become different and much stronger in their faith in God. They seemed to have such passion for Jesus that distinguished them from other people around my age. This sparked a certain curiosity in me which caused me to want to be like these people and become closer to God. I believe God had placed many positive influences to inspire me to seek out more about Him.

When I was about 15, Uncle Vincent, our youth pastor/leader of TA asked me to attend a leaders meeting for potential small group leaders. Although I had no idea what I was doing there, I felt compelled to attend, and around a year later I started to help out in TA's small groups as a co-leader. This really helped me grow as a follower of Jesus, and I am thankful to God for the opportunity to help serve, even now, as a leader.

A few years later, there was a need for more teachers to teach Sunday school. Even though I didn't have much experience in teaching children, I really liked children and I once again felt compelled to volunteer. The interesting part of this story is that **I never really thought I liked working with children until I somewhat randomly ended up doing work experience at a childcare centre in year 10.**

**This, along with the opportunity to serve in children's ministry, really showed me how God was looking out for me and helping open doors for me.**

**Some people may think all these events are all coincidences, or that I am criminally insane, but I think that it was God and the Holy Spirit guiding and watching over for all my life.** God has given me many opportunities to love and serve Him, and proclaiming my faith in front of my friends and family is but another opportunity He has given me.