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FATHER'S PRAYER

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Loving Father, as I look back through history and reflect upon the 80's, I stand firmly on this earth as one man who has accomplished things that no one even dreamed of doing. I retrace the past to the year 1976, during which I created a stir that went beyond the village, district, and state level, finally shaking up the whole of America. Heavenly Father, remembering the past that was inevitable in Your dispensation, I am drenched in memories and I am full of deep happiness and gratitude.

People of the secular world cried out for our downfall with accursed words, as if they were singing a song of happiness. But now, before their eyes, the signs are appearing of an approaching fearful age in history when they are forced to hide themselves from what is coming on the horizon. Now, the epoch has come for Unification members in which they who were trampled upon throughout their toilsome history can emerge with the radiance and power of the morning sun that rises in this world of vast wilderness, a world where nothing of value exists. Father! In receiving this age, let many feel to the marrow of their bones how inadequate and unprepared they are. Let them awaken to this realization on their own, step by step, shedding tears of repentance before the entire universe and earth.

Since coming to America, I have already carried the burden for fifteen laborious years. With a pledge before heaven, I had begun the search for the age in which Your agonizing dispensation must be finally consummated. Now, that very age is unfolding before our eyes, pivoting on the year 1988. Half the year has already passed and today is July 8th. This is the date that I promised to go back to Korea. However, due to circumstances, I cannot go back, and instead I came again to Gloucester, a base of fishing industry, a region opposite from the East, and a place where I endured so much persecution with so many tears.

I came here wishing in my mind that God's dispensation may come and unfold in the eastern part of this pitiful country—the areas of Long Island and Cape Cod. I have had such a desire for a day of hope with bright beams of sunlight to reach across from the dawn in Asia and touch these shores. Please bless this coast with the relationship of

heart with which You have loved the East.

But Father! Here we were cursed by many people and all kinds of incidents have taken place. We had to fight, even upon the ocean. On some days, the fishermen cut our anchor lines, broke our fishing rods, and threatened us with their guns pointed at us. Today, all these incidents pass by in my mind like a panorama. Father, I could have hated and resented them had I not known You and upheld Your love. I could have cursed them for the rest of my life, even unto my very last breath. Nevertheless, because I knew and understood You, this unworthy son endured with gratitude until now.

I knew that the destiny of the one who endures and gives thanks unto You does not lead to sadness. Thus, now that I have persevered for forty years and then, for three more years, the world has changed so much in this short time in ways that no one ever dreamed of. We knew clearly the dispensational will and understood that the time period of suffering was limited. I knew that when the time comes, one must represent the age and be prepared to meet it in order to receive the fortune of the time and the will of heaven. I knew the ironclad rule that only those who prepare ahead of time can participate in the preparation period to receive such fortune and heavenly will.

Therefore, all the foundations centering on the True Parents in America were established with pride back then, during times of persecution and suffering—and this gave us happiness. As I reflect back today, I realize that what I desired and fought for, and the reality that I understood while I pursued the way of Your tradition, was the truth, and only that truth could bring substantial results under the cooperation of the universe. Reflecting back upon the result, I ask that You please continue to be with us and intervene, reminding us when our lives are lax and mild.

People from three nations and three generations are gathered here. In this order, centering upon the True Parents, the Cain-type blessed families and even the second generation are participating in this program. Japanese, Koreans, and Westerners are participating together. The first generation was persecuted because they followed Reverend Moon.

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"THE PRESENT OF HOME COMING"

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We know that God cannot live in or with a fallen world. An agnostic who does not know about the fall or whether or not God exists simply cannot understand why the world is as it is. The fact that man fell means the roadway to the perfection of a man was cut off. Mankind who was born out of absolute and eternal God was supposed to have these same properties, but we have not been able to reach that original value. The world also has

lost all its value. No matter how hard any human being has tried, male or female, rich or poor, beautiful or handsome, no one could fulfill his original value.

Hell had to come into existence to accommodate people of low value. Imagine you are a hard-working farmer and your cabbage has been eaten by worms. The cabbage is simply not even presentable, let alone able to be sold. The only thing you can do with it is throw it away in the wastebasket.

What is the original value that God wanted to give every human being? God created man to become mature, to become a



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fruit of true love. Each person is supposed to be a representative of the rest of mankind. As we see, even though he is fallen, man tries to find value by excelling in different ways. But ultimately we were supposed to fulfill God's ideal for a true human being. Suppose you have a choice: You can have a lot of money, power, or knowledge, and you can represent man in these kinds of ways. But if you are given the choice, would you rather have a woman, or would you rather have all these mighty three things? (Woman!)

How about women? Do women love power, knowledge, and money just as much as men? We will even throw beauty in for American women! Would you choose these mighty four, or would you choose an ugly man? (Man!) Then you see that both man and woman find in each other something that has greater value than anything else in the universe. Actually, when you think of it, it is so simple, but no one knows it!

Look at me, for example. The world may think, "Oh, Rev. Moon has a great deal of wealth which he can use for all purposes. He has such power that people will bow to him; and he has superb knowledge which no institution ever teaches." But if I do not have a true woman, the world would be bleak for me. Maybe that's because I am Oriental! If I were a white or black man, would it be different? What is it, then, that both man and woman are struggling to find? True love. This is one way of explaining true love: True love is something which both man and woman can appreciate eternally and cherish the most. Even God, too. Do you want that true love to be changeable or unchangeable? (Unchangeable!) Why? Because God is eternal, meaning that He never changes. Therefore what He cherishes most has to be like Him—unchanging, eternal, and unique in each individual self.

GO TOWARD TRUE LOVE

Then you ask, what is unchanging? As you know, knowledge is always being updated. The value of money changes. And the way that power exists also changes. In this ever-changing world, man is looking for something which is not changing, even though he does not know what it is. A person who does not know God is really very unfortunate, yet everywhere we look, the world is full of these kind of people. We may even tend to be affected by their skepticism and ignorance, but we must resolve ourselves to jump to a much higher realm of understanding—the realm of true love.

Along with true love, we must have the right environment in which to freely propagate and live true love. We must also have science, good political systems, and a good economy, supplying the material things we need. Yet, all the high religions have advised people to stay single; or they encouraged people to forget about the world, their families, their nations, and just pursue a religious goal. Religion wanted to bring man into the place where it thought God would want a man to be. Religion advised man not to get involved in love, teaching that it would be a false love.

Now when I say go to your home town, that means go back to

your original position, which was centered on true love. When we go back to our home, we want to bring true love—a very precious gift which cannot be bought anywhere in the universe. Every person can evaluate themselves by this criteria: Am I going towards true love and living with true love? How much? Then you decide yourself how valuable you are.

Throughout history people have thought and talked about what is good and what is bad, but nobody knew the definite standard. Now we can say that those who are pursuing true love and trying to help other people to maintain that direction as well, are righteous and good. We call those who are going towards the goal of true love a true husband and a true wife. How about True Parents? Same. Then how about God? Until now we cannot call God true God, because if everywhere people are far from true, then how can He be true all by Himself? After the fall of man, God became a sorrowful God—and that is not the original God.

SIX CATEGORIES

What then is true work? Working towards true love. What is true study? Whoever will propagate, broaden, and maintain true love is doing true study. What is a true human life? Actually the way of life of a man who is true includes six categories: getting up and going to bed; meeting and departing; and feeling good and feeling bad. So simple, isn't it? You wake up with a determination to go the true direction towards true love, and you go to bed wishing that as well. You are happy when you are going toward true love, and unhappy when you feel that you should do better in going towards that direction. When you meet somebody, you are very hopeful that together you can go in the direction of true love. When you part from each other, you hope that you will go separately toward the same common goal. Then you are living a true life.

How can this country prosper pursuing free sex and individualism? Don't ever be confused anymore. For what have you been going out and coming home every day? (True love) According to how you lived up to that standard, are you true selves or false selves? Then we can decide the world must be bad because it is not seeking true love. The Moonies are a little better, but there are bad Moonies also. If you are trying to decide whether politicians or politics in a country are good or bad, you can ask: Are they working towards propagating true love? We must remember this simple and universally applicable criteria all our lives.

Those blessed couples who would welcome me into their home at any time, day or night, whether I called before I came or not, raise your hands. What if I came when husband and wife are making love? Is that a wrong time, or would you say, "Father, any time is the right time for you! You are welcome!" If a true man and a true woman are engaged in true love, then nothing is shameful. It's something to boast about and be proud of. All the universe will rejoice! Don't you think even God can see through us, whether we have clothing on or not?

If God wants to see the best of man and woman, and we say

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that's true love, then what is true love and how is it achieved? The more of your body that comes into contact with your spouse, the more beautiful such union becomes. The most ideal union would be when everything is so tight there is no space, like a ball. Sexual intercourse between a true husband and wife is the state of true love. Man and woman are ecstatic. Would God say, "Oh, that is something unclean"? Think about it. This union which is meant to be most valuable and beautiful is now regarded as most unclean and most valueless, because of the fall. But originally, this was the holiest of all holy things.

REPRESENT GOODNESS

Women, would you rather have a husband who is common, ordinary, and mediocre, but whom you can trust to be honest and have true love; or would you like one who is handsome, and fashionable, with a lot of money, knowledge, or power, but maybe he cheats a man or two sometimes? You always know the right answer, but why can't you act it all the time?! Trying and really acting is different. So many times I heard Americans say, "I'll try!" Trying really should be out. Don't try—live! Those who do not act end up in hell.

You might think, "Father, I heard about true love a thousand times but what has it got to do with me?" Yes, you have heard it so often that every time something unusual happens, you think about true love now. Even when you are constipated, you may somehow connect it to true love! We should maintain this criteria based on true love for eternity. In order for the true love church to propagate we must have a true country, world and cosmos. After that comes liberation for God and mankind. This is our inevitable course.

Every one of us has, without exception, a desire to represent the rest of mankind. If there is an ambitious person who truly represents true love, a true love family, and a true love country, and he wants to be the highest in the entire world, he's not wrong. We all want to become great, and we can, whether we are a farmer, a laborer, a worker in a factory, a teacher at school, or a good politician, as long as we actually represent man in a true way.

But there are so many ambitious people who don't want anything to do with representing goodness. They want to be recognized as the greatest because of money, or some other self-centered accomplishment. However, that is false because all such a man thinks about is himself. The person who doesn't want to represent the true thing, but still wants to be recognized as the greatest, is arrogant. What is the difference between being arrogant and being humble? When someone represents all things in a true way, then he is great and good. But if he does not truly represent everyone and he still wants to be the greatest, that's bad.

I am trying to transform America into a good country. Can you call someone truly great when he just wants to save good people and forget about the bad people? If one is going to save good people and bad people as well, he can become great. Why? Because true love embraces everybody.

What kind of a representation would God want me to have when I go to spirit world? To represent everyone past, present, and future throughout history is obviously God's ideal.

If we all individually live as an example of true love, then we live as a disciple of the Messiah. If one qualifies for heaven, he goes there automatically. He doesn't need an invitation. If you live like me, you will go to the same place as me, which is heaven.

How do you know that I have true love? America and the world have acted like enemies to me, putting me in prison when I did not even commit a crime. Why would I return to America in 1984, knowing that a prison term was waiting for me? To save America and to save the world. I thought to myself, "It's not me that matters; not even Korea matters—the whole world matters."

True love entails loving your enemy. Even while I was in Danbury, I initiated six projects to help America. Similarly, when Jesus was being crucified, he did not curse his enemy; because he was an example of true love, he loved and blessed them instead. Even though man turned his back against God, He doesn't turn against mankind. There are three layers of heaven, three different steps of spirit world. If we have an enemy here on earth, we cannot go to the original heaven.

Man originally was set for a journey. Adam and Eve were to grow toward love, anticipating love, really dreaming about true love. Everything was dreaming about it—including God and the universe, and human beings started out their journey that way.

Would you rather be born in a presidential family, where you have wealth and fame and power, or would you rather be born in a very poor family which has true love? We are born into a certain family to establish, maintain, and protect true love in that particular family. How worthwhile this is. The universe is shouting, "Yes, you are born to protect the true love of the whole universe. Mansei!" That means long prosperity.

OUR CHALLENGING PATH

In search of true love we Unification Church members have journeyed into the wilderness. If mankind hadn't fallen, God would have protected us, centering on true love, no matter what. There would be no way we would sin. Mankind was supposed to be born in that kind of a true family, nation, and world, always protected, always living in true love. That was the way we were supposed to go to heaven without even trying. Now Unification Church members are going through the wilderness, but our ultimate goal is to go to the true heaven, our original homeland.

Are you confident that you can say to God when you go to spirit world, "I brought a true friend who loves You and this friend of mine represents all the good world"? God would like you to report that about your life on earth. This is not just talking; to bring a friend who is true is very difficult. Religious life itself is very difficult to live. To become a true spouse and to raise up true children is even more difficult. If creating a true

family is so difficult, how challenging will it be to make a true country and a true world? We must even liberate God so that He can be a true God.

If we think our work should be easy, then we may fail. The path we are on is not easy at all. We must understand what lies ahead of us and act on it.

Satan created divisions in each level. Even within the individual, Satan divided our mind and body. He became self-centered, unlike God. Satan has been centering on himself and going one way, but we are sacrificing our own selves and families for the higher levels. When Satan reaches the higher levels, he becomes a self-centered dictator. But if we sacrifice ourselves for the highest level, we become the center of the world of true love. Satan's domain vanishes; he cannot exist here anymore.

