

MY STORY

My name is Telvis Kankam. In late 2008, I had a dream where a man was asking me to work for Him. He continued by saying that if I had worked for Him rather than doing other things, I would not have lost. The dream gave me great cause for concern since it was on the back of a failed entrepreneurial attempts. It was the third time I have had such an encounter. However, having rejected the two previous encounters, I really felt that it was time to respond to these revelations. I had little difficulty making meaning of the dream, after I discussed it with my father who is a senior pastor and one of the early students of Good News Theological Seminary. In the afternoon on the same day of my dream, Rev. Professor Thomas Oduro, whom my father had lost contact with for over 25 years suddenly visited our home. When we realized that he was the head of Good News Theological Seminary, we had little doubt that God was doing something special. Through his guidance and support I enrolled into the seminary as a student.

The four years I spent in the seminary can be described as a period of enlightenment. I carried several assumptions about the Bible and Christianity prior to my seminary experience. However, by the help of the lecturers and the grace of God, those assumptions were dispelled, while we were fed with the truth of the Gospel. In addition, we were made to go through several physical, mental, and spiritual activities that adequately prepared us for the work of ministry. One exciting thing about studying for the degree program especially is the extra biblical courses that are taught in addition to the theological courses. Although it was my desire to serve in the church after my graduation (which I was commissioned to do immediately after seminary), I will want to mention what happened to me outside the church in this brief account. I was approached by some few relatives to manage a newly established telematics business, which I gladly accepted. By the grace of God, the courses I took in management at the seminary and my previous experiences in the corporate world, I performed creditably to the admiration of many. Although it was



not easy to combine ministry and managing a business, I was able to give a good account of my stewardship for more than two years, before I decided to leave the corporate world, to concentrate on my master's program and on my ministry. I am currently a teaching assistant in Good News Theological Seminary, an assistant pastor of an AIC in Ghana, and a master's degree student with Luther Seminary. My study at Luther Seminary is being sponsored by the Good News Theological Seminary, Luther Seminary and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). I will become a full-time lecturer in Systematic Theology after graduating from Luther Seminary later this year.