

Hello brothers and sisters,

My name is Lin and I am from the young adults group, Caleb 3A

Today I'd like to testify about God's grace and goodness in my life. This year, I embarked on my Chartered Accountants studies, and I approached it with high expectations and anxiety as I'd be balancing work with studies. I was always cranky and anxious on the weekend before my classes, and on the day itself, I would be stressed all day at work, because class included a quiz, and class participation earned marks too, which meant I had to speak up in class and fight to answer questions, which I really didn't like. Preparing for the exams were stressful too, and I remember bringing brought to tears in fear that I may fail my exams. My group mates were from big accounting firms and they had in-house training before each class, and were given answers to the discussion questions and also mock exam papers, extra notes etc. I felt really disadvantaged and was afraid I would not have enough material to prepare for my exam. Thru my anguish, I prayed to God for peace and confidence. One night, I read a passage in 1 Samuel 14:6-14 where Jonathan and his armor-bearer attacked the huge Philistine army. Despite just being the 2 of them, they trusted God knowing that the size of the enemy army would not restrict God's ability to help them. I read the commentary of the passage in my Life application bible and it said,

“Have you ever felt surrounded by the enemy or faced overwhelming odds? God is never intimidated by the size of the enemy or the complexity of a problem. With him, there are always enough resources to resist the pressures and win the battle. If God has called you to action, then bravely commit what resources you have to God, and rely upon him to lead you to victory”

I was greatly encouraged by what I read, I felt a sense of assurance from God, like he understood fully what I was going thru. I understood that I could use whatever resources that I had, the notes given by the Institute and the accounting standards, and still be adequately equipped for my exam, confident that if I committed my studies to God, that he would see me through them.

Eventually, the resources that my other group mates had really helped us in our group projects, which helped me pass the non-exam sections of the modules. Thank God that some were unselfish and freely emailed me mock exam papers which further eased my stress.

I have since passed 2 exams this year, to God's glory. Thank God for my sister, shepherd, and many friends who have supported me through their prayers. I have slowly gained the confidence to speak up in class and I thank God that despite my slowness to trust Him, he has delivered me again and again.

Praise be to God, thank you.

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