Every step is a step of indemnity. Who caused the fall of mankind? Satan and mankind's parents. The Messiah, True Parents, must indemnify all the different levels and restore the fall. Originally, God wanted to do this through established Christianity, centering on the country of America. But since that failed, the Unification Church has had to go a 43-year course. All of my nerves and cells have been focused on the thought: "I exist for the sake of the restoration of the universe!" Thus I have been willing to put in everything I have for the sake of the restoration of the universe.

There are no two bordering countries that still love each other. Do you think Canada and America are in great love? France and Germany? Who made them turn against each other and created borderlines? And who put up the walls? Satan did. Here in America, there are many properties, and each property is owned by an individual, surrounding himself with great big walls. Who made this? God didn't! If God created this country, then the true person should be free to come in and out and walk about as he pleases.

PROTECTION THROUGH INDEMNITY

Everywhere I go I take down walls so that between two nations there comes unity and harmony. I am trying to make every one of us contribute, not depend on somebody else, or ever be indebted. I want to change poorer people so that they don't want to live off the richer people, but instead, can have the heart to want to even give something to richer people. If all the people from South America come to contribute to America, for example, would America despise them? No, it would welcome them.

Many people want to take advantage of the Unification Church. Even though they are going to come to drain us or do some damage to us, still we should welcome them. Obviously we need a boundary between what is good and evil, but we want to broaden this boundary, make it larger and larger, so that more and more eligible people can come in. God wants to bring everything into unity; that's His nature. Satan wants to divide it up so that he can have easier control.



We are really fighting on every frontier. We have to protect ourselves, and also we have to broaden and embrace everybody else. Satan exists where things are divided. So when unity is accomplished, then Satan simply just does not exist, because he has no influence. We must understand that paying indemnity is something we must do in order to protect the higher level. To protect my family, I have to sacrifice. After sacrificing, always something bigger is gained.

Those who do not want to pay indemnity actually end up only in one place, which is with Satan. We must meet and win over the challenge of the satanic world, not co-exist with or be pushed by it. Why do we emphasize indemnity so much? Because that is the greatest weapon to safeguard us from Satan. We make a boundary that Satan can't penetrate. Then Satan will have to retreat and we will advance and broaden.

Indemnity is for protection, but there's no such thing as protecting myself while not caring about others. Protection means that if we are going to protect 10 or a 100 people, then we must bear the indemnity for that 10 or 100. Otherwise we cannot hope to offer protection.

In protecting someone how do we make Satan give them up and go away? Things can't be done the easy way because Satan won't give up. Not only is our blood stained, but also Satan has a lien on our blood. We must connect with and grow our roots in God. We inherited the wrong blood lineage; to cut off our fallen lineage and reconnect to God, we need indemnity.

We know that Satan indeed has a lot of influence, a lot of territory. We must have a clear understanding of how to win through indemnity and not only want to be liberated by God, but also liberate God through these steps.

I am always pushing to create an ever-bigger area where Satan cannot reach. Satan's side will have to say, "Oh, I cannot fight against him because he is going to win anyway!" Finally, there will be only Satan and me—and beside me there is God. Beside Satan there is nobody.

You cannot do everything yourselves. The one thing you can do is get hold of and engraft to me so firmly that we live and die together. Don't be distracted.

MELTING POT OF LOVE

Only four years ago, in 1984, I proclaimed from Danbury that communist imperialism in Russia will perish. All the world experts disagreed, but on December 7th of the same year Red China proclaimed, "We are going to give up communism and go on our own way." Now it is eight years since I proclaimed the International Highway, and China says it makes great sense and wants to work together on the project. Wherever I have a meeting, there will be crowds gathering, wanting to meet me.

How about in Moscow? At Washington Monument, 1976, I proclaimed the Moscow rally. On June 29th of this year, Russia declared the separation of the political party from the government administration. It was always one before. That means that the dictatorship has come to an end, and Russia cannot help but follow the democratic system. In America and the world everybody is wondering what is going to happen. There is little hope or plan ahead of them. But Korea is hopeful because of the Olympics; it really has a future under the guidance of Rev. Moon.

I have a great melting pot of true love that is 100 times more

effective than the American melting pot. God will also come into that pot and live with us! How great a melting pot that is. Here's a big umbrella of true love, and everybody seems to come under that umbrella. Who holds that big umbrella? God.

When God created, He created all things for *their* sake. He invested everything He had, including His being eternal, unchanging, unique. True love is to invest completely and intensely, so the concept of living for the sake of others came into being here.

We see all things are created in God's image, male and female. Then what was the purpose of my birth? Why was man born? For the sake of woman. When American women begin to represent true womanhood or humankind, and when both men and women are standing in the true love center, then in your home your husband is king, and you are the queen. As long as there is true love in that family, you are the queen, living for the sake of others because you are ready to give everything you have for the sake of the family.

Now all of us, men and women, want to pursue true love. If man goes one way, woman goes another, and God is right in between, there will always be division in the three and no hope to come into unity. To have unity, when both the man and woman



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Father expresses true love to brothers and sisters on July 3rd at Belvedere.

Through you, many spirit people must learn in the future. How grateful do you feel each minute, even though your lives may be hard?

would like to own God first, if the woman happens to be owning God, then she must own Him for the sake of her husband. "For your sake, I am going to own God first." For man, the same thing goes. In being selfish, we lose everything. Without a solution to selfishness, there will be no unity.

From this point on, we will begin to really notice the treasure, the happiness of bringing everything into unity and creating the ideal world. The greatest thought is this idea of protecting and living for the sake of others, not living for the sake of myself.

DIRECT YOURSELF TO HEAVEN

These are the two questions: what is the essence of love, and how does it come to me? God just does not come; He established the line of vertical love and must follow it. Yet we cannot think about the vertical line without also thinking of the horizontal line. The vertical line has to intersect the horizontal line at a right angle or else it will always be unstable. The fact that vertical love exists means horizontal love also must exist and form a perfect square. Most ideal is a form with equal distances and right angles. Here in Unification Church we say this is a four position foundation centering on true love.

Standing vertically is the ideal. Look at trees, nature, mountains, and man; they all stand upright. Look at all the animals; they go kind of horizontally, don't they? But man is the only being which is an exception, enjoying the privilege of walking upright.

In the Korean language, you write from up to down. Here in America, you write from left to right. Koreans also write horizontally, but when they do, they start from the right and go to the left. The western world begins from the wrong side!

We know God has mind and body because we have mind and body. But even when we go to spirit world, though God is there, we cannot see Him. Our body is God's dwelling place, the Bible says. Therefore we not only need the true God in a vertical way, but also we need the true God in a horizontal way. True Parents fulfill the horizontal position for true God. No matter what role God had to take in our past fallen history, now that True Parents are on earth, God can take His original position, and everything will be solved now. We have to cut away everything, and go back to the original root.

Heaven is not some place; it is within my restored mind and body. Thus both heaven and hell are within yourself. You are the traffic policeman and can command yourself to go to heaven or to go to hell. This is a very dangerous job in a way, because you have to deal with a lot of force, power, and traffic coming at you. If you don't direct well, the world and yourself can go to pieces.

Do you think the Korean sparrow makes a nest one way, and the American sparrow makes it another way? It is the same, no matter where, right? Who taught them? God. God designed and implemented evolution. That evolution occurred somehow naturally without God is false. Just as a small bird knows how to build a nest, we were supposed to know how to build true love

relationships. But because of the fall, we are even lower than the animals. We ought to be better than the salmon who, born in a small tributary of a river, tours around for four years and finally returns to the same spot after a journey of about 5,000 miles.

FOREFATHER OF TRUE LOVE

How close are you to God now? You have great reason to be thankful to God and True Parents for solving and teaching you these complicated things in such a clear way. Money, power, knowledge, and material may be important, but love is the thing out of which all things start to be. All the spirit men in spirit world, including your ancestors, now are listening to me speaking in such a clear way and will eternally thank me for finally clarifying everything which was so confusing even to the spirit world. You are the first ones who listened to me. Through you, many spirit people must learn in the future. How grateful do you feel each minute, even though your lives may be hard?

Now we know more clearly every day that this is the reality. We must learn about true love and with absolute confidence enact it and liberate God. I feel my responsibility and goal in life is to liberate God with my own hands. Since I am your True Father, then you must inherit that goal and tradition from me. I am working like crazy to liberate God, even though people say to me "Why do you have to work so hard?" You must say, "Father, I will bring this present of true love and plant it in my home town or country in order to liberate all the people, all the country and even God." Once that is planted in Korea, then I will be the forefather of true love.

Returning to one's home town is not a simple or insignificant thing at all. Behind my saying, "Return to home town," there is tremendous work. Only after solving all the complicated questions of history can you return to your homeland. Therefore, going to one's homeland is the greatest event. The present I bring with me is the concept of liberating even God, as well as the clan, country, and world.

You cannot do everything yourselves. The one thing you can do is get hold of and engraft to me so firmly that we live and die together. These are wilderness days. Don't be distracted—don't be like the Israelites, who lost Moses. If you do that, then we cannot go to the ideal nation. This is the only way you can follow God's dispensation. Never let loose of me. You have to follow me absolutely.

The unity of mind and body can only be achieved through true love. When our mind and body are one, there is immediate resonance. As long as you become one with True Parents who are in the center of the universe, you are also at the center of the universe. When that happens, nobody has to tell you whether you will end up in heaven or hell because you will know in your minds already. You must work and live like crazy—anything short of that is just not enough. Can you pledge to carry this out? God bless you all. □

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FATHER'S PRAYER

However, I know well that the second generation, these Koreans, are now in the position to be praised.

This year, let their hearts accommodate You so that they may all stand pure and innocent before the will of the Principle that is being taught to them, and upon that pure foundation, be proud of themselves as they live for the sake of others. This is their destiny. Please let them become sons and daughters with beautiful hearts so that they can receive this, not as a fate to be avoided, but as an inescapable destiny. I earnestly wish that You may bestow ten thousand blessings to follow after them.

I knew that if I believed and endured the road of suffering, that kind of result—Your blessing—would come. Looking back at all that has happened, I now realize that when the sun was rising in the morning, it was bringing a day of sadness and a time for war, and the night that followed was also a time for war. However, like the coming of the spring season that follows after a course of suffering, history began after midnight and has been going through the predestined age seeking the dawn, and finally has come to the time when the bright rays of the morning sun are appearing.

Just as the fresh morning inevitably comes, the iceberg has melted and flowed away, and a garden of blossoming flowers now comes to the Unification Church. On the mountains, birds that reveal their shapes in happiness, form pairs and sing. While such beautiful scenes of nature are unfolding, animals also roam around the garden and each pair gives loving care to their descendants, following their own destined patterns in order to carry on their lineage. Looking at all these phenomena, it is truly pathetic that only man does not follow the principled way of destiny, which You have originally created.

Knowing this bitter reality, these children standing here must cry out before humanity for the sake of the Unification Church until their throats burst. Dragging their fatigued legs, they must be determined to move forward with burning hearts. Even if they are fainting and losing consciousness, they must grab onto others and even if they have to rely on a cane, they must be determined not to fall. Thinking about how many saints and heroes have died while crying out to proclaim the truth, these children must understand that those who like to enjoy themselves and think only of themselves will be assailed with curses and accusations in light of such historical precedents. Such a fearful fate surrounds us.

These second generation children must go through

three years of a difficult road, and by enduring, may they stand in a place closer to heaven. I know that You are searching for those who will take this will to heart by themselves and become true men and women who pledge their loyalty before heaven. I understand that even if not many of them become such men and women, as long as one or two can fulfill it, Your desire and heart will be to try to forget all the past sadness and be hopeful through them.

As they understand this heart of Yours, please do not let them become unfilial and disloyal children who cause You to shed tears. Let them become filial children and loyal men and women whose burning hearts cannot be extinguished. I know that during a man's life, especially in youth, he must leave behind a sacred period when his burning heart is so hot that he cannot extinguish its fire. So he bites his tongue and his lips, shouts, cries, and sweats, and finally pledges from the depths of his goodness before God, shedding blood, sweat, and tears.

Father, please look at those who are here today and do not forget them. Those who can find value out of the place where there is nothing valuable will grow up to be capable of creating great accomplishments. Up to the present, You have destroyed and eliminated all that I had wanted the most. You drove me out into a realm of solitude where I struggled strenuously through painful sorrows and changes, with many untold stories that only You could know. I realize You put me through all of this because You wanted to give me as a gift the substantial form of Your deep love which You had hidden and could not give to anyone else in this world.

The road that we have been seeking and following is the way that You have guided us, which is the way of truth. The value of truth does not appear to us under easy circumstances; rather, it appears in the midst of darkness, a place where we are stepped upon, a place where we are buried. I know that from such places seeds are formed and new sprouts of life spring up.

However, even after going to such a place, the Korean people, the Americans, and the world did not understand me. But I knew, in spite of being repudiated and discarded, as long as I silently and internally determined that I would stand as a substantial body of the truth, I would move history itself. Father, please guide these blessed children to become proud and awe-inspiring men and women who, as newly rising sprouts, will use this corrupted environment as their fertilizer and assert themselves as the subjects over their environment. Please let them be brave and let each one inspire himself to move forward with conviction.

