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Hi everyone my name is Daniel. I am here today to give my testimony speech. This testimony speech may be just a speech lasting only a few minutes, however, what persuaded me to get baptised takes place along a 14 year journey. A journey that began when I was just born to this very moment. A journey where I got to see God act upon my very own life. At some point during these 14 years, I began to see the many big and small ways which God acts in my life. Today, I will share only 2 of these acts with you.

To get started, I want to talk about the church's community. I was very lucky to grow up in a church, as I would constantly be surrounded by people from a variety of backgrounds and ages, each with their own unique personality. While growing up, I took these people for granted, however as I grew older and older and having more and more glimpses into the real world, I came to realise how different the church community is compared to other communities, such as my grade 1 class. I noticed that in the church community, everyone is very nice. If you have something that is troubling you, then you can ask anyone to pray for you, and they will. If you need help on something, people will always offer their help. Now why could this be? Obviously, the love of God had inspired these people to spread the love to others. All these people believe in God and have seen how benevolent, generous, and loving God is. If God did not exist and did not change these people's hearts, then they would not be as benevolent, generous, and loving as they are.

It is not just them who have experienced God, as I also had my prayers answered. One of these times happened a few years ago during church. On that Sunday, we went around asking everyone in the group what they wanted God to help them with. Everyone in the group shared what they wanted and I did not know what to say. In the end, I said that I wanted to get more "A"s in school, as why wouldn't you want more "A"s? Well, when I requested to pray for me to get more "A"s, I only half-heartedly requested it, as I wasn't sure what I wanted, however, after that Sunday, I noticed that I did in fact begin to get more "A"s. Though it felt lucky or a coincidence at first, it became obvious that it was the work of God later on in my life. If it were not for the fact that I had prayed for it and that God had answered my prayer, I would not have received such a change in my grades.

From these two experiences, I have come to recognize that when I let God enter my life, no only will I get better grades but I will also be reborn into a more holy, kind, and loving person just like the people in the church community. I will become a believer of God and join in with the rest of the church community. Thank you for listening to my testimony.