

What to do in respond to the calling

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For those who are familiar with the public transport system in Hong Kong the phrase ‘Please stand behind the yellow line’ should not be unfamiliar to you. The railway transit company announces this in the PA system reminding passengers to stay away from the moving train. To me, it is more like a command - ‘Let’s step out of the yellow line’ – than a friendly reminder.

I am sure that my life is 100% connected to God. My life is devoted to the eternal Kingdom. Therefore, I willingly accept ‘an order’ given to me from the Heavenly Captain. The Captain’s ‘order’ is not always predictable. Most of the time, if not all, it challenges us to step out of our comfort zone. Nonetheless, I am certain that the Captain’s mind always lies beyond our humanly wisdom and our wildest imagination.

When I look back into my life, I clearly see the will of God is at work. I was an aircraft mechanic. After some time, I went back to college to further my studies and became an Industrial Engineer. In year 2000, I changed my career once again to be a professional Sound Project Engineer, earning a satisfactory amount of money. During the job probation period, God inspired me, through my wife, to commit in serving Him full time as a musician. Our reaction was mixed with excitement and nervousness! We laid this before God through our prayers and continued to seek for His guidance. Shortly after that, I decided to respond in action to what God had asked of me and put my trust in Him alone. I quitted my job right after the completion of my probation period. Amazingly, that company closed down on the day that I quitted my job! God saved me from such situation through His calling upon me! He is faithful and gracious!

God equipped me through different opportunities as a full time professional musician, playing for commercial concerts and for the Hong Kong Disney World. Now, I am a Worship Minister at a church in Hong Kong. This whole process in responding to God’s calling teaches me a lesson of ‘Giving and Taking’. To begin, one has to be clear of what God wants him/her to do. It may happen to give up what one already has and take on a new challenge; to step out of his/her comfort zone and to proceed to where He is leading him/her. My advice is - trust in God and He is able to carry us through.

Throughout these years, God continues to show me that His promises never fail.

Every time when I doubt or lose faith, I recall God's blessings over me. In my serving, I never cease to learn to be humble and be faithful, so as to plant seeds for God and to grow in Him.