Almost 100 new people have come from Japan. Amidst the feelings that they experience in their hearts at their first meeting with their teacher,



please let them realize, each on their own, what their true motives were in crossing the Pacific Ocean. I wonder how many of them are sons and daughters who can struggle intensely to inherit the passion that will burn in their hearts with fury, which their teacher has left for them. Please let them inherit the heart of their teacher; let them inherit and magnify the ambition of a man who roams over the great ocean, so that they can be raised up to be the leaders to whom You can entrust Japan.

Your young children of America are also here. Their races are different. Their historical and cultural backgrounds are different and they have many untold sad stories. I know that no one can defeat the history of the Unification Church, which has been woven with tears. I have always wanted to leave this truth as a proud accomplishment before You. However, I cannot help but think with shame about the difficulty and suffering that came before us. Nevertheless, only with these men and women can I leave behind a single heart of hope.

Father, please understand that they are the foundation that can establish the base for the starting point that must be sought after and completed. Therefore, please broaden the door to Your heart of unlimited grace and save them. You chose America as the representative country and gave her Your blessings for 200 years so that she could serve and save this sorrowful world. Therefore, I know how much You want to curse these people who have lost all of Your blessings.

Please forgive those who filled Your heart with unforgettable sorrow, pain, and resentment. Forgive them with Your great love and make them people filled with hope who can see the rays of a new sun coming in the future. Like a lost ship, about to sink amidst a raging typhoon but then which somehow finds the north star and restores its original course, please make them brave sons and daughters who also find their way. Father, please help them to emerge as a new group of leaders who can guide the Western nations.

Also, please lift Your hands and bless this tuna-fishing endeavor. Please let these children be challengers who inherit through their own efforts the way that True Parents have walked, stepping over the great ocean and overcoming it, pledging themselves to march forward. Especially during this time, the turning point in history, I earnestly pray for Your protection to surround them.

Father, catching tuna is not the issue. Rather, lead them to establish a firm internal foundation here, which will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Please lead them to strengthen their faith and determination, centering upon invisible, internal values.

All these words I pray through the name of the True Parents. Amen.

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"Knowing Our Position"

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Good morning, brothers and sisters. Every time I come to Belvedere, I am very much moved. I truly love my True Parents and every time I want to speak about them something stirs inside of me and my love for them just wants to lunge forth and expose itself. Each time I stand here, I realize how much more I must do to serve our True Parents, how much more we have to understand their heart. But more importantly, we really have to understand our position. That is the topic I would like to share with you this morning.

When we come here on this beautiful Sunday morning, the grass is green, the trees are blossoming and the flowers are all around us. You feel a sense of love, don't you? There is a sense of beauty and harmony surrounding us. When I look at the trees, many times I wonder how those small leaves and those beautiful branches came to be—and how the tree can stand so strong, with years and years of rain and storm and even lightning. Sometimes I think, "It is so beautiful—and yet something so beautiful is so strong. Strength and beauty are embodied together in that tree."

When I was growing up as a child in America, it wasn't very easy for me, or for the rest of my family. To be frank with you, every time I felt forlorn or somehow forgotten by my True Parents, I would always look at a tree and remember those little leaves and branches and that one, strong trunk which unifies the branches and the leaves, and I would say to myself, "You know, in a way, True Parents are my root. The trunk is like my faith in True Parents. It can never waver; it must be strong; it must stand through rain or sleet or through storm or thunder. Then the branches and the leaves must be my expression of joy and love and beauty to them."

Nothing is random in this universe. There is a strict order to things. Many times at schools and universities, they teach you things just happen by coincidence—everything is chance! But when you look at something as simple as a tree in a loving way, it can teach us so much. Trees grow on the ground, but they don't become the ground and the ground doesn't become the tree. The two are two separate things, and yet they exist in harmony and need each other to survive and to prosper. Isn't that true?

Equality of subject and object

Being a woman, I find listening to the Principle about the subject and object relationship very amusing because I know that a lot of sisters have trouble being the object, right? And I know that many brothers think that being the subject is being bold and courageous and strong, almost to the extent that you become crazy in your subjective role!

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"My blessing is to return love to my subject."

I want to say something to you: Principle teaches us that when God sees us through His eyes of love, we are all equal in that we all have five percent responsibility to do God's mission. But biologically, our characteristics are very different. Our desires and longings, the things that we want to attain in life are different. In this 20th century, with the advent of feminism, many times women get confused about proper priorities and positions in terms of their role as women and their "careers."

All throughout history, women were mostly subjugated by men. That is a result of Eve's failure in the Garden of Eden. When you look at Oriental or African countries, the role of women is very, very low compared to that of the men. They are seen, in a way, as something inferior, as property, as a possession. That is why women, out of their anguish and frustration, may go to the extreme and take feminism to its limits because there is a constant obstacle in front of them. They become women who do not want husbands, who engage in lesbian relationships and who forget the importance of their role as mothers.

I, being a woman raised in this kind of environment, felt that very strongly. But I want to tell all of you something. Subject and object is not superiority versus inferiority. Neither man nor woman can grow without interaction with the other. Man was born for the sake of consummating his love with a woman and woman was born to consummate her love with a man. Both of you exist for each other, and must unite totally under True Parents and establish your four position foundation, on up to the cosmic level. That is our position.

When we look at nature, we realize we need relationship with trees to survive. We emit carbon dioxide and the trees

give out oxygen. If we say, "All right, since I am the subject, I am only going to give you my carbon dioxide forever—and I don't want your oxygen," can we exist? No. Again, there is this beautiful give and take between humans and creation and between men and women. That is why both men and women are extremely important.

You sisters must know that being an object is not something inferior. In fact, it is really a blessing and an incredible responsibility to be able to receive that true love from a man and return that love. Man gives you love, but if you don't receive that love, there is no way that the love is going to go back to the man and thereby create a circular relationship of giving, receiving, and giving back. I am very proud to be a woman and I am very grateful to Heavenly Father because I am a receiver of love, and my duty is to reciprocate the love that is given to me back to my subject.

Precious suffering

I've watched all of you gather here many years and I have watched you grow. I have watched myself follow in your footsteps, growing and struggling with you, struggling to keep my faith, to keep myself consistent to Heavenly Father and our True Parents. Just because I am a True Child doesn't mean that I don't go through suffering. As much as you go through suffering, my brothers and sisters go through suffering, too. I want you to understand this, even though we may seem somewhat apart from you because we don't interact daily and maybe you feel a little distant. When you see the True Family during celebrations, all decked out and no place to go but on-stage, you might say, "Ah, I guess that's the vision of a True Family—all thirteen of them looking great over there and smiling ear to ear, photos being taken all over the place." That is just the exterior—our public responsibility to you and to the world. What lies in our hearts beneath and behind that exterior is what matters, and what lies in our hearts is true love for our Parents. That is what matters the most.

I have no foundation to be here in front of you without True Parents. Why is it that you receive me or the members of my True Family with so much love? Yes, it is because True Parents

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substantiated their love for Cain before Abel. Before their own children, they loved the world. Your loving their children is your way of reciprocating the love that Parents gave to you. In that way, we have give and take.

Since we are part of the first, original four position foundation established here on earth, the members of the True Family stand in a subjective position. But we can only do so in that we are willing to live and die for the movement and for the world. So when you examine our position in this light, you realize that we have five percent responsibility, just like you. We have desires and wants, just like you. We can make mistakes, just like you. We can fail True Parents, just like you.

As parents, you must know that your children are not born perfect. True Family was not born perfect. I can testify to you

that my elder sister's and older brothers' lives were not a bowl of cherries. It was very difficult for them, growing up in this antagonistic environment, being rejected and mocked by fellow classmates, being scorned—it is something that is not easy to explain. I don't like to talk about my family's suffering because I don't want you to understand it as self-justification. But what makes True Family great is that no matter what we go through, no matter what my elder sister and our brothers went through, they always came back to True Parents. Always.

If you don't face any obstacles or hardships, what difficulty is there in your being a goody-goody two shoes when you are an adult? But if you are confronted with obstacles and conflict and yet you are able to overcome it and become victorious in connecting back to True Parents after having gone through such tremendous suffering, that is something that is so precious. I am moved by my brother Hyo Jin Nim. I am also very much moved by your response to him. Your relationship truly expresses love between you. He is standing as the subjective person, the leader. You are the members, his objects. But a subject cannot be a subject without an object. You've returned the love he gave to you by receiving it, digesting it, and then reciprocating that act of giving by my brother. That is something so beautiful. I am sure when Heavenly Father sees that happening, He is truly moved. It makes me realize, in a way, how much Father has given you all throughout his life, because without Father's giving, without Father's substantiating his love for you throughout all these years, I don't know if you could have been in a position to receive and reciprocate that love and urge Hyo Jin Nim on, saying, "Okay, older brother. We're behind you all the way. Let's go." I truly want to thank you for that.

Always come back to Parents

I know that many of you here have suffered a lot. Many of you have your individual problems, family problems, financial problems. But what determines everything is that no matter what, you always connect back to True Parents. You start your days with True Parents, you end your nights with True Parents. That is our responsibility as Unification Church members. As a part of the True Family, that is my responsibility, too. No matter what I go through, no matter how many people spit in my face, I will not give up. No matter what, I must be in total unity with True Parents to qualify in my position as a True Daughter.

You must know your position, and yet you must not let your position keep you from doing what you must do. If you are a man, you cannot let your subjective role get in the way of your relationship with your wife. And the wife cannot let her objective position get in the way. If your husband is having difficulties with his faith and struggling, then in your role of practicing the objective role to the extreme, you must bring your husband back to True Parents. And you brothers, when your wife is having trouble, don't stand there and say, "I'm the subject. My wife has to come to me and bow down to me." If you stand in the position of a subject, then you must give unconditionally. You must be willing to love your wife unconditionally to the extent that your wife realizes her mistakes and comes back and is able to find her true position as your object and as the object of God's and True Parents' love.

What I'm saying to you is very much applicable to me as well in my own relationship with my husband. I'll be frank with you. In 1984 when Father told me the night before that I was to be matched, I was in no mood to receive a Blessing! Yes, I was very immature and I did not realize what Father wanted to give to me. I said, "Abba, my brother just ascended to spirit world

not even 40 days ago. I am in no mood for a Blessing. I am in no mood to think about living the rest of my life with some man."

When Father was choosing my husband, inside my heart was helter skelter—World War III! I am a very independent and stubborn person. I knew it would not be easy for any man to live with a woman like me! So part of the reason I could not really get into the spirit of marriage was because I felt sorry for the guy!

Individual desires must go

Oriental men especially like very soft-spoken, fragile, obedient, subservient wives—and I'm not any of those things! At least, I wasn't. Jin Sung lost weight—he weighed 145 pounds when we got engaged, and on the day of my wedding, he weighed 125 pounds! So, seeing that, I felt, "Boy, at this rate, he's going to disappear!" On the morning of my wedding day, I said, "Father, you want me to live my eternity with this man, but if he vanishes into thin air, what am I supposed to do? How am I supposed to have children and establish my four position foundation?" He just smiled at me and didn't say anything.

It was tough for Jin Sung, too. It was tough for both of us. But one thing I said to myself was, "If I try to hang onto my own happiness and what I think will make me happy, I will never be in a position to fully accept this Blessing." What helped me the most was saying to myself, "My individual ideas, my individual desires and wants go out the door. No more. From now on, I don't exist. My desires don't exist, because they interfere with my doing my responsibility." As a member of the True Family, I have always been in a subjective role to the blessed children.

Jin Sung remained in his position of subject in giving me unconditional love. And, it was my responsibility and it was my admission that I do not exist that allowed me to become the object of his love.

If I were to maintain that position and say to Jin Sung, "You, blessed child, now you're my husband but I'm still your subject! So obey me!" our marriage would have gone nowhere. We would never have been able to share the kind of love that we have now.

It is in humbling yourself that you can gain or maintain true love. Only when I saw myself as someone who must fulfill my position as a wife and as an object and who must not let my True Family background interfere in my subject and object role did I experience true love with my husband. I had to say, "There is nobody else in the world except you. I was born for you and you are my destiny. Of course, we have True Parents—but you are who I live for and it is with you that I must establish my four position foundation."

Only when I had acknowledged that to myself was I able to love Jin Sung. You know, I respect him because it took about two years for us to really have good give and take. Imagine if he though fulfilling the subjective position was to say, "All right, wife. If you're going to be like that, forget you. Let me find my own happiness in this little True Family. If you are not subservi-

ent to me, then I don't want to be your husband." What would have happened if he had said that? Collapse. Total collapse.

The reason why I respect him is because he stuck with me through thick and thin. No matter what I did—and I did a lot of things to the guy!—he came back with loving eyes and a loving embrace and said, "Yobo, I don't care how our relationship is now. Even just seeing your smile before I die will make me happy for the rest of my eternal life."

I share this story because he remained in his position of subject in giving me unconditional love, no matter what. And, yes, it was my responsibility and it was my admission that I do not exist that allowed me to become the object of his love. He wasn't leaving his position; I wasn't leaving mine. If Adam had fulfilled his responsibility by becoming a perfected man in mind and body totally united with Heavenly Father, he would have been in a position to substantiate his vertical relationship with God in the horizontal relationship with his spouse. Adam and Eve should have met in the center, totally united with God—that is the only way they could have had true children. Likewise, you cannot have a blessed child unless you establish yourself as someone striving toward the ideal, toward perfection, toward uniting with God.

