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Hello my name is James Jungho Kim. I graduated from COD with much blessing of God. I am going to take three more classes through summer semester to get my degree. Since there is no commencement after summer semester, I had to join the commencement on last Thursday.

Part 1

God's blessing.

It was all because of God's blessing.

First, I thank to my family. I thank to my mother and father who are supporting me with their unconditional love. I thank to my uncle and his family, David, Joy, Hannah, and Esther. Because my Uncle David and Aunt Joy served God as missionaries at College of Dupage, I came to this Dupage Area. Hannah and Esther were always good sisters and helpful English teacher. They were mean sometime, but it's Ok. I understand.

Second, I thank to all my people in this church beginning from missionary Gideon Ban's family to Mathew Monroe. Missionary Gideon Bahn encouraged me with God's wisdom and his own struggling. Missionary Mary Bahn was the best Korean food cook in the U.S.A. I felt the spirit of serving through her Food. I thank you for Isaac who has been my good brother. Even though he is very young, he encouraged me with his bright smile. I think he is going to be a huge blessing to mankind. I thank you for Sarah and Mathew. They were really sincere to music devotion. They powered my personal worship service with their excellent musical talent. I thank to Nathan who is really bright. His devotion to God and his honest and graceful testimony moved my heart many times. I thank to Michael who played soccer with me even though he did not like to play soccer.

I thank for Jeremy who is a lot like Jesus. He always has been a good shepherd to me since we met on May 2008. He has thought me the Bible every week. He

always gave me a ride when I needed to be arrived this bible house to prepare singsperation for worship service. He was a good music director for special songs. He bought a pizza for our vocal team almost every Friday. He encouraged our team to be real praise servants. I thank to Susanna who is a perfect helper to Jeremy. She was good cook too.

Third, I thank to all my professors at COD. Especially, my accounting professor Jeanie Fork was the best advisor. She always encouraged me when I needed for encouragement. And I can say that because of her warm advice with real care, I decided to be an accountant.

Because of a lot of direct and indirect encouragement of all these people, I could graduate from COD.

Part 2

Energy from God.

Let me introduce my energy from God.

The book of John, chapter 7 verse 24.

“Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.”

Make a Judgment based on the Bible, that Judgment must be right.

When I was a high school student in South Korea, I was an unbeliever who did not know any verse of the Bible. At that time, I made a lot of wrong decisions. For example, I stole my father’s money and I drank a lot with my friend and so on. I was afraid of scary movies, but I could not control myself to prevent from ghost movies. So, I could not sleep at night.

However, after I met Jesus personally, my judgment has begun to change from wrong to right.

One big example, staying in the USA or going back to Korea.

It was my one of the biggest decision in 2008.

Staying meant a struggling because of the huge barrier of English and not enough money.

Going back to South Korea meant a temporary sweetness. Sweet home, sweet university life, and so on.

At that time I prayed a lot for a right judgment and read the bible a lot.

One day, I read the story about Joseph. This story is in the book of Genesis, chapter 36 through 50. In short, Joseph sold by his brothers. So, he became a slave in Egypt and faced a lot of storms. However, Joseph followed God's leading and he became a prime minister in Egypt. In the end, Joseph met his family again and forgave their brothers and became a helper of the poor people. This beautiful story from God is still my power. And this power led me to graduate from COD.

After I read this part in the bible, I decide that I will stay in this nation and become a big helper of this world. Especially, I have a big compassion toward old people and I want to help them through various ways. These ways can be spiritual helps or financial and physical help. As you know well, there are a lot of old people who need Jesus' love. One day, I read the news that an old gentleman committed suicide with his wife who had Alzheimer disease because he did not wanted to be a burden to their children. Beginning from fall, I am stretching out one more step to become a helper. So, please pray for my special mission for old people around the world.

Part 3

Thank God

Most of all, I thank God who is creator of all. Genesis chapter 1 verse 1, in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. If he did not create the heavens and the earth, there were no human also, no my people like Isaac, no COD, no graduation testimony. Every single thing around me was because of God's perfect plan and will.

As you know well, my English is my second language. However, it was not a big problem for God's child. Even though I am just a weak skinny guy, he raised me

on the top of the classes. I thank God who gave me this wonderful opportunity.

Let me finish this testimony with bible verse

Rom. 11:36

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