Greetings in the luscious name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. This is Rev. Thomas Kempis. Kodavati son of Rev. K. Abraham Lincoln and Mrs. Sujatha Jyothi.

I am very much delighted to share my journey. It was always a sense of ardour when I think of my seminary days spent in Bethel Bible College, Guntur. Briefly to share, I have come from the family who served the Lord selflessly from the past three generations and I stand today in continuity of their legacy. To know the will of God for my calling has been a stupendous act which moulded my perception in my road of journey. Things around me were not so easy. It's been a struggle for a while to cope up with the challenges which I had to balance between the spiritual calling and a worldly living. I am into the world leading way afar from the word, living a mislenious life. As the psalmist cried "My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word." Psalm 119:28 and this perfectly fits my cry towards my struggle. A prayer of repentance and a sincere attention to the word of God led towards knowing the salvific plan of God and his unending grace to save a sinner like me. To have parents who always mourn for their children is the greatest blessing I ever have.

The other area that influenced my life was seminary life (2006-2012). "you are afraid if you are not in harmony with yourself" says Herman Hesse. Bethel Bible College has provoked to see my inner self intellectually, spiritually, theologically. I am greatful to my gurus who was my instrumental, inspiring in many facets of my journey. Jehovah Shalom Church the biggest asset for the students to really train themselves very practically and I should say I am the best profited to learn myself and explore myself in the field of pastrol ministry. I remain gretafull to the directors Rev. Dr. P. N. S. Chandra Bose and Rev. Dr. Leela Bose for their consistent guidance as spiritual Parents, teachers and giving space for my growth in the campus and in the church .

And I believe this institution may grow stronger, Mightier and global equipping with all its potentials to serve better for the future generations. And it's my Prayer that may we see great things witnessing through this institution and may all the one who strive for this be blessed hundred fold. Trusting in his promises for he is absolutely absolute, perfectly perfect and completely complete.

Good wishes Regards

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