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From the Pastor's Desk: Pastor Jeanie Auyeung

"God's Traffic Light"

There are several hard to forget moments in my life, which I call them the "traffic lights" given to me by God.

When I was in Saskatchewan in 1988, on a midsummer night, the temperature in Saskatchewan that year was 40 degrees! I was sleeping in a very hot room, even the electric fan was blowing "hot air", and I really felt that I could hardly bear the heat. When I couldn't sleep, a question suddenly appeared in my heart: When you just set foot in Canada a few months ago, you followed your classmates to a church in Calgary to attend worship and adult Sunday school classes, the pastor of that church invited me to serve there after graduating seminary, but after prayers, God showed me a red light instead of a green light, so I declined their invitation. Now, you also declined the invitation of the Saskatoon Church because it was not God's leading. I asked myself: "Why did you close the door when the road is opened? How do you go ahead?" Suddenly, my heart sank! God's comfort came immediately: Peter sank because of the strong wind and waves. The Lord said: "Don't worry, it's me, I am here!" Why lack of faith? I immediately opened the Bible to read. Yes, the Lord will go with me all the way, He will lead me!

During the two years of serving as a pastor on a voluntary basis at the Saskatoon Church, God provided everything needed, and I lacked nothing. God has proven to me He is faithful. God also used a hymn: "God, you are in control" to speak to me: "God you are in charge, in time and space, and everything is in your hand!" I continued in singing and submitted myself to God: "God, my life is in your hand, God, I know You will prepare for me, no matter gain or loss, I just want you to guide me!"

Two years later, just as I was about to leave Saskatoon Church and return to Prairie Bible Seminary to continue studies, several churches sent me invitations. I prayed but God's leading for all the invitations were red lights instead of green. Not long after I returned to my study, I received a phone call from RCAC inviting me to serve at their church, but I turned it down at first, because God gave me the green light to continue my study. There is no shadow of changing in Him. Later, the church called me again, saying that I would not come to serve until I graduated, so I prayed seriously for this. Finally, after much prayer, I saw the green light that God would allow me, and so I accepted the invitation then. Times flies, it has been so many years since I am learning to serve God in this church!

To recall the Bible verse of God's calling in my life: "I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision." God's calling is still clear in my heart. God did not give me the blueprint for my whole life, but He always leads me step by step. As the hymn says:

"Then trust in God through all thy days;
Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand;
Though dark thy way, still sing and praise,
Sometime, sometime, we'll understand"

This is what I have learned from my walk with God these past years: just rely on the Lord the rest of my life, the Lord is always faithful. Although there are many things that are still unclear, I can be at ease. Even if I cannot understand everything in this life, I will wait until the day I stand in front of God's throne, then all things will be clear.

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「神的紅綠燈」
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在我的人生中有幾個深刻的情景，我稱之為神給我指示的「紅綠燈」。

88年我在沙省的日子，一個仲夏之夜，那年沙省的氣溫是零上四十度。我處身於酷熱的室溫中，電風扇吹送過來的是陣陣的“熱風”，真是感到“熱力是沒法躲”。

在不能成眠之際，心中忽然湧現出一個問號：當你在數月前剛剛踏足加國時，跟著同學去卡加里一間教會參加崇拜及成人主日學班後，那間教會的牧師邀請我，將來在神學院畢業後到他們教會事奉，但經禱告後，神給我亮起的是紅燈而不是綠燈，我便推辭了他們的邀請。其後，因著禱告清楚得知不是神的帶領，我也推辭了沙城教會的邀請。在想起此事時，心中自問：「有門有路開啟了，為何推掉？前路怎樣走？」頓覺內心立時往下沉！此時，神的安慰馬上來了：彼得因看見風浪甚大，沉了下去。主說：「放心是我，我在這裡！」為什麼小信？我馬上翻開聖經去看。是的，前路有主同往，主必帶領！

在沙城教會當義務傳道兩年的日子，神供應一切所需，我一無所缺。神也藉著一首詩歌：“神你在掌管”向我說話：「神你在掌管，時間萬有空間，在你的手裡一切定有時！」我接著歌詞唱下去，向神立志：「神！我的一生，神！你定有預備，莫計得失只想你來導引！」

兩年的日子過去，正當我準備離開沙城教會回到草原神學院繼續上課時，好幾間教會向我發出邀請。我經禱告，神的指示通通也是紅燈而不是綠燈。回到神學院不久，接到列治文華人宣道會來電邀請我到來事奉，我起初推卻，因神給我回校繼續上課的是綠燈，神不會是而又非的。其後教會再來電，說要等我畢業後才過來事奉，於是我認真為此事禱告。至

終，經過多翻禱告，清楚看到神給我亮起綠燈時，我答應到來。在本會學習事奉至今，一晃不覺就是那麼多年了！

回想在蒙神呼召之初時那節金句：「我沒有違背那從天上來的異象。」仍然清晰在心中。神沒有將整生的藍圖給我，但祂總是每步帶領。正如詩歌所言：「一生一世只管靠主，不用懼怕，主無錯誤。雖有多事還不甚明，可以安心，後必知清。我們一生是在主手中，只要跟隨主的帶領，必不會錯，凡事有祂的美意在其中。許多事情，即使今生不明白，將來在主寶座前，一切必知清！