

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GODS WORD

The Day Paul Wei Saw Jesus!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: GOD CALLS AND EMPOWERS

BIG IDEA

God can speak to anyone, anywhere in the world. When Jesus called one hungry-hearted man in China, that one 'yes' grew into a church of millions!

THE STORY

Long ago, in the spring of 1917, a man named Paul Wei lived in the big city of Beijing, in China. He was a successful businessman, kind and generous, and he loved God. But deep inside, Paul felt that something was missing. He longed for a closer, deeper experience with God's Holy Spirit.

One quiet afternoon, Paul was all alone in his home, praying. Suddenly, God gave him an amazing vision, like a wonderful dream he could see while wide awake!

In the vision, the Lord Jesus Himself appeared, dressed all in shining white. Jesus personally baptized Paul in water. Then Jesus poured the Holy Spirit upon him, and Paul began to speak in other tongues, just like the believers did in the Bible!

Then Jesus gave Paul a sword and armor, like a brave soldier of God.



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THE STORY CONTINUES

And the Lord gave him a special mission: 'Restore the true apostolic church! Build it according to the pattern in the New Testament.'

This was no quick little dream. The vision lasted a long time and left Paul so amazed and so weak that he had to rest for several days! But when he was strong again, he could not keep quiet. He began to preach everywhere about what Jesus had shown him.

Paul preached the full, wonderful message: repent, be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and receive the Holy Ghost with the sign of speaking in other tongues. He told everyone that there is one true God!

Now, not everyone was happy. Some people thought Paul had lost his mind. His old church told him to leave, and even some of his family turned against him. But Paul would not give up. He had seen the Lord with his own eyes! Soon, others began to have the same wonderful experience, including a friend named Barnabas Zhang who became a mighty helper.

Even when people were unkind and tried to stop them, the message just spread faster and faster! Wherever they preached, people were healed and set free, and the Holy Ghost was poured out. The new church was given a name: the True Jesus Church.

Paul Wei never wanted to be famous. He just obeyed what Jesus had shown him in that vision. By the early 1920s, the True Jesus Church had spread all across China and even into other countries far away!

Today, that church that began with one man's vision in Beijing has grown to millions of members in dozens of nations around the world!



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THE STORY

Paul Wei's story reminds us that God hears hungry hearts everywhere, and He loves to pour out His Spirit on anyone who is willing to receive it.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Paul Wei lived in Beijing, the capital city of China, more than 100 years ago in 1917!
- In his vision, Jesus personally baptized Paul in water and gave him a sword and armor for his mission.
- The vision was so powerful that Paul was left weak and had to rest for several days afterward.
- The church Paul started is called the True Jesus Church, and today it has millions of members in dozens of countries!
- A scholar named Melissa Wei-Tsing Inouye wrote a real history book about this true story called 'China and the True Jesus.'

MEMORY VERSE

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.” Acts 2:17

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What did Paul Wei see in his amazing vision, and what mission did Jesus give him?
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- 2** Some people made fun of Paul and even his family turned against him. Why do you think he kept preaching anyway?

- 3** God spoke to a man far away in China. What does that tell us about how much God loves people all over the world?

- 4** Paul never wanted to be famous, he just wanted to obey Jesus. Why is it good to want to please God more than to be popular?

- 5** Paul had a hungry heart for more of God. What is one way you can grow closer to God this week?

LET'S PRAY

Dear Jesus, thank You that You love people in every country all over the whole world. Give me a hungry heart that always wants more of You. Help me to be brave like Paul Wei and obey You, even if others make fun of me. Fill me with Your Holy Ghost. In Your name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Get out a world map or globe and find China and the city of Beijing where Paul Wei lived! Then put your finger on your own country. Talk about how God loves people everywhere. Draw a picture of Paul's vision of Jesus in shining white, and write Acts 2:17 across the top to remember that God pours out His Spirit on people all over the earth.

