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and Me

### **An important decision**

There is a saying, "Don't make an important decision when you are hungry," which is meaningful advice. First, when we are hungry, we will definitely have an upset stomach or a sick stomach by eating anything in a hurry. And in that case, emotions are mixed together, and self-judgment is blurred, so there is a high probability of making a wrong decision. It would mean to take more time to eat lightly and avoid hunger, and then review the decision again.

We often see scenes of "Hey, calm down and talk" in our daily lives or on TV. I think it's an example of the same context. Recently, my university had a similar experience, and there was a case of having an employee sent out. This is still ongoing. There are two main problems, and it seems to be a characteristic of not only our staff but also Kenyans here. There are two, one is the concept of time and the other is the habit of not taking receipts when they buy some stationary and stuff for the office. This has fatal consequences for school administration and hurts people.

When I thought about why, I don't think they have been paying attention to timing for a long time because they live a hard life. There is a wall clock at home, but there is no concept of time. After experiencing it a few times, I was nervous, so when I asked if they knew the word "punctual," they didn't know. That's why when they come, they come, and they don't feel any pressure to come late. I think if they tell what time they're going, they can go within that day. But other people seem to accept it. If they make an appointment at 10 o'clock and wait until 11 o'clock, and if I am annoyed, wait. They will come soon. And if they show up around 2 p.m., we will see, there is a lot of work.

It is really not easy for me to work with people like me who are sensitive to time. Eventually, we, the strangers, lose. We have to accept it and accept the culture, or we can go really crazy.

Even if they buy it, they never get receipts to do so, and they don't see why they should get it, which is a long-standing habit. It seems to have been the case since childhood. However, this can be a fatal weakness for the people who support our school, especially the board members of Melvin University, although I understand it. Maybe it's something they do not trust in me or the school staff. Whether these people should be sent out is the current challenge. A difficult decision has arrived for me, who has the idea of going with me forever once they meet.

Rev. Melvin also once said, "People come in and leave," and that was a comfort to me. He seems to have experienced a lot of such cases because he worked for a long time. At the time, I had the idea that the staff of our Institute would not break up and go together forever, so it was difficult to accept that someone would leave. However, over time, I came to think that it was not because they hated our ministry, but that it was right to let go for some personal reason. Rev. Melvin also told me about this case.

In fact, there are people who are overly impulsive in their decisions. People who break up with their daughter-in-law because they did something wrong. In other words, because they are angry, they can make a big mistake in a momentary decision. Some people decide everything only from their own perspective. It's okay to make mistakes in small things, but we shouldn't be so impulsive, like binge-eating because we're hungry for important things. Impulsiveness, judgment, or vision seems to be another thing.