

From Unsaved Youth to Camp Commandant

Serene Ng attended her first Scripture Union Camp as an unsaved youth at the age of 12. At the recent Children's Camp, she was the Camp Commandant. She tells us how her life has come a full circle.



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When I was in primary school, I attended Sunday school regularly but I don't think I really understood the teachings. **My first real encounter with Jesus was at the Scripture Union Youth Camp in 1998.**

At the camp, I was put in a small group with fantastic leaders who took care of me. During the worship, **I felt a sense of peace which I had never experienced before.** I started to cry and the camp nurse, Sister Fong Lin, asked me if I wanted to accept Jesus into my life, to be my friend and comforter forever. I answered "Yes!", and my life was never the same again.


During the next few years, I took baby steps in my Christian faith as my parents did not approve of me attending church. Time and again, I drifted away from God and then came back again. Thanks to Scripture Union and to my church The Salvation Army (Changi Corps), I did not drift away from God completely. **I made it a point to attend the Scripture Union Youth Camp every year, and this really helped me stay connected to God and to His people.**

You could say that I spent my 'growing up' years with the folks in Scripture Union. This helped me to mature spiritually and mentally. Uncle David has played a big part in my life. He is like a father to me, guiding me and praying along with me. His energy and love for God have been a great inspiration!

I was given many opportunities to serve God, even when I felt I was not up to it. After my 'O' levels, I was given the opportunity to serve as an Associate Ministry Assistant with Scripture Union for six months. This was a milestone in my journey. I was a camp leader at Scripture Union's Primary Age Camp, and an SU Trek Leader for various church camps. We would run the children's programme while the adults have their own church camp programme.

I learnt a lot from Scripture Union – Bible teachings, life skills, ministry skills, working attitudes, and interpersonal skills. This is also where I have met and made plenty of good friends.

Just last month, I served as the camp commandant in Scripture Union Primary Age Camp. It really feels like I have come 'full circle'. **Then an unsaved youth, now a camp commandant.** So much has changed over the last 11 years! God has done so much in my life. I have been so blessed.

Because of my own experience, I want very much to impact the lives of the younger ones, who remind me of how I was back in my school days. Besides serving in Scripture Union, I have started to serve in the children's ministry of my church. I love to see the children worshipping and presenting their prayers to Jesus with innocent hearts. Because of what God has done in my life, I want to impact more young lives for Jesus! 

Were you an SU kid? Share your story with us! Tell us about it at admin@su.org.sg.