Importance of the second position

Blessed children must be able to absorb Father's tradition totally so that they can give that love to the next generation. Heavenly tradition must be saved. It must be consistent no matter what. Therefore, why is the number two so important? Because it must be able to fulfill its objective role to the first generation, by totally assimilating and transmitting True Parents' tradition to the third generation. Father said when we can complete these three generations, then the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

That is why blessed children and True Children must totally unite with and become one with our True Parents, so that our individualistic traits and traditions do not go on to dilute or distort the heavenly tradition. That is why being a True Child is a very fearful position. If we make a crucial mistake, then what will happen to the dispensation?

This is a very serious matter. Jesus Christ was in the position of number two as the Second Adam. He was crucified. Likewise, Heung Jin Nim was the second son. Before me, there was another sister, the second, who only lived eight days. Even within Father's own family, among his close relatives, the second son of each family died prematurely. The interesting thing is that Father is the second son of his family. For Father to remain alive in this world, the second sons of his direct relatives were sacrificed. That is why when my brothers and sisters stand up here and talk to you, it is with utmost seriousness. As you know, when Satan thinks he's got something good going, he will keep on using it. Now, Satan thinks he has the number two in his lap! So he will keep on trying to get to the second generation—the blessed children and the True Family. Now that you see this, you can understand more deeply why I say that my eldest brother's and my eldest sister's overcoming their own individual suffering and assuming their own roles as the eldest children of True Family is in itself total victory.

Nothing holds my brothers and sisters back. It was difficult in the beginning for my family because Parents didn't raise us. So we had to mature ourselves. We had to understand True Parents in our own way. True Parents loved the members before their own children. In this way, the members became True Parents' object. Father still does not love the True Children first

because he is a man of God, and he wants to see the love that he has given to the members go back to the True Children. Therefore, when the members have their own children, True Children will be able to love the members' children before they love their own third generation children.

Don't worry about your children

When you have children, you start thinking about financial responsibility, about where you are going to live and where your next meal is going to come from. Don't worry about your children. True Family will take care of your children. When Father says, "Do your mission," follow True Parents' example and love the world. Then, even if you don't focus on your children, love will automatically come back. Sacrifice never goes to waste; it will always be rewarded.

But please don't sacrifice while thinking that you want a reward later! It has to be unconditional sacrifice—not thinking of the reward and what you will receive later. That is the kind of love the True Family wants all of you to have and to establish in this world, because that is the only way we can bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

I am only 22; many of you have more experience and wisdom than I. When I speak confidently, it is because of True Parents. When I think of True Parents, I do not despair or shrivel. I wake up and I become humble.

Many of you think that showing subservience or total re-

thinking, "Oh, my leader is stupid. He doesn't understand my family problems, my financial problems," then you are forgetting your position. When you judge them, you are taking subject position over your leader and failing your responsibility as object to totally unite with the leaders.

When Father and Mother speak of the subject and object relationship, Cain and Abel, it is really, really important. Father asked me to get a Ph.D, but studying is something I hate. I find more truth in the Divine Principle book than I do elsewhere. In the beginning, when Father said to go this road, I struggled a lot because I really couldn't see why I had to do this. There are so many Ph.D.'s in our movement, why did I have to do this? But Father said to me, "In Jin, just because you are a True Child does not mean you can just stand there and have everything come to you. You have to reciprocate what the members are giving you by doing your responsibility." Father said studying is my responsibility. So even though I hate it with a passion—school is one place that has been hell for my family—I have no other choice.

Unity is our mission

So when Parents ask you to do your mission, to unite with your leaders, to unite with True Parents, with husband and wife, that is what you must do. We as Unification Church members, and as men and women, must always know our position. For the sake of love, you must meet at the center. Meeting at the center

does not mean that the left is coming to the right or the right comes to the left only. Forget your individual pride. Then you make room for Heavenly Father to feel comfortable and dwell within your heart.

Thank you so much. I know that you love True Parents just as much as all of my family. My family knows that. (*In Jin Nim cries.*) So no matter what, we will be strong for you. No matter what, we must unite. Never forget True Parents. Never forget how much they have suffered. Never forget how much they have given you. When we can realize and feel all of this, then I know we have nothing to worry about.

Imagine—we don't even live to be 100 years old and we think *we* suffer a lot. Think about Heavenly Father's longing to see His children substantiate the ideal family, nation, world and cosmos. When you haven't seen

your children for a long time, your heart just yearns and aches for the next day when you will see your child. Just intensify that feeling to 6,000 years. Let us never forget this. We must truly be grateful that Heavenly Father and True Parents are here with us, helping us, leading us on.

Won't you please join me in pledging ourselves once again to True Parents? Thank you. □

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spect is bowing your head. But if your heart is not connected, then everything you do is meaningless. In our church, we have Parents, leaders, and the members. Leaders stand in the position of number two—such an incredible responsibility to carry out Father's desires and to be totally united with True Parents. I feel sorry for them. Please support them. They are the ones who tell you what Parents want, and you must be totally united with them. That is the only way we can do what True Parents are asking us to do for the world and for the cosmos. If you are

Becoming Part of True Parents' Lineage

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Good morning, brothers and sisters. All my life I have come to Belvedere to hear our Father give us the truth about our Heavenly Father and all mankind. I want to say that I feel completely unworthy to be here, and I pray that I may be able to express Heavenly Father's heart and the heart of our True Family.

First of all, I feel that I should give you some words of introduction about myself. We have a relationship, a true relationship, as brothers and sisters.

Father said here in April the only thing that is needed to graft into the True Parents' lineage is your essence—your original mind—and your willingness to have your neck cut. On February 13, 1984, that was exactly what happened to me. I completely felt it—a nice clean cut. It was not the most joyful occasion because we were coming to the fortieth day of Heung Jin Nim's *Seung Hwa*. In the seven days between the engagement to In Jin Nim and the wedding I was often sitting close to Mother. My stomach was saying "eat," but when I tried, the rest of me was too nervous to eat, so after about one bite I was full. When the Holy Wedding took place a week later, I was 20 pounds lighter.

Since that time, my life has only become more amazing each and every day and year. Here was this not so good-looking person coming into the True Family, and yet from the start I felt the complete warmth and willingness of True Children to accept me as their new brother. At that time In Jin Nim didn't want to see me; she needed some time to reflect. I remember Hyun Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim coming and physically embracing me, telling me that they were happy to have me as their new brother and wishing me every great blessing. They also immediately gave me an affectionate nickname. The younger brothers and sisters of those who are married call the husbands of the daughters *mae hyungs* and the wives of the sons *hyung soos*. From that time I have received so much love and blessing from our True Parents and Heavenly Father.

Four greatest questions

Each of us must think of ourselves not as an individual but as a product of a lineage. However, many great philosophers don't even consider the issue of lineage, and here in the West the concept of lineage is almost non-existent. You may think about your parents and maybe your grandparents if they are alive, or you may visit them at the cemetery, but our lineage, our root, is actually of utmost importance.

Once Father told us what the four greatest questions were that have plagued mankind throughout history. The first was man's relationship to God. Second was the Cain/Abel struggle. The third was portion of responsibility, and the fourth was the

change of blood lineage. Perhaps the one we least understand is the concept of the change of blood lineage.

We know that we have to resemble Father as a man and Mother as a woman. They are our ideal example, but in essence the ideal position we must obtain—and all mankind, as well—is that of sons and daughters of our True Parents. Heavenly Father has prepared and hand-picked all of us here so that we can serve our Father and Mother with our lives and strive to become their sons and daughters. Now, how can a stranger come into the position of a child of some couple?

The first and foremost prerequisite is that Father and Mother recognize you and embrace you as their sons and daughters. Without this parental love you would have no hope. Secondly,

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we have to *live* like True Parents' sons and daughters. The blood flowing through our veins was supposed to be from God, and from the perfected Adam and Eve or the ideal True Parents. But having Satan's blood instead affects every cell in our body. This is not an easy thing to overcome.

A heartistic distinction

It is important to understand that there is a heartistic distinction between blessed children and True Children. I have felt it every day since coming to share my days with the True Family. There is something very, very special about them in the way they think, but also, even more importantly, in the way they express love, the way they feel towards True Parents. The definition of the word "absolute," which you've heard many times, can be found in the heart of the True Children. Their absolute unity with True Parents is undeniable, unbreakable.

The statement that blessed children are born without original sin is not well understood even now. The root through which Satan held all of mankind captive was cut by True Parents. Therefore, the generation that comes forth from your lineage—the blessed children—is more pure. But I realized it doesn't mean anything to be born without original sin unless you are connected to True Parents. Principle tells us that it

takes seven generations to purify our blood. Blessed children and blessed couples should know that our incredible role and value and privilege is conditional upon realizing our portion of responsibility—to absolutely obey True Parents and become their sons and daughters by serving the True Family.

The Holy Wine ceremony symbolized the change of blood lineage. From that point on, if you live as a child of our True Parents then you are setting a condition whereby Satan cannot say anything to you. When you go to the spiritual world and claim to be the son or daughter of our True Parents, two things are very important: Will Father and Mother recognize you and will Satan have anything to say about it? We know Father and how loving and how merciful he is—he probably will try every-

be only one set of original True Parents. So Father proclaimed that those who come into the True Family are no longer a Pak or a Hong or a Kwak, but instead become a Moon. It's very important. Father has spoken a lot about this to the True Family, though he did not express too much to the members because first it had to be substantiated.

Before the first True Child was married, people had many theories about who the True Children were going to marry. However, such talk can actually be very misleading so it is better not to engage in it. When the divine will was manifested, those who were connected to True Parents said, "Oh, of course." But it is only with time that I realize more and more that this is a form of Heavenly Father's love to mankind. This is

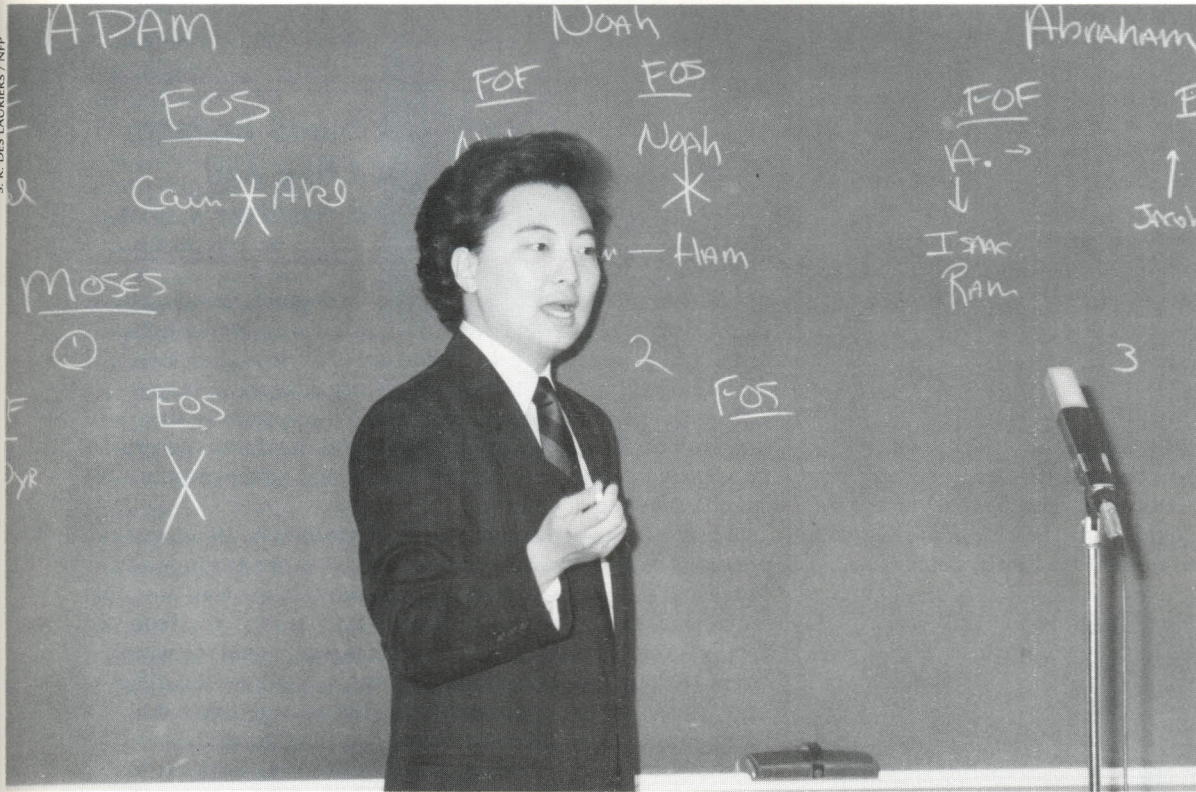
Heavenly Father's way to bring world salvation down to the very cells in every man's body. True Children are the flesh and blood of our True Parents. They are incredibly special. Principle tells us that True Parents can only exist if they establish a four position foundation. Father gained adopted sons and daughters through his disciples, but only in 1960 did we have the Holy Wedding of our True Parents, and in 1961 the actual existence of our True Parents began with the birth of Ye Jin Nim.

True in heart

Then, why do we respect True Children? Many members found it was not easy to have a relationship in which you're older and smarter, and yet True Children who

are younger are your subjects. Actually, it is very similar to Lucifer's situation: He was very smart, very wise, very accomplished, but he still had to respect Adam and Eve as his subjects. In the fallen world you respect someone typically because he has accomplished something. But we respect True Children because they are part of the original, critical first four position foundation in the history of mankind. It was Father and Mother and the True Children together who created the first ideal family.

