



# Stories to dare

Hi, I'll like to share with you my short testimony as a mentee for the past few years.

For some of you who may know, my mentor is Uncle Patrick. Back then when we first met up, I felt awkward because I didn't know what to expect, or what mentoring was all about. I thought that it was a program where perhaps someone senior would train me in the areas of bible study. But what impressed upon my heart was that whenever we met up, the first question that Uncle Pat would ask is "How was your week?" or "How have you been?". Naturally, for the first few meetings, I wasn't that keen at first to share much about my life with someone I didn't really know. But over time, I became more comfortable and confident in opening up and we started meeting consistently before cell started on Sundays.

When we meet, we'll usually keep updated on how we've been doing for the past week, test each other on memory verses before moving on to bible study or quiet time and then ending off with praying for each other.

Of course, the mentoring process is not easy and there are many challenges. For me, one of it was really having to set aside time faithfully to meet up no matter how busy, tired or lazy I may have felt. But what makes mentoring fulfilling or reassuring for me is truly knowing that there is someone who is willing to go the extra mile to invest that same amount of time and energy into guiding me, journeying with me in my spiritual walk. More than just growing in the Word through doing bible studies together, it is this relationship, built over time and interaction that has also molded me towards Christlikeness. This has also inspired me to set aside time to bond with those around me.

I just want to say: Thank you Uncle Pat for all these years and I am blessed having you as my mentor.

For those of you who have yet to explore mentoring or are curious on what it is about, I hope that my sharing has given you a glimpse on what mentoring entails – it is about investing in lives and journeying along with someone in their spiritual walk.



Thank you and God bless.

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