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五月是一個畢業的季節，而今年思道華人教會的畢業生和準畢業生尤其的多。

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畢業是一個階段的結束，更是另一個階段的開始。劉銘輝牧師則認為準備畢業是一段經歷神最好的時候。畢業生在憧憬未來的同時也因為各樣的挑戰而擔心和緊張，而面對這些興奮和壓力最好的方式就是依靠神。在那樣一段數算恩典、尋求旨意、祈禱交託的日子中不但使畢業生反思過去幾年的生活，更是開始慢慢認識到神在每個人生命中有一個榮耀的呼召。整個教會亦在陪伴他們面對一切的時候經歷了神的信實和供應。



FOR I KNOW THE  
plans I have for you  
DECLARES THE LORD  
plans to prosper you  
AND NOT TO HARM YOU  
PLANS TO GIVE YOU  
hope and a future  
JEREMIAH 29:11



Abby & Ruth  
05/07/17

禱告中的碧捷姊妹



清揚勝禹一家



清揚勝禹一家、碧捷姊妹離開前的最後一個主日，攝於 05/28/17

願我們繼續用禱告托住我們的畢業生。求神帶領保守清揚勝禹一家四口在上海的新生活；也求神幫助看顧慧慧一家搬遷至 New Haven 的過程；同時求神賜下智慧和正直的心給正在實習的張珏、即將工作的 Ruth、繼續讀書的 Abby；更是求神將平安、喜樂充滿所有正在尋求祂旨意的人。最後，也把因為轉學去 Cornell 要離開我們的郝碧捷姊妹交在神的手中，求神加添更多的信心和力量及她！

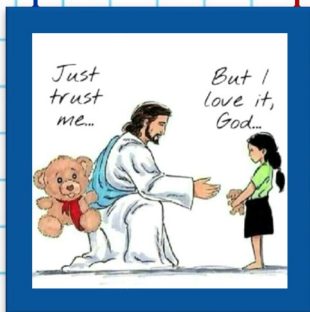
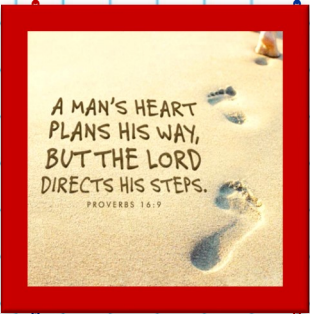
雖然我們捨不得所有要離開我們的弟兄姊妹們，但我們向神獻上感恩！感謝神帶領他們來到思道華人教會，並在此留下獨一無二、不可取替的印記。他們靈命的成長、面對課業研究的認真努力使我們感動。相信看顧麻雀的恩主已經為他們預備了最美好的道路。無論他們去到世界的哪一個角落，神的恩典都會在那裡。願他們善用恩賜，為神獻上最好！



# 慧慧姊妹的分享

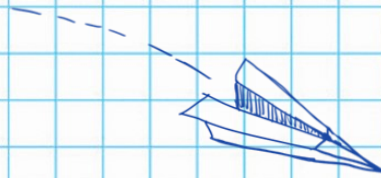


親愛的弟兄姐妹，我在此要分享的話題是關於畢業和找工作的。原本的想法是想給大家分享在找工作的過程當中所經歷的考驗和恩典，然后再跟大家分享找到工作的喜悅。就在我落筆去準備這份分享的時候，我卻改變了心意。我真心地感謝神的豐富供應和對我前路所作的超出我想象的美好安排。可是，我卻很想反問現在的我自己，我信上帝是為了什麼？是為了讓他幫助我得到我想要的嗎？如果得不到，我會因為不如意的結果而動搖對主的信心嗎？當我思考這兩個問題的時候，我決定做一個非常簡短的見証和分享：我想說，不是主幫我得到了我想要得到的，而是，我終於全然地放下了自己所有的擔憂、顧慮和計劃，靜下心來，聽到了主的聲音，最終找到了主為我預備的那條路。所以，不是主成就了我的道路，而是我滿懷信心和喜樂的走在神為我預備的道路上。祝福各位弟兄姐妹，早日找到神為你預備的那條對你來說一定是最好的道路。



感謝讚美主！

阿門！



慧慧姊妹在青年團契分享她找工作的見證經歷



## Ruth: Graduating from College

Growing up, I always felt frustrated when people called Christians stupid or uneducated because they assumed that all Christians were close-minded bigots. As a result, throughout my high school and college years, I strived to attain the perfect GPA and the perfect resumé to show that Christians could be just as intelligent and accomplished, determined to bring glory to God's name through my hard work. Unfortunately, over time, I lost sight of my original goal and began to struggle through many sleepless nights and countless experiences with test anxiety as I started to rely on my own abilities, which not only drained me of energy but also started causing me to be prideful and boastful of the things that I recognized as my own accomplishments. Equally as concerning was the





fact that I had begun to find my identity in being a model student rather than in my status as a precious child of God.



Aiming for good grades is not a bad thing; in fact, hard work is important and God calls us to work wholeheartedly as if we were working for Him (Colossians 3:23). However, it becomes a problem when you start to create a god out of your work and when it becomes something that you cannot let go of. In college, I oftentimes felt like I was a slave to my grades. As I unhappily struggled to maintain my GPA, I had to ask myself, "Who is your God?" The first commandment dictates that we should have no other gods before Him. For us as Christians, it is easy to profess God's sovereign-

ty over us and claim that we worship none but Him, but it can be much more difficult to put our words into action. Anything that we place in value above God is a god before Him, whether it be good grades, money, fame, family, etc. Now, none of these things are bad; in fact, all of these are blessings and can be used to further the kingdom of God, but even good things when pursued in excess can lead to what we call idolatry.

With graduation now over, I am determined not to make the same mistake again by placing my work above God. I am becoming increasingly convinced that life as an actuary is not for me, despite the desirable salary and the prestige that comes with the title (especially in Asia). It is beyond terrifying to think about God calling me to a different profession than the one(s) that I have trained for (i.e., actuarial science/music/French), but I am hopeful that God will give me the strength to walk in the path that He wants me to follow. As a natural planner who often lives in the future, I am currently trying to fully embrace Proverbs 19:21 because I am slowly learning that letting God be in absolute control of your life and putting your complete faith in Him and His plans for you is one of the most relieving things that you can do. I invite you all on the same journey, to wholeheartedly put your trust in Him and leave behind all of your insecurities. Worrying will not add a single day to your life and while it may be terrifying to fully surrender control over your life, we are called to have faith that His plans for us are greater than our plans for ourselves (Jeremiah 29:11).