Principle tells us that nobody is born perfect. Everybody has to go through a stage of growth, including True Children. To be a True Child doesn't mean you lead a perfect life from the day you are born. If we understand that, we can embrace True Children in a much more loving way. What I can testify to you is that they are true, true in heart. I have seen that there is something inside of them that keeps them coming back to True Parents, no matter how hard they have been hit by Satan, no matter how many times they've been put down, and no matter how many times they've been led astray. Adam and Eve did not fall alone. An outside force that shouldn't have existed smashed



Jin Sung Nim explains the Principle.

thing in his power to recognize you and say everything he can before Heavenly Father on your behalf. The problem is that there is another character who's going to point out every flaw in you. If Satan is just lying, Father will say, "Satan, you're lying. Shut up." But if he's not lying and if there is something against you, what can you say and what can our Father do for you? We have to live a life absolutely dedicated to our True Parents to earn the right to be their sons and daughters. But we also have to change Satan's blood in our veins.

How do we accomplish this change? When I was blessed in 1984, Father said to me, "You are no longer a Pak; you are a Moon." Even though I didn't clearly understand, I knew that I had to take responsibility for it and realize that it means absolutely I am no longer a Pak. The concept of a woman coming into a family by marrying a man is easily understood. In the secular world, In Jin Nim would come into the Pak family. But as a man marrying into a woman's family, I stand in a unique position which the Koreans call *myung ha dee*—I am in the position of a bride in the sense that I am the one being cut from my family and brought into another family. Why? There can

them. Unfortunately, as the True Children were growing up, the blessed couples couldn't fulfill their responsibility to create an environment for them of an ideal tribe and society in which they could safely dwell and reach their potential.

Still, who of you here would have lasted if 43 years ago Father had said, "Well, the worldwide foundation has just crumbled. Those who are willing to follow me for the next grueling 43 years, raise your hand." Father broke everything down into three or seven year courses, saying, "Come with me just this much further." Father was taking care of you, hoping that you could make it all the way.

I can testify to you that it is an awesome responsibility to live with True Parents. You may sometimes wonder what they do at a certain time of day. Somebody who lives with them can testify that their sacrifice and giving is even greater at the times when you don't see them. When Father calls a meeting or gives a really long speech, it's devastating to our legs. We see Father leave, and we stretch or go sit in a chair, but Father just goes straight to another meeting. Morning until night, even every meal is a meeting.

And the True Children—what have they gone through? When I came to live with the True Children, I realized that they were living like orphans. Father and Mother literally spend all their time with the members. Why? Those who have children know that a very real way to express love is to spend time with them. But there was no time spent together for True Parents and True Children.

One absolute lineage

I know that Col. Pak and Mrs. Pak suffer in a sense, and their birthdays are difficult for them because they expect a card or a telephone call from me, but only when True Parents recognize their birthday can I be fully joyful in my heart to also recognize it. Can in-laws say, "Now part of the True Family belongs to

live and breathe like Father and Mother's son. However, my son, like all the other grandchildren of True Parents, is Father and Mother's flesh and blood. The concept that Hyo Jin Nim spoke of, of creating 1.2 billion members of the True Family in 10 generations, will never come into being if, in each generation, they are divided up and taken away. The True Family does not live for the sake of individual privileged families who "made it." In fact, their trials and tribulations in serving True Parents have just begun, starting with the Holy Wedding of their sons or daughters to True Children. Becoming part of True Parents' lineage is not something I earned; it's something unearnable, something given to me.

We are not living for the sake of True Parents just for our own individual and family salvation, but also to restore our whole lineage into True Parents' lineage. How can that be? Your parents, you, and your children are one and the same,

I can only change my blood lineage, in a spiritual sense, if I live and breathe like Father and Mother's son.

just like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—one generation. Heavenly Father and True Parents have made a way, through the True Family, to embrace the whole world in their deep love. One aspect of this is their receiving those who are not their children in marriage to their own children. It could be that some of you sitting here may have a child in a future generation marry into the True Family. That would be the most incredible blessing of your life.

I spent many years outside of the True Family. When my expressions of love and heart fall short next to the example of the True Family, I see that I have been invaded in my way of thinking in ways that I don't even understand yet. With the True Family, every expression is so pure. It doesn't mean we walk around saying, "I love you" all the time. Sometimes the older True Children even speak harshly to the younger ones, but when you come to understand love, you see that all their expressions are purely motivated. My motivations were not like that because I did not live a life as True Parents' son. So many times I look to see how Hyun Jin Nim, or Kook Jin Nim, or the younger True Children express themselves toward Father and Mother and their brothers and sisters. I want to cleanse my younger years when I didn't learn such heart, by uniting with the hearts of the younger True Children.

True Children's cross

We have to be careful with expectations. There has been a lot expected of the True Children and that in part has caused a lot of their suffering. Why? It creates a paradox in their lives, especially when false expectations come from those who are supposed to love them. True Parents have a certain true expectation, but then members have their own expectations about what True Children should be. True Children of course will try to live up to True Parents' standard when they understand it. But it is difficult when they are young and True Parents in their absence have to rely upon brothers and sisters to take care of their children. True Parents really sacrificed their children in order to love the blessed couples and mankind. At least part of the responsibility of blessed couples was to return the true love they received back to Father and Mother's children. In short,



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In Jin Nim supports...

me," and divide up the True Family? No. If members look at me as Col. Pak's son or at Hyun Jin Nim's wife as Rev. Kwak's daughter, that's not right. Hoon Sook *Shi* is my sister now only in the sense that she is Heung Jin Nim's wife and I am In Jin Nim's husband, and as such, we live as brothers and sisters. The 12 True Children and their husbands and wives must live as brothers and sisters to represent one family, one absolute and pure lineage.

I can only change my blood lineage, in a spiritual sense, if I

we can say the suffering of Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim and all the True Children has come about because of the failure of those around the True Family to be able to give true love. Think about your own life. How many years have you been in the movement, and how high do you rank in your expressions of true love? We're not so good at it because it's not easy.

Satan has tried to strip True Children of their dignity, especially through school. When you go out fundraising or witnessing, if people know you're a Moonie and persecute you, you can go away and find somebody who's more prepared by Heavenly Father. We could control our persecution because when we couldn't take any more we backed off. How would you like to walk around Manhattan

24 hours a day with a big sign that said, "Moonie"? We should walk around like that and be proud of it, but I know that we don't. When I went to school, nobody knew who I was. In elementary school it just didn't occur to me to tell people I was a Moonie. In junior high and high school I realized that based on the quality of the relationship I developed with others, they usually would decide that I was okay. They would maintain that feeling even when they learned I was a Moonie, and therefore, would decide that Father must be okay.

But from the beginning people know who Father's children are. When judged based upon abilities and skills, True Children are top of the class: the best violinist, the best artist, the top grades. When Hyo Jin Nim was in Korea in elementary school, he was top in his class. When the teacher told him to go home and memorize the seven continents of the world, he'd memorize the seven continents of the world plus the 50 states of the United States for extra credit. Jeung Jin Nim is like the darling of the elementary school. What happens in junior high school though? Kids start having popularity contests, and certainly, being a Moonie is not yet quite in! In the seventies and early eighties when our membership took a lot of beating, know for sure that True Children were on the front line with you, even ahead of you.

Hyo Jin Nim once had an English professor who asked him to read one of the prominent 19th century feminist novels. It described how a young woman only found her identity when she was sexually liberated. Her life culminated when she walked into the ocean and killed herself. He was asked to write an essay on this junk. Instead of conforming in order to get an "A," Hyo Jin Nim wrote an essay about the virtues of family, the very thing the novel was mocking, and submitted it. It came



...Jin Sung Nim as he speaks at Belvedere.

back "C-" and no other comments on a fairly well-written paper.

Another English professor, who was a homosexual and an atheist, told In Jin Nim's class, "I'm going to teach you how to write a formal expository essay. First I'm going to show you an essay that I've written with the thesis: 'religion is the opiate of the people.'" The class went over it in detail, excruciating for In Jin Nim. She prepared for the final exam by reading many of the famous classics of English literature. However, when she opened the exam book, one of the questions was: Write an essay on the thesis, "religion is the opiate of the people." The teacher thought he was being a nice guy, but actually he was brainwashing, wasn't he? It was a three-hour exam and In Jin Nim cried for about the first thirty minutes. But when Satan attacks them, they respond by going back to God and True Parents, no matter what the cost. Would you have said, "Well, Father wants me to go to college and do well. Okay, I'll get an "A" and I'll just let my hand write 'religion is the opiate of the people.'" In Jin Nim couldn't do it. She said to herself, "I can't do this to You, Heavenly Father. Even if no one else reads this besides the English teacher, I cannot let this come from my fingertips." So she wrote an essay on the virtues of true love and got an "A-."

Just by looking at Hyun Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim, you can see what incredible athletes they are. True Children will never let you down spiritually or physically. In junior high school, Hyun Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim typically were the team captains and most valuable players in whatever sport they participated in—lacrosse, football, or baseball. Even without practicing, they became the stars of the team. But then others would

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All of the True Family, except Ye Jin Nim's two sons, were present for Sun Jin Nim's birthday celebration on July 11. Back row: (left to right) Jin Sung Nim, Jin Hun Nim, Kook Jin Nim, Kwon Jin Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Nim with Shin Young Nim, Father, Sun Jin Nim, Mother, Jin Whi Nim, Ye Jin Nim with Shin Hwa Nim, In Jin Nim, Nan Sook Nim with Shin Gil Nim, Hoon Sook Nim, Jun Sook Nim with Shin Won Nim, Un Jin Nim. Front row Young Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim, Yeon Jin Nim, Jeung Jin Nim, Shin Jung Nim, Shin Myung Nim.



This family portrait was taken in the solarium at East Garden. The room was designed by a famous Japanese landscape artist to include the natural rock formation seen behind and to the right. This is the first time a pre-existing formation was included in the building of a room. In the spring it is covered with flowers. There is a waterfall and pool with carp in it around the edges of the room. The wall painting on the left was done by Mr. Wabe.

BECOMING PART OF TRUE PARENTS' LINEAGE

get jealous. Kook Jin Nim just recently finished two seasons of football. It became the thing to do on his team to see how hard you could hit him. He used to come home totally bruised and have to sit in the tub. True Children are not invited to participate in any extra-curricular activity such as running for class president. Other kids write notes about them; they are laughed at, excluded, and pushed around. These are some of the things you need to understand, so you can connect to them better and not take them for granted.

"This is the realm of love"

To accomplish absolute unity with our True Parents, we need to transcend our way of thinking. Westerners—I can say "we" because I am one of you—have a tendency to think very logically. Sometimes when I come home from the university where I have to think very analytically, the True Children remind me that "this is the realm of love." Since we were created to live for love, we live for Heavenly Father who is the source of true love. But the arms and limbs of our existence are knowledge, power, and wealth. We need knowledge to build things which enhance our life physically, and maybe also spiritually. However studying in itself is very individualistic—and the thing that Satan uses to kill us spiritually most often is individualism, by separating us and making us think only about ourselves. That's why sometimes brothers and sisters should postpone their studying when they first join the movement.

At the university I see people who are living for nothing but money or power. Often people use knowledge to fight each other or to put other people down. Students even at our seminary may struggle a lot simply because studying is individualistic. When you read a book, in a sense you are putting the author in the subject position and gaining knowledge which you may use to make yourself look good. But knowledge is nothing of value unless it's used for Heavenly Father and True Parents. I didn't fully grasp that until I came into the True Family and began rubbing against raw true love. People would say to me, "What's the matter with you today?" and I would say "I don't

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know." My first reaction was very physically oriented, but now I look at my heart and ask, "Am I centered correctly?" Whenever you think about something, let True Parents come into your mind first and you'll be right where you are supposed to be.

The question often arises, where are we in the dispensation? When in 1985, Father stood here in a crowd this size—about 1,000 people—and said, "All I need is 100 of you to do what I ask and the Kingdom of Heaven will be established," I cried. If everyone here today just made a pledge to serve Father the way he wants us to serve him, then we would have it made.

After the flood, the Bible tells us, Noah was sleeping naked

and drunk, and Ham asked his brothers to walk backwards and cover Noah with a blanket. When I was young Ham's failure was one of the things that really scared me. I wondered if Ham even knew the significance of his failure. It seemed like such a slight thing. In fact, I'm sure if his heart had been different that the same act would have been a good act. He could have walked in and said, "Oh my goodness, it's chilly today. My father will catch a cold. I must put a blanket on top of him." Would God have looked with disdain upon that act? I wanted to live a life that True Parents would be proud of, to live up to True Parents' standard, and that act frightened me because I did not understand its consequences fully. I understood things very externally—I did not understand heart. Ham's mistake was a heartistic mistake. He failed to connect with Noah and he put himself above Noah who was standing in God's position. How many times have we done that in our mind? How many times have we all done that through our central figure to True Parents?

Sometimes it seems that Father says things to us that don't sound logical. Sometimes a leader will report something to Father, and then another leader will say, "Oh, Father, that particular fact is not correct. Let me tell you another fact," and Father says, "No, that's okay. I already understand." Then the second leader says, "Oh, Father, you don't understand; you've just been told something that I believe is not right." You see, that's Ham's mistake and you should not do that. When you come with urgent news to Father and say, "Father, I need to tell you something," and Father says, "No, that's okay, it can wait," then it can wait, right? That's our standard. If we live like that, then with our mind and body we can be absolutely united with True Parents. We live like that here because we believe Father and Mother won't lead us astray as may happen in the fallen world. We have found the true man and woman who will never do us wrong. Even if our mind doesn't understand completely, we can make the absolute condition to follow anyway.

