

# (Yes God is Real) The Japan Businessman

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## Transcript

Welcome, grandkids. Welcome, friends. This is a continuation of the series, Yes, God is Real.

And in the next many testimonies, I will share some miracles that happened in my life. Now, you might say, well, we hear so many false testimonies, so many false miracles. And, beloved, I did run a major corporation during my lifetime.

I did teach business at the University of Toronto, and I became a Christian by the mercies of God. I'm a sinner saved by grace. I can't lie anymore, you see.

I must tell the truth. And so whatever you will hear from me is truth, and it will prove to you that God is real. This is a story about one of my early witnesses, and I could not sleep at night.

I had a picture of a businessman during a dream at night in Japan. We had a joint venture with a major Japanese corporation, and there was a president of a joint venture company. And I saw his picture, and I was to get him a Japanese Bible.

And in prayer in the morning, I was talking with the Lord, and I said, no, Lord, I can't do that. I'm going to lose my job if I give him a Bible. And then the next night, I had the same dream that I must buy a Bible in

the Japanese language for this president of a Japanese company in Japan for my next visit.

And again, I argued, and I said, he might be into Shintoism. He might be into Buddhism. Maybe I have to have respect for him.

But then the thought came, if I have respect for people that are on their way to an eternity without the true living God, what kind of respect is that? And so I was convicted, but yet I still did not want to do it. And then the third night, again, the dream came, and I could no longer sleep. And so finally, I gave up because I couldn't sleep anymore.

And I ordered a Bible in the Japanese language. My secretary wrapped it up. She had bought silk ties and silk socks for the other board members of this major corporation in Japan.

And flying for nine hours from Los Angeles to Tokyo, I was pleading with God. And I said, now, Lord, you have to be reasonable. When I turn over this Bible, which is wrapped up to this major business person, please, please don't let him open up the present.

The others can all open up their present, but please don't let him open up his present in front of everyone. And please let him open it up when he's alone. I arrived at the board meeting in Japan, and I was greeted by all of these board members from major corporations.

And here was the president of the joint venture company. And I presented him with his package, the Bible. Now guess who was the first one to open up his present? And he was the first one to rip up the paper.

And he saw the Bible, and he held it high in the air, which is highly unusual for Japanese businessmen. He held it up high in the air for everyone to see. And he shouted, a Bible, a Bible, a Bible.

All of the other board members said nothing, and we sat down for the board meeting. And then after the board meeting, I said to this joint venture president, I do not have time. I must fly to Australia.

But during the next trip, can we spend some extra time? And so three months later, I came back to Japan, and he met me at the airport, and he picked me up, and we spent time together while driving in a bullet train to Kyoto. And he told me a story. He said, I have a Japanese tea garden in Tokyo.

There is a stone lantern. Now the stone lantern are the height of a man or even higher, and there's an opening for lights. And he said, I have a stone lantern like this in my Japanese garden.

And someday I dropped something near this garden light, and as I looked at the bottom of it, I noticed a tiny little cross etched into this garden lantern. He said, I then went back to check out my forefathers, and I found that in the 16th century, and I was able to go back that far, there were some of my forefathers who had become Christians, but they were killed. They were martyred.

So he didn't understand the Christian faith. He didn't know anything about it. And on another occasion, he went through his garden, he said, and then he pointed with his finger to the sky.

It was a blue sky. It was a sunny day. The sun was shining.

He pointed his finger and he said, now Christian God, if you're real, send me a sign. Send me a sign. And then a few days later, a businessman came from America.

The businessman was me, and I tell you a true story. And that businessman presented him with the proof, a Bible, that there is a Christian God. Yes, God is real.

Yes, you can believe in him. Yes, you can have a new life. Yes, you can make things right through the Lord Jesus Christ, with God the Father.

Start your new life. Yes, God is real. Thank you for watching.

Goodbye for now.

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