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My first encounter with BGST was in 1993 while I was still a poor medical student. An older church friend invited and paid for me to attend a course on 'Creation and Evolution' taught by Dr Aw Swee Eng. Although many scientific and technical evidences were presented to show the flaws in the theory of evolution, all I could remember was being awed by the intricacies of creation that the lecturer presented. I took the test at the end of the course and managed a B, which greatly encouraged me. I thus resolved that I would return to take more courses when I was done with university exams.

This eventually became a reality in 2003 when I started on 'The Christian Faith'. It was an eye-opener and extremely interesting. I still cannot recite the differences between Calvinism and Arminianism on request, but at least I know that these views exist and where they can be found in the textbook.

By the grace of God, I managed to graduate with a DipCS despite

numerous late submissions for course assignments. I am far from becoming a theologian and do not think I can ever be one. However, studying at BGST has opened my eyes to issues and concepts that I would otherwise not have known had I not undertaken the discipline of theological studies. It provided me with ample opportunities to clarify and affirm my understanding of who God is and what I believe about Him and His revealed word. This is why I will encourage all believers to undertake theological studies. It should not be viewed as simply a requirement for pastors or church leaders or missionaries.

It has been a challenging journey, the foremost challenge being handing in my course assignments in time and the second being to stay awake at the end of a working day. In all, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Dr. Quek and the faculty of BGST for their understanding and flexibility which is such a great blessing for working adults like me. ■