Don't make Ham's mistake

I stress Noah's situation because in a sense I feel that we as brothers and sisters are in Ham's position right now. Upon Ham's failure Moses had to redo the foundation of faith. At Moses' time the Israelites united enough to be able to leave Pharaoh's land, but that didn't mean that their foundation of substance was solidified. The unity between Cain and Abel has to be accomplished over a certain time period. It can't just be done one day by Cain saying, "Okay, I'll unite with you on this one point, that's all." There has to be a true give and take between the two. There had to be absolute unity between the Israelites and Moses. Did that occur? Principle teaches us clearly Satan's strategies so we can overcome his invasions.

Today we are living at the very time when the culmination of human history is happening. Father said in 1945 he should have been received as the worldwide Messiah based upon the worldwide foundation of Christianity centered upon Korea. But the foundation that had been prepared collapsed and established Christianity rejected Father completely. Isn't that similar to the situation that happened with Jesus? When Satan has a victory, he'll use it against us as much as he can until finally we can rectify it, but how many times in history have we been successful in invading Satan's invasions? God needed a man who would not fail him. Who was that man? Father. That is the victory of our True Parents. Unfortunately, we are the very people who, like the Israelites, failed to prevent Satan from invading. We have to be incredibly grateful to Father and Mother

because they fought and won every battle by themselves.

Father has been in prison six times, and he said that every level that he ascended to was a life and death situation. Jesus' life would have been spared had three disciples been willing to give up their lives for him. They couldn't even pray all night. Likewise, Father could have been spared tribulation had those around him been faithful. But be it known that we have come this far because of True Parents and everything that they bore.

When I was in law school, I learned that Jesus' crime, in our secular sense, was contempt of court. He didn't respond when he was asked a question. That was the actual charge against him and he was killed for that.

What was Father's crime on the worldwide level? Tax evasion? If I ever have the opportunity, I would like to share with you everything about Father's trial and the court case. When I was in law school, it was *the* thing to study. We had Cain-type professors who kind of laughed it off, and we had Abel-type professors who said, "Wait a minute, this is too much!" There were about six or seven clear constitutional issues, any one of which would have been enough to prove Father's innocence, and everyone agreed that there shouldn't have been a jury trial. These were conclusions reached by legal scholars even within Satan's own system. You have to know that Father and Mother are not only innocent in God's eyes, but they are also innocent in Satan's eyes.

We can't let Satan invade our connection with True Parents. If Satan invades this link, then Father will be made vulnerable and everything will be destroyed.

Father himself had to relive, and in a sense, reconstruct all of history in order to win the victory on the individual, family, tribe, society, nation, world, and even cosmic level. Many times when Father and Mother declare a new victory and open a new level of the providence at celebrations, we members say, "I don't see it; it's another one of those invisible victories." Well, that's right, it *is* invisible, but it's there. We wouldn't be here, and maybe we wouldn't even be alive if Father had not made those victories. In some societies, even modern-day ones, religious persecution is carried to the extent that it's okay to kill those who are unpopular. Can you imagine a law that for every Moonie you kill you get so much money? That's not so far-fetched. But it's because of Father's victories that that hasn't happened. Whenever you close your eyes to pray, thank God for True Parents and for the victories True Parents have reaped for us so that we can stand here. I fear that brothers and sisters do not recognize the significance of this time, the turning point, 43 years after 1945. At this crucial time, Father needs Jacob, Joshua, and Caleb, not ten faithless people. The Israelites were on the verge of fighting the ultimate battle, but only two people were willing to do it. Consequently they had to stay in the wilderness and only the second generation made it to Canaan.

We are not yet a nation, but we're definitely a tribe, aren't we? We're one family. So the most important thing is to recognize Father and Mother as the Messiah. That has been substantialized spiritually on the cosmic level and we can make it happen in the physical world if we get ourselves motivated and

absolutely united, recognizing the significance of this time.

Don't think that after so many years you know what Unification Church is all about. Don't say, "Well, I've been here long enough and I know what tomorrow's going to be like." What you've tasted is forty years in the wilderness—not even forty years, because some of you came late. But that's what it was and now here we are on the riverbanks. Tomorrow is going to be the dawn of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, and if you're not ready for it, you'll be left out.

Our role with True Parents

What role do we play? We are to be True Parent's sons and daughters, the flesh and blood of True Parents, centered upon our True Family. Father has sacrificed himself and his whole family, even to the death of his beloved son. To be with Father we have to be willing to sacrifice for the greater purpose. Father is sacrificing us for the sake of the world. We have the privilege of bringing the Messiah to the world. Father doesn't need a million Moonies; Father just needs you, the chosen ones in the Last Days, to establish the foundation to receive the Messiah on the worldwide level. Father accomplished the foundation for the Messiah on the tribal level. And now he is working on the national and worldwide level, centering on the unity of North and South Korea. When Father talks about the floodgates, he means it can happen, bam, all at once. But if you don't believe it, then it won't happen, and do you want Father to go to prison again? To do it by himself? I would rather die than to see that happen.

Who are you? You are the Abel to the Christians, to the world. Now do you see what's happening with the 7,000 ministers? It's a Cain/Abel struggle on the worldwide level. Everything that Father does is according to God's divine will. So Father walked the path that Jesus was unable to walk in order to lay the worldwide foundation to receive the Messiah. As Abel, we want to connect the Christian ministers with love to True Parents.

We can't let Satan invade our connection with True Parents. If Satan invades this link, then Father will be made vulnerable and everything will be destroyed. You see why it is so important to have absolute faith in True Parents. In a way, you could say the number 7,000 came from Satan, because until Satan is satisfied, God's will cannot go forth. Satan is the gatekeeper to the Kingdom of Heaven. When Father asks you to obtain 10 million signatures, or reach 7,000 ministers, don't ever think that Father is being arbitrary. Just think that it is a life and death matter, and we've got to do what Father tells us to do.

It is crucial here on the worldwide level that we realize we represent Father and Mother to the world. That is why in the past when we failed, the blame went to Father every time. Heung Jin Nim came to teach us that we are never alone in our public or private lives. Maybe you're home alone, relaxing on the couch when you're supposed to be doing some mission. You say, "I'll take the day off today. Nobody will know, I'll call in sick." But sooner or later, everybody will know the life that you lead.

We have to be aware that Satan is lurking nearby, hoping to invade our connection with True Parents in our mind, in our heart, in our daily life. If we don't lay the worldwide foundation for the Messiah, some sacrifice will be required. It is our privilege to do it. Those who are going to do it, raise your hands. Thank you very much. □

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A PROVIDENTIAL VICTORY!

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Rev. Lee, president of the Association of Religions in Korea, shares here his inspiring testimony about the impressions of the 30 Korean religious leaders who toured our projects in America from June 20-29, 1988.

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I am grateful that I can share my deepest experiences with you today, especially concerning the ongoing events of Father's work with the religions in Korea. First, I will give some facts about the historical background of religions in Korea.

We can find almost all the religions of the world in Korea and, on top of that, there are a few unique Korean traditional religions such as the Won Bul Gyo Buddhist sect, Dae Chon Gyo, and Chun Doism. Buddhism in Korea prospered and enjoyed the position of a national religion over the last one thousand years. Therefore, it tended to persecute other religions. For the last five hundred years, however, Confucianism has been exerting an immeasurable amount of influence on politics and culture there. Then, after World War II, there was no particular religion any longer that was considered the national religion and all kinds of religions have enjoyed the right to practice their beliefs in Korea. The Korean constitution, just like the American constitution, guarantees the separation of church and state.

About sixty percent—24 million—of the entire Korean population is religious. Two million are Catholic; about eight million are Protestant; and 12 million are Buddhists. Perhaps one to two million are Confucianists. However, just as someone in America may say he is a Catholic or a Protestant though he doesn't attend regular Sunday service, likewise in Korea, almost everybody considers himself a Confucianist, even though they don't have any firm be-

lief. Islam has been introduced in Korea, but is still a minor religious group.

While Korea was under Japanese domination for 40 years, the Japanese government didn't allow anyone to be a Christian, so many Christian young people and leaders went out of Korea to study in foreign countries and later return. That's the reason why the Christian movement in Korea has the most well educated and experienced leadership. Furthermore, the first president of Korea after Korea's independence in 1947, Syngman Rhee, was a Christian, and therefore the Christian movement has been the major influence in Korea for the last 40 or 50 years.

Association of Religions

The Association of Religions in Korea was established 23 years ago and has been chaired by various famous Korean religious leaders for the last 13 years. The Catholic and Protestant movements in Korea didn't join the Associa-

tion as organizations, but instead, ministers and priests are working with it as individuals. Christianity has over 80 different sects in Korea so it is impossible for one denomination or sect to represent the entire Christian movement there. Also, many Christians don't want to sit down or work together with people of other religions because Christian theology teaches against the worship of idols, and some religious groups working with the Association have a belief contrary to that.

The Unification Church was accepted by the Association only 18 years ago, and even then, members of several religious groups raised great opposition. But something happened as this year began, and leaders in the Association came to Father three times and asked him to develop it and give his leadership for its future. Father, however, declined because he never takes any position other than that of the founder of the Unification Church. Then they said, "What about you, Rev. Lee? You have served as vice-president of the Association in the past, and you have been representing the Unification Church." At that time, I was studying English at our Seminary (UTS), but because of this request, I returned to Korea.

One particular religion in the Association of Religions, called Won Bul Gyo or Won Buddhism, had already prepared their representative to become the president, so I had to face some competition. When the board of trustees of the Association of Religions met to elect their president, all the other religions except this Buddhist sect chose me. However, even after their decision to elect me, there were still several groups which were concerned about how a Unification Church representative would lead the Association. They had more influence and a bigger membership than the Unification Church in Korea. They were worried, too, that members of the Association might re-



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ceive retribution because of the opposition which the Unification Church received in Korea in the past from all religions, especially other Christians. Also, some of the groups suspected that the Unification Church might manipulate the Association for the sake of its own development.

Because of these concerns, I made three statements when I gave my remarks as the newly-elected president. First, I promised that under my leadership, the Association of Religions would benefit all the religious groups which were participating in its work. I also promised that I would personally do my best for the sake of the Association. I additionally declared that all the religions in Korea should work together for the sake of Korea's future, specifically, the unification of North and South Korea.

Grateful to Father

After I was elected president, our movement donated money to build the Center for the Association of Religions in

their own sake—they never contribute their money. When we came up with money to establish the head office, they all felt sorry before Father.

Because of the large capacity of that conference room, the "Fortieth Anniversary of Korean Independence Symposium" was held there. Last April a symposium called "The Present Status of Religions in Korea" was also held in that auditorium. As you all have heard, there is a movement like a hurricane for democracy and freedom going on in Korea, and last May a symposium on religion and politics was held there. Since Father established the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland last year, people are showing more interest in the unification

rean religious communities. Since I became president of the Association of Religions, leaders of religious societies have come to thank me and the Unification Church for leading the Association so well.

However, some of the members of

the Association still did not understand what the Unification Church is all about, so I arranged to show them some of the things that Father is doing. They had heard that the Unification Church had a lot of

He couldn't stop saying that the foundation that Father has established in this country is a miracle, and that God must be behind Rev. Moon, following him all the way through.

money but they never knew how it was being used. When they saw Tong-Il, for example, they came to realize that the Unification movement is producing top-of-the-line technology in Korea and they were shocked!

Visiting America

Then Father invited 30 of those leaders, representing 10 major religions, to come to America and see the Unification projects there. They saw many things on the West Coast; then in Washington DC, they saw the offices of *The Washington Times* and *The World and I*, and later, they saw our church projects and properties in New York. Through their tour of Father's projects in Korea and America, they began to realize that Father is exerting his opinion and influence and devoting himself for the sake of the entire world—not even just for the sake of religion.

In New York they stayed in the New Yorker Hotel. When they heard that the New Yorker has 2,000 rooms, some of them said, "This hotel New Yorker is twice as big as the biggest hotel in Korea!" That is the Lotte Hotel, which has 38 stories and 1,000 rooms.

While they were staying in New York, Dr. Durst shared with them about many more of the activities and projects of the Unification Church in America. A representative from the International Religious Foundation (IRF) also shared about the projects of IRF. Then they visited UTS and Belvedere. They were amazed by the beauty of Belvedere and the scenery around that area. They all said that the Belvedere property is much prettier than the Blue House in



The man who received the revelation from Jesus is in the middle; at the far right is the leader of the entire group of clergy.

Korea. This building contains office space as well as a conference room with a 300-chair capacity. In reality, even though the other religious groups have more money, assets and property all over Korea than the Unification Church, when it comes to working for the Association—which is not just for

of Korea. Because of that, we had a symposium called "The Unification of Korea and the Role of Religion." Thus the Association of Religions, under Father's guidance through myself, is focusing on the present issues taking place in Korea by studying, researching, gathering opinions, and serving the Ko-

Korea where the Korean president dwells. They learned that Father has secured land in that area to establish the Unification University. Then they came to East Garden where they had been invited by True Parents for a banquet.

I was concerned that some of the leaders would wonder why Father, a religious leader himself, would live in such a big mansion and luxurious property. However, after the banquet at East Garden was over, they clearly felt how significant the work is that Father has been doing for the sake of the world, so the size of the house and area where Father lives was not a concern to them.

