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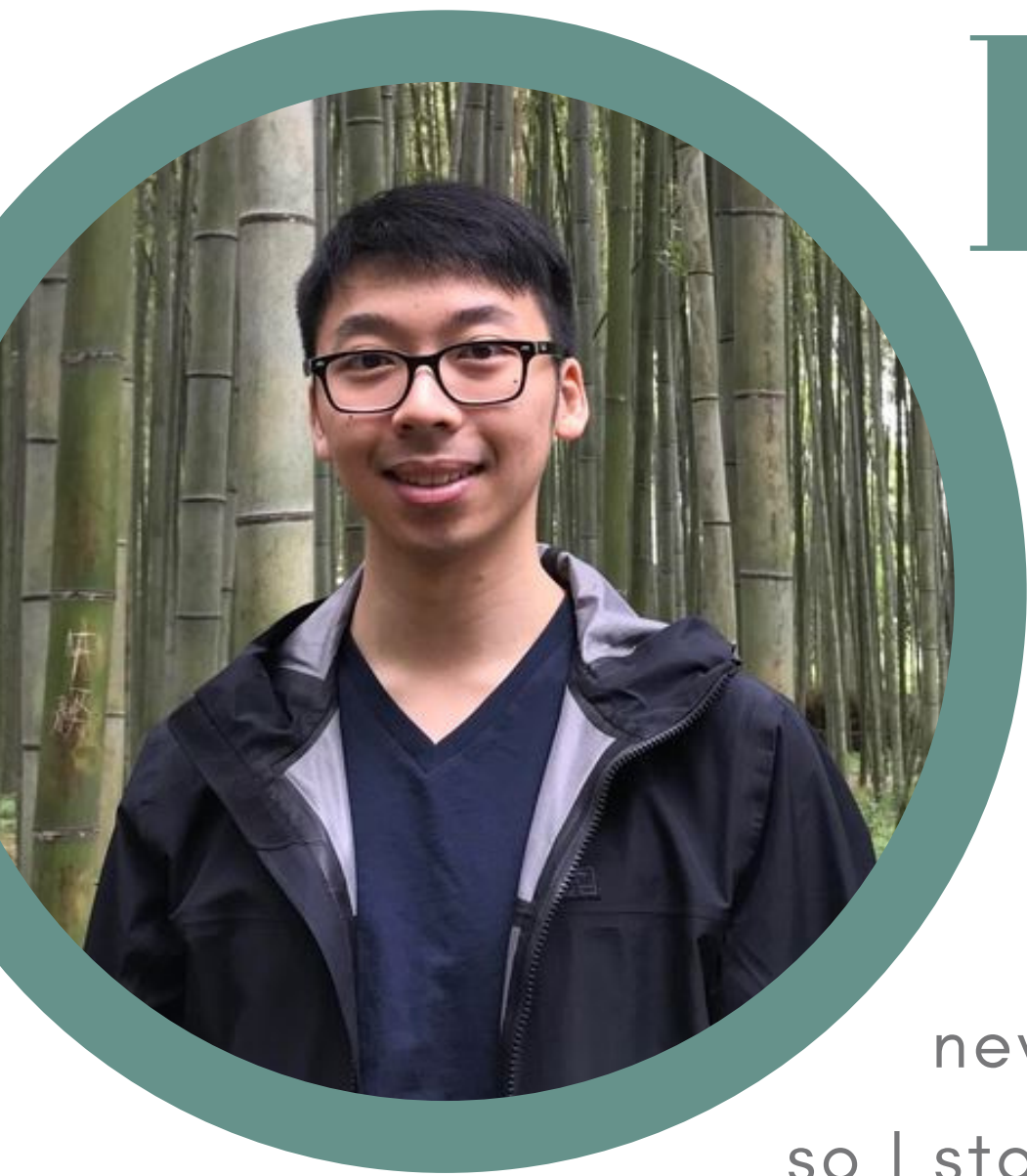


Hillary Ko

I've always rejected the idea of God being real. I was stubborn and prideful. But in 2018, my family broke apart and my identity was shattered. I wanted God to fix my problems and my family, but I didn't actually want to know Him. I was set on doing things my way but I couldn't understand why none of the worldly values I chased felt right. It wasn't until I was completely broken after an abusive relationship that I decided to search for God. The truth I found in the bible is what convinced me that Jesus is the answer. When He started changing me personally, I couldn't deny Him anymore. He softened my heart and showed me a different way. Jesus saved my soul and I have new life because of Him.



Ryan Wong



As a child, I grew up in a Christian household. However, I never really liked going to church so I stopped going altogether once I started high school. During my time in university, I didn't think much about my faith and Christianity at all.

