

Love at Ahava Loves – Nemo

“Let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I will lead on slowly, at the pace of the livestock that are ahead of me and at the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir.” (Genesis 33:14)

Contact

2020 is a turning point in my life. During this year I’ve been seeking the path I should take, facing an uncertain future at a major fork in my life. God’s been leading me step by step, at the end of the year bringing me back to China from the US and becoming a part-time seminary student. The Lord used the promise of Genesis 33:14 to reveal to me that He will use His power to set my path step-by-step. His wisdom and truth are one which we cannot measure. During my six years of working in the US, I kept praying and used many ways to search for my God-prepared other half. However, there are almost no brothers-in-Christ around me that’s of similar age. There is a single sister-in-Christ who I knew that used eHarmony to get to know single Christian brothers, however in my heart I don’t have the impulse and peace to use such platforms, as the reliability of such non-Christian platforms may be in doubt.

As I push myself forward according to the Lord’s calling, growing continuously, it seemed He has set up his priority for me: Master, Mission, Mate. He allowed me to step-by-step lean to trust and depend upon him, until I have a willing heart to bit-by-bit place my life wholly in His hands. He next showed me my mission, which is to guide the young using the Bible as the reference to bring them to Christ. This is how I became a seminary student, with the Lord paving the way for me. It is within the Family Ministry group of friends that I learned of sister Joyce’s Ahava Loves platform. At that time, my thoughts are that a dating platform developed with a Christian mindset should be safe and has the Spiritual guidance which I am looking for. In February of 2021 I registered on the Ahava Loves website, filling in my personal information, my witness, and the questionnaire. Thank the Lord that in April my job at Hangzhou appeared and it was Easter when I arrived that I finished filling in my Ahava Loves info. (Mainly uploading my life photo lol). If 2020 was a long journey of waiting, accepting God’s equipping, then in 2021 my Lord step-by-step showed me the opening doors of my life.

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When I saw the recommended listing with two brothers-in-Christ, my spiritual impulse was: I’ve already exposed myself so Lord! Please let the brother you have in mind approach me. I remember on April 7th, because it was my first day at the lab, I

opened the Ahava Love web app and saw Roland's friend invite. When I saw his picture, I didn't feel an immediate pull towards him. (Ha) However I recalled something which a pastor's wife told me: Regardless of whether you're refusing a man or accepting a man, you need to seek God's guidance." And when I opened Roland's profile, I saw he is a seminary student and also serving the student fellowship, plus he's calling is to go back to China; my heart was lifted. Though I haven't met Roland, from reading his profile, it looks as though he's someone who has been deeply changed by his faith; he is someone who is willing to put up everything for the Lord. This wholesome giving-up of oneself I've experienced (Though the Lord hasn't used me full-time yet.); I know that there's much to let go in order to gladly give up oneself to the Lord.

So I got to know Roland. During our first conversation, it took place on the day I first arrived at my workplace. My relationship with him, along with my new job, made my life new. It is later on zoom that we chatted more and got to know each other deeper. I saw how different we are to one another, how this difference made interactions very interesting. I also saw that our spiritual life has much similarity. "Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet?" We've been in fellowship ever since that first meeting. I am grateful for God's grace, during this special time allow Roland and I to fellowship together, to help one another, to encourage one another. Through this my life seems to be a grand adventure for my Lord and I together. A new environment, a new job, and a new relationship. This is all God's blessing and I see that God does indeed prepare our other half; it is with obedience, running the race my Lord has prepared for me, that I meet someone running alongside me so we can run together. The way we met isn't in a physical church, but through the Ahava Loves platform. We are still trying to get to know one another and to seek God's direction for our relationship. I believe my Lord will allow us to proceed at a pace and stride that befits us.