Hand in hand

Not only were they welcomed by Father and Mother, but also by Kook Jin Nim and the other True Children and their spouses, who all treated them really warmly. They enjoyed the Korean banquet, which was prepared under True Mother's supervision, and were entertained by the East Garden performing arts team. They felt grateful to receive such gracious hospitality from Father's entire family.

After entertainment, Father spoke to them. Rather unusually, Father started by asking these religious leaders if they had any questions. The first question concerned why Father came to America to work instead of staying in Korea. Father answered that he wanted to work for the sake of the world-wide dispensation and he knew that America was a better place to do this. The second question came from a prominent Buddhist monk in Korea who said, "We have learned a lot about you and what you are doing here, but what is your goal for the future in general?" That was the question Father was waiting for! Father's special field at this moment is the topic of true love. We all know that Father is the essence and embodiment of true love, so whenever he talks to people, that true love naturally flows. When the guests all started feeling it, they were not only inspired but they also realized that Father has been practicing this true love all his life. Because of his enthusiasm and power, Father couldn't just sit in the chair, so he stood up and gave a talk lasting about 40 minutes. After Father's speech, the religious leaders expressed their feeling that Rev. Moon's power, passion, and enthusiasm are the very reasons that he can be a world-level leader.

After Father's speech, the leader of the group gave his remarks. As a Confucianist, all his life he had respected one particular famous Confucian scholar in Korean history called Yul Go Lee. Yul Go Lee was his great hero, but after seeing Father and listening to his speech, he admitted, "I feel Rev. Moon is greater than Yul Go Lee!" He knew that Father came to America 15 years ago and went through tremendous persecution from the religious community and that Father was even in prison in Danbury. He couldn't stop saying that the foundation that Father has established in this country is a miracle, and that God

They even consulted me about what kind of gift would be appropriate for Rev. Moon. A couple of Buddhist sect leaders brought their oldest, most valuable, original scrolls to Father as a gift. One particular religious leader brought a drawing that he had done himself with Chinese calligraphy that read "All religions will be united at the end." Since they believe that the Unification Church has a lot of money, they thought Father must have all the necessities. They felt they must find something really unique and precious and valuable.

All these gifts were symbols of the dedication of their minds and hearts to



Protestant leader presents his gift to Father.

must be behind Rev. Moon, following him all the way through.

After the speech, Father walked for a while outside with this man and held his hand. After strolling for a brief moment, this man confessed that when he held Father's hand, he felt that although Father is an ordinary man who has flesh and a body, he has accomplished so much. When he compared his own life to Father's, he felt he hadn't done anything—that his life was like a zero compared to Father's life.

Very special gifts

After this man's remarks, each leader presented his gift to True Parents. The value of the gifts was much more than their monetary worth. Before coming to America, they had thought for a long time about what would be a proper gift.

True Parents. When they came to America, they had to carry all these gifts around for one week while traveling to Los Angeles, Washington DC, and New York—they had to pay much indemnity! This was the first time that religious leaders came to visit Father here as the official representatives of their own religious group or community. Thus, their gifts were very significant because they were given on behalf of each leader's entire religious group. Remembering the past terrible persecution from every religious group in Korea, I couldn't stop trembling, and the tears flowed from my eyes when all these religious leaders came forward and offered their precious gifts to Father and testified to Father's leadership.

The next day, on June 28, there was another banquet held at the 43rd Street

National Headquarters, during which the religious leaders expressed their feelings since being invited to America by Father. Before the official program started, a Buddhist monk said he wanted to sing a song. He said he felt that Father was a "son for the world," and he sang the famous Italian aria, "O Sole Mio." Another Buddhist leader said, "If the purpose of all religions is to save mankind, then Rev. Moon is truly the great front-runner who is doing that holy task." Many also praised True Mother, saying that she is the essence of beauty and elegance. One expressed his deep feeling that since Rev. Moon is the foremost campaigner against communism for the sake of a peaceful world, all the religious organizations in Korea must unite and follow in his footsteps.

Even the leader representing Won Bul Go Buddhism said that Rev. Moon is truly a great man! He praised Father for coming to America and reviving the spirit of Christianity and working to solve racial problems. He also said that just as the United Nations was established for the sake of the world, Unification Church has been establishing the foundation for all religions in the world to unite. These leaders actually have been trying to establish a movement called "United Religions." Since seeing what Father has been doing, they felt that there is no way they can compare their work with his. They begged Father and the Unification Church to take the responsibility to lead the United Religions movement.

Recognition of Father

Then the leader of Chul Le Go, a Buddhist sect which originated in Japan, offered to sing a song which he had composed to describe his state of heart after seeing Father. He is now 86 years old and the only reason he came to America was because he wanted to see Father with his own eyes. His song went something like this: "After the ocean there is a mountain, and after the mountain there is another ocean, but wherever my Lord is I will go. My love is my Lord; I will go even to the

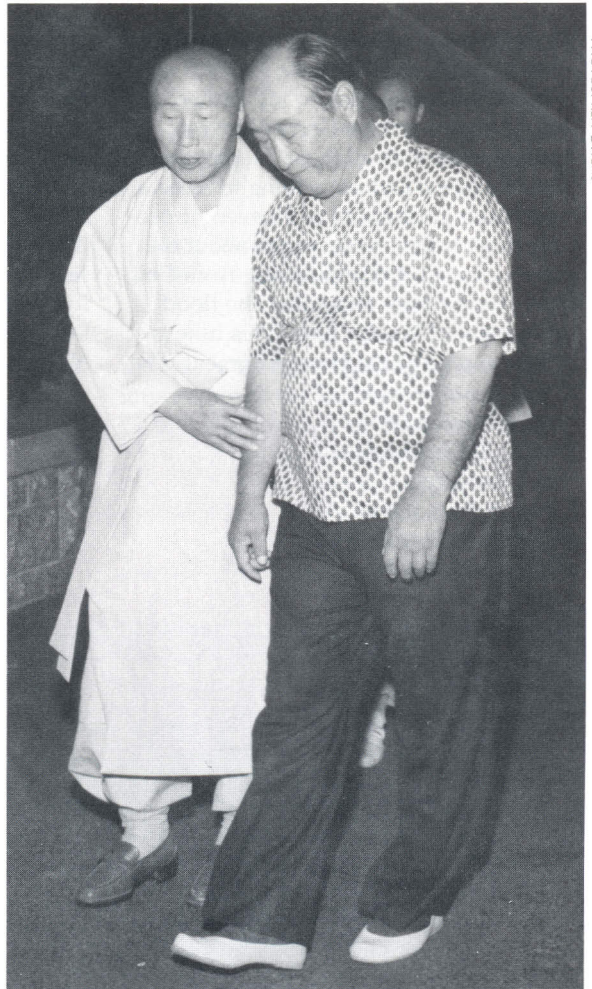
end of the earth, overcoming waves or hurricanes and enduring any kind of thorny path; I will ultimately go and meet my Lord."

One Protestant leader shared his feeling that the relationship between other Christian groups in Korea and the Unification Church was supposed to be a close one, like brothers and sisters. However in the last 30 or 40 years, established Christian churches have persecuted the Unification Church. As the representative of the Korean Protestant movement, he truly repented in front of the Unification Church. At East Garden, when Father told them he had heard other Christian ministers pray, "Please God, take Rev. Moon's life away," this minister said he finally understood what kind of pain and agony Father had had to deal with. He felt really ashamed and repentful. He vowed, "After I return to Korea, I will do my best to bring unity and harmony between the Unification Church and other Christian groups in Korea. Once that takes place, the Unification Church will enjoy a quantum leap in prosperity."

In Korea, there is a religion called Chun Do Gyo, which actually combines Christianity, Buddhism, and Confucianism together. In their theology, they divide history into the world before heaven and the world after heaven. They

prophesy that this decadent and decayed world, which is the world before heaven, will soon perish and a new world of peace and prosperity will begin. After coming to America, the

Chun Doism leader realized that Father has been fulfilling that very thing which they have been seeking for the last 50 years. He expressed his sincere feeling that Rev. Moon has done enough for the sake of America, so America should



Buddhist monk strolls with Father.

PHOTOS: KEN OWENS

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The last speaker was the Buddhist monk who had spoken at East Garden and walked outside with Father. He said, first of all, he was truly grateful that Rev. Moon had invited them to America. He added that according to the Chun Doism book of prophecy, the new world of prosperity will begin from this very year, 1988! He also said that this book prophesies that Korea and America will have to work together to bring peace and prosperity for the world. After he came to America, he too realized that Rev. Moon is the very person who is accomplishing that task.

Revelation from Jesus

Then another man gave me a piece of paper. Interestingly, although he is not a Christian, about three years ago Jesus Christ appeared and spoke to him. He had written down a portion of the direction that he received from Jesus Christ and brought it all the way from Korea to show to Father. The revelation said,

"The fire judgment is over and the Kingdom of Heaven has been established on earth. Therefore, I, Jesus Christ, am going back to my Father, God. As you receive God's direction, please work with all those people who believe in me and are willing to receive the coming Kingdom of Heaven. If people don't believe your words about the instructions you are receiving from God, ask them if they remember the flood judgment of Noah's time. This time is like the time of the flood judgment. The coming new world will follow God's will." The leader said that even though he is not a Christian, he understands that Father has the mission to fulfill the unfinished task of Jesus Christ.

All of these religious leaders received a tremendous amount of inspiration. As they returned to Korea, their conclusion was that it had been a wise decision to elect me, the Unification Church representative, to be the president of the Association of Religions. More than that, they entirely surrendered themselves in front of Father.

The 20th century is considered to be the ecumenical century. In 1948, 10 Christian leaders who were concerned about the fighting among denominations got together and formed the World Council of Churches. Then Pope John XXIII initiated a Catholic policy to bring unity in Christianity, saying that Protestants are not heretics, but actually are their brothers. The living God has been working with these Protestants and Catholics, and now finally through the Unification Church the goal of unity of all religions can be attained.

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Our victory

In 1966, Father established the Supra-Denominational Organization among Christians in Korea and in 1975 initiated the IRF movement in Barrytown. As we have seen, he has created the World Religions Conference, the Religious Youth Seminar, the God Conferences, and various other projects and conferences. I have a firm belief that because of Father's foundation and because God has been working through the Unification Church, these religious leaders

from Korea could now come to Father.

In my experience, I have seen no other country where people have such tremendous passion and enthusiasm for religious beliefs as in Korea. Elsewhere in the world, religions are declining, but in Korea all the religions are prospering and exerting a lot of influence. It is said that Korean Christianity is the representative of entire worldwide Christianity, so the unity of Korean Christian leaders with Father is really significant. Now that these Korean religious lead-

ers have come to America and made these pledges to cooperate with True Parents, it is natural and it will become evident that all religious leaders will eventually accept and serve True Parents in the future. This is truly the time for ecumenism!

We are now entering Canaan, where we have to establish our foundation. The Israelites left Egypt after 430 years of slavery there. In the same way, Unification Church must return to Korea after 43 years since Korea's independence. The 43rd year is this particular year of 1988. We can find great providential significance in the fact that this

year, representatives of the entire religious community in Korea came forward and accepted True Father's leadership.

This is True Father's victory. What we are doing is good; therefore, whatever we try to do is always opposed by the evil world. In human history, victors became losers the next time, and this kind of cycle has repeated itself. Then what is the absolute, complete victory? This victory should be one in which victor and loser both are pleased and happy.

When the Korean religious leaders accepted Father and responded to him as they did, he was so happy! At the same time, they themselves were just as excited, inspired, happy, and pleased. No matter how much confrontation and fighting and difficulty we may face right now, because of True Parents' true love, the eternal victory will be ours.

There is another victory: When these Korean religious leaders came to America they not only saw what True Parents were doing, but also saw what you, the fruit of True Parents, are doing here. They were totally inspired and truly moved by your sincerity and hard work. I hope that we can celebrate and be happy that through the hard work of all the brothers and sisters in the world, this kind of victory could be harvested. Thank you very much. □

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Readers:

We would like to invite you to write in your perceptions, feelings, insights, comments, and suggestions to a "Letters to the Editor" column. The more sharing and feedback we can foster among ourselves, the greater can be our unity and mutual benefit.

This month we are printing one beautiful example of the many sincere requests we've received for pen pals/friends. At this time we need pen pals primarily from mission countries and from Korea and Japan.

We look forward to being a forum for a wide variety of your input in the months to come.

Dear Editor:

I am very pleased to write to *Today's World* concerning the idea of having a foreign pen pal who can share his or her deepest heart and experience in their place of mission. I am a girl of about twenty-one years old. I joined the church in the Nigerian headquarters at Lagos in 1984. I am five years now in the family, a dedicated center member. While in the headquarters, I belonged to the national fund-

raising team (NFT) and witnessed part time. I am a Nigerian by origin.

I was sent to pioneer in Calabar in 1987 and do intensive witnessing. Since witnessing here is not so easy I decided to combine fundraising and witnessing together. When I came here things were so difficult that I felt I really should have somebody in a foreign country to share my heart and my experiences with, and also to receive a word of encouragement from him or her.

I am interested in reading our church magazines and other books published by our church. But sometimes those books are very scarce here in the pioneering center. Because of this, I dream of having a pen friend who can sometimes send me some of these books to read in order to know more about our True Parents' heart.

I will be very happy if my request can be granted. And I will be very pleased if I can get a reply very soon. God bless you in True Parents' name.