It was during the pandemic that I came to know Fraser Lands Church which led me to rediscover my faith and belief in God. I prayed to God and asked Him to reveal Himself to me. With what I can only describe as God's guiding hand, I was thrown into a deeply close and personal experience with God. I began to experience God's presence through the people around me. I spent hours talking to family and the church community about faith in Jesus. I eventually had the courage to attend a church service for the first time in over a decade. I even found myself joining a small group and really enjoying the community. In a barrage of successive events that led me to experience God's presence in my life, I couldn't simply write off those events as coincidences. I felt like God was saying, "Here I am."



Membership Transfers

Sadie Au

I was born into a loving Christian family, and accepted Jesus into my heart at a young age. The early years of my life were simple and full of God's blessings. During my childhood, I never really felt a need for God, though I still accepted His existence. However, over the years, I've experienced situations in my family, career and church that have made me realize that I'm not in control. Time and time again, God has shown me that He is faithful, a giver of good gifts, and full of grace - one who is worthy of my trust and devotion. Knowing what God's done for me on the cross and in my life, I'm continually challenged to be humbled in my shortcomings, reassured in His grace, and motivated to forgive, love and serve others.



Estefani Maique



In 2010 I finished my university in Brazil. I got a job and started to save money. I moved to Toronto in 2013 and in 2017 I started to attend C3 Toronto Church. Since then, I started a process of growing my relationship with God. I felt a strong calling to start the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology program from C3 College. Since then, I started to serve in many areas of the church. I felt very fulfilled in my spiritual life. Since the pandemic started I decided to move out of Toronto. In October 2021, I felt the necessity to move out of Toronto. I felt very unsafe at work and the area in the city I was living in. I started to send my resumes. In December God blessed me with the opportunity to move to Vancouver which was my original plan. I never imagined it would happen so quickly. From now on I want to serve at church and help people to connect with God.

Membership Transfer

Jon Wang

I grew up going to church with my mom and my three sisters, but never really put a lot of thought into what it all meant. I grew up going to Sunday school, learning about the bible, got baptized when I was 12, and eventually started serving in the Friday night youth fellowship when I was a teenager. I continued serving extensively into my adulthood and while I attended university.

Life became increasingly difficult for me, and eventually I started to question a lot of what I believed, and who God was. I was in charge of AV one morning for our English congregation, and I was at my peak of resenting service and hating the idea of being at church serving a God that was never present. During the worship, God kicked down the doors of my heart and made it clear He was there.

After that day, I knew that God was real, and He had met me where I was. Since then, I've devoted my life and my ability to doing what God would ask of me, and He has been faithful every step of the way.





Nicole Wong

I was born into a Christian family so I came to know Jesus when I was small. But it wasn't very real to me until I re-dedicated my life to God and learned about Him more personally afterwards. He has changed me from living a self-centered and self-sufficient life, to relying on Him and following His guidance. He has shown me His unconditional love and acceptance, and has given me a new identity as His own child and a new purpose in life to serve God and others. Through sufferings and challenges, I have experienced His presence, peace and faithfulness. He has been always here with me and patiently guiding me along the way, helping me to grow in Him and develop an intimate relationship with Him. The journey ahead may not be easy, but I know He will never leave me nor forsake me. I believe He has the best plan for me, and He has prepared a lot more for me to experience with Him.

Karlene Yeung

My parents raised my two older sisters and I in a Christian household, where prayer, behaving well, and going to church was important. I didn't understand the idea of a personal relationship with God, so Christianity was a routine that we had to do to be a good person and go to heaven. As routine-like it felt, Christianity would remind me that I am loved, that even when people I wanted to like me might not like me, I was reminded that I was still treasured in God's eyes. My foundation in knowing of God's love helped a lot when I faced hardships related to friends, self-esteem and loneliness. Once I reached my late high school/early college years, I learned to talk to God more honestly and have a more personal relationship with Him. Just after graduating High School, I decided to get baptized under Village Church.



I was confident that dental hygiene was where God was calling me towards because of my dexterity skills and my family's support. I worked hard to get accepted into the dental hygiene program. Meanwhile, I grew quickly in my faith, and I read Christian books that inspired me in ways that changed my relationships around me and taught me how to love others better.

Andi Zhang

Before I knew Jesus, I was saved by my own works. Going to church, knowing what to say, and believing the right things was going to bring me into heaven. It took a dramatic slap in the face for God to bring me into His fold.

One YouTube video about lukewarm Christianity, one slow transformation of the mind, one year of COVID spent apart from the Body of Christ, one steadfast apostasy, one kicking out of the house, one sleepless night, one late night vision later, and I knew that I had been adopted by a loving Father. Somebody who I thought I knew, but didn't, and somebody who knew me throughout this entire process.

I had stumbled across an offer, an invitation to go on a journey. To set sail, into the great unknown, with nothing but the wind inside my sails guiding me. What I will see, what I will experience, and hear on the way I do not know. But the future is bright. And the destination, joyous hope.