Yours faithfully,
Miss Comfort E. Dan

The Challenge of the Ocean 1988

by Karen Smith

As director of education for Ocean Church, Karen Smith coordinates all training for Ocean Challenge. This article was written August 7, after all the training programs had ended and as participants continued practicing their skills on the ocean.

Ocean Challenge always provides new challenges for the newcomers as well as the more salty. This year is no exception. The '88 season has thus far seen three 21-day training programs through to their end. Now, while staying busy with the moment to moment work of keeping lines properly adjusted and baited, engines maintained and boats safe, and the needs of our physical bodies assuaged, we wait. We wait for the magical sound of "clip." We wait with the excited hollering of "strike!" echoing in hopeful hearts. We wait for the rush of adrenalin in which we lose ourselves as we fight the tuna. We wait, often with impatience agitating mind and body.

Learning precision and attention to small details often seems ironic in the face of the size and mercurial nature of the ocean. Rushing to get out early to the tuna grounds can seem inconsistent with the long hours spent waiting by the fisherfolk. So, to be able to utilize all circumstances we find given to us, we must learn patience and perseverance. We delve into the depths of our hearts and consciences to understand why Father sends us here for training and what it is he wants us to learn. Our alternative is to find an untrue bedmate for our conscience—failure.

Organization and activities

This year we have many international participants, predominantly from Japan. We also have four from Brazil and one from France. As is becoming tradition, we have many of the second generation, plus the graduating class of the Unification Theological Seminary. The lecturers, senior captains, and most of the technical support teams needed to

keep the boats at sea are Ocean Church members.

So far we have only brought in seven giant bluefin in the Gloucester area and about twenty small bluefin under 100 pounds in Montauk. After the training periods ended, we sent out squadrons to a number of fishing locations. To date we have five boats in Montauk, Long Island; ten in Provincetown, Cape Cod; and the remainder of the fleet are based in Gloucester. The Gloucester fleet fishes in four different areas. We have two squadrons up around Jeffrey's Ledge—one on the northern horn and the other on the southern point. Another squadron fishes in Ipswich Bay, and the fourth at the

the ones who catch the mighty fish, the importance of the land crew is overlooked. If it were not for those who work constantly on maintaining and rebuilding the engines—and on teaching the captains basic maintenance and troubleshooting, the fleet would never even touch the briny seas, and the fish would

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fishing locations, correcting the novices and intermediate captains and crew, and speaking on Father's tradition. He has a number of squadron leaders assisting him who are responsible for about ten boats and their crew: David Rosenblum is squadron leader in Montauk; Liam Forristal in Provincetown; and the four squadron leaders working out of the Gloucester base are Bernhard Volk, Chuck Frumin, Jin Gil Lee, and Scott Greene.

Often, in the excitement of the fishing season and the glamour that surrounds



Father speaks to Ocean Challenge participants.

northwest corner of Stellwagen Bank.

Gerhard Peemoeller heads up the *Ocean Challenge* fleet, coordinating its movement and

still swim safely at sea. Galen Brooks, Denton Smith, Douglas Schlageter, Ray O'Neill, Felicitas Moyer, and Cindy Bergman are only some of those who serve as fleet support, organizing, buying, and distributing equipment and fuel, preparing the meals for the hungry fishermen and solving the multitude of problems that any group of more than 250 individuals manage to generate—from accidental self-inflicted knife wounds to grievances about mates and captains. Even in such a small community as *Ocean Challenge*, we need so many items and services. Then, too, there are all those whose sponsorship makes the summer program possible. Without our brothers and sisters working in places often far from the nearest shore, we could not consider such an annual venture.

Effectively, this *Ocean Challenge* program is the nucleus of the Unification

Marine Institute. Father's vision is to have such a school that will also be a center of maritime concerns. It is merely a matter of time and money before we establish a full-fledged campus with classrooms, dormitories, and all the other services needed. The range of studies will increase and eventually be available all year. Perhaps some of the campuses will be in Florida or California, Alaska or Hawaii, so "classes" can be conducted all year round with different focuses in different locations. (Why stop at American locations—perhaps we have to include South America, Antarctica, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia.) But for now, we are establishing the base and foundation of such a school.

Following Father's footsteps

By the time the initial training period is over, people are seasoned enough to stay out overnight when the weather permits. So the number milling around the buffet dinner at night is less. Activity on the docks, on the gangplank, and around the bait and ice boxes is a little less. Fewer engines blurt out their day's first blue smoke at 0430 hours (4:30 a.m.) as the fleet stirs itself into activity. Those who stay out overnight are rewarded



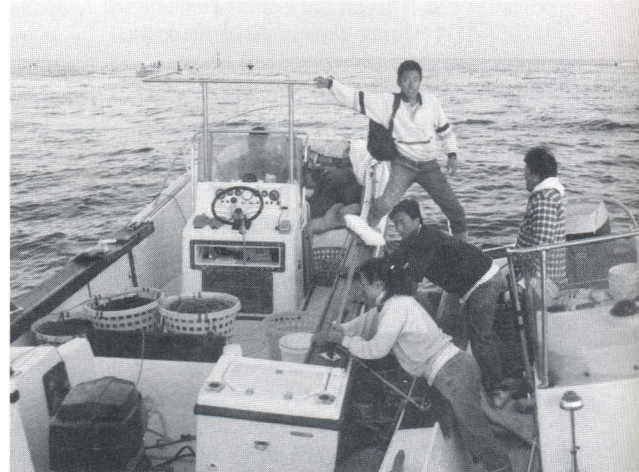
Gerhard Peemoeller demonstrating knots and tie-up lines to the trainees, Gloucester.

with more sleep.

Ocean Challenge provides participants with special opportunities. Those who come are afforded the unusual chance to walk precisely in our Father's footsteps—if we so choose. We cannot go back to Hung Nam prison, nor to Danbury. We cannot crawl back into the mud hut that was called the first church. We cannot even go back to the days when Father mobilized us all for the campaigns of the 70's. But here in Gloucester, we can greet each new day from the deck of a boat as the sun rises over the horizon, or as it is unveiled by the fog—as Father did. We can generate the determination to catch the magnificent fish we call tuna—as did Father, even though we have never seen one, and find it hard to believe they are really down there in the shadowy world beneath the waves. We can face daily the same challenges of wind, sun, salt, and time that Father faced. Through this we can better learn how to draw out of ourselves the hope, faith, patience, and perseverance that Father has wrought in himself. We can use our time to pray, reflect, and prepare for the future—our own, this nation's, and even the world's—if we choose. We can cross the same waters Father crossed so many times. We can return from the tuna grounds and develop the same love for the buoy called the "groaner", for the lighthouse, the smell of land, and for the safety of Gloucester Harbor itself. We can learn the art of tuna fishing and something more of the art of restoration. With each setting sun we can feel the completion of another step toward the realization of the Third Blessing—if we choose.

The measure of the success of the summer ocean training we call *Ocean Challenge* cannot simply be counted in the number of fish caught. It is counted more by the measure of unity among all the different people—the seen and the unseen—who contribute to this program. Ultimately, the victory won is the amount of heart manifested in all our dealings with each other. Eventually we need to bring together external success

and internal success. For now, our successes can be seen in our determination to fulfill the providential vision Father has for us and to resolve the difficulties and differences that are evident amongst us: the old and the new, the second generation and those who are endeavoring to pass from the old



Transferring various materials from one boat to the other, Ipswich Bay.

lineage to the true, those fishing and those working on land, those who are obviously part of *Ocean Challenge*, and those in other states and countries who make this possible. We are all involved in this condition for 1988 and this tradition of turning to the ocean for the sake of the future.

When Father spoke to us here in Gloucester on July 8, he made the priorities very clear to us. He expressed his heart and his hopes so deeply in his prayer that for most of us, it took three days before we could truly feel the intensity of his heart. A group of the second generation transcribed and translated this special prayer. For them it was a labor of love because they could understand its contents and thus feel more deeply the waves of seriousness and deep heart emanating from Father. They in turn were so serious themselves about translating not only the words Father spoke, but also the heart behind them. Still, when we took their version to print, they were not satisfied. They were very concerned whether or not they had done the job adequately. Nevertheless, we are very grateful for their hours of struggle with the awkwardness of transcribing from a video tape plus the challenge of translating heart into words.

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[See page 2 for this profoundly beautiful and moving prayer.]

Adventure on the Ocean

by Erling Lea

After seven years of fishing, I have learned many things from the ocean. Has anybody wondered why God created more ocean than land? There are two-thirds ocean and one-third land. From a logical viewpoint, there should be more land so man could have more space to live, but the reality is that there is more ocean. Did God make a mistake?

The ocean is becoming more and more a place that people long to visit. Cruising ships travel around the world, charging \$1,000 a day, and more than ever people are willing to spend that much. For the rest of their lives they talk about their trip on the ocean.

The ocean and religious life

Father has great love for the ocean. Life on the ocean, especially on a fishing boat, is very similar to living a religious life. In our movement, we have many different organizations to "catch" different types of people for God. Likewise, there are many different ways of fishing. It all depends on which type of fish you want to catch. The ocean is absolutely

whatever it might be, day or night, in good or bad weather. The weather always changes, and we have to be careful that we have the right size boat for a certain kind of weather.

A boat captain never relaxes at all, even while sleeping. He is always worrying about the safety of his boat and crew, and how to catch more fish. Fishing is a never-ending story; you are always looking for more and more fish. When fish show up, there can be long hours without sleep. The captain then uses the "frying pan method" to stay awake. You hold the pan in your hand while you are standing up; then, if you fall asleep, you drop the pan on your toe and wake up. It gives you approximately a 1/2 second rest!

After 30-40 hours straight of working on the deck with fish and fishing gear, I'm not sure if I'm asleep, dreaming, or awake. Sometimes when I am longlining* for example, it takes hours to get the fishing gear up. If it is tangled, it can take a good "clock" (one clock is 24 hours). One has to stay in one spot the whole time. There we work, eat, and sometimes take a catnap, still standing up!

When the crew comes back to land, in the beginning they often bring that spirit with them. One crew member, for example, woke up in the middle of the night thinking that he was still fishing and that his boat had drifted ashore all the way up to the center where he was sleeping. He ran out in the street in his underwear, yelling, "Help, somebody call the Coast Guard! We've run aground!" Another member who just woke up believed the same thing and tried to reverse the boat in the bathroom by rapidly turning the faucets in the sink. He tried to call the Coast Guard with the shower handle!



Erling Lea repairing a net on Sea Hope III.

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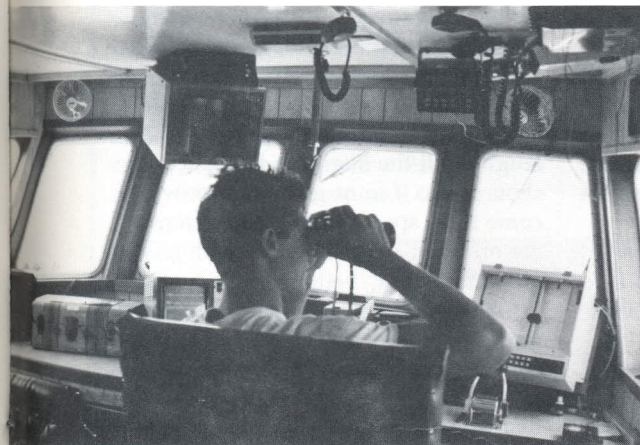
Dangers at sea

One time I was working with hydraulic gear and I fell asleep. I was dreaming and working at the same time. Somewhere in my mind I knew that if I did not turn off the gear I would hurt myself, so I had to yell at my physical body to wake up, and I did—at the last second.

Many times we come in bleeding after a day's work, but we cannot recall when or where we got hurt. Fishing is very dangerous work. In the beginning, many people wonder why our boat captains yell so much, but with a 70 percent higher accident rate than most other industries, a captain has good reason to yell. Remember that if you go out on a boat sometime!

In warmer weather we have to worry about sharks, who would not mind having us for lunch. Some of us already have had some close encounters with them. I had such an encounter with a

* Longlining: fishing with a heavy fishing line that may be several miles long and that has baited hooks in a series.



Captain Mackay Holmes at wheel watch on Sea Hope III.

the best training ground for church members, who will lead the world someday.

What I have learned here is endless. When we are fishing, we stay out for weeks at a time. One trip like this is like one very long day, because we never relax before we come back. The only thing on our mind is catching fish, shrimp, or

Portuguese man-of-war two years ago. (This is a dangerous kind of jelly fish which gives people cramps.) I still have marks from that painful experience.

The boat is the only protection we have out on the ocean, so attention is needed at all times. Our church company, Master Marine, has a very good reputation for building quality boats that are very safe. If a person's boat sinks or he falls overboard in northern waters in the winter, he doesn't have a long time to live. Now we wear survival gear that gives us a better chance.

Seafood is becoming increasingly popular all over the United States. People are getting hooked on seafood and don't want to eat anything else. It is much healthier also; the cholesterol in seafood is not harmful to the blood like that in meat is. I often hear from people

times. Often I feel ashamed to have to throw away a good fish when I know people are starving.

There is a good chance that the answer to AIDS and cancer may be found

in the ocean, too. Already scientists in Norway are studying this and are working on creating some medicines derived from the ocean. The immune system in sharks, for example, is so strong that it kills can-

cer cells injected into their bodies. Scientists are working on developing a type of shark oil for humans to prevent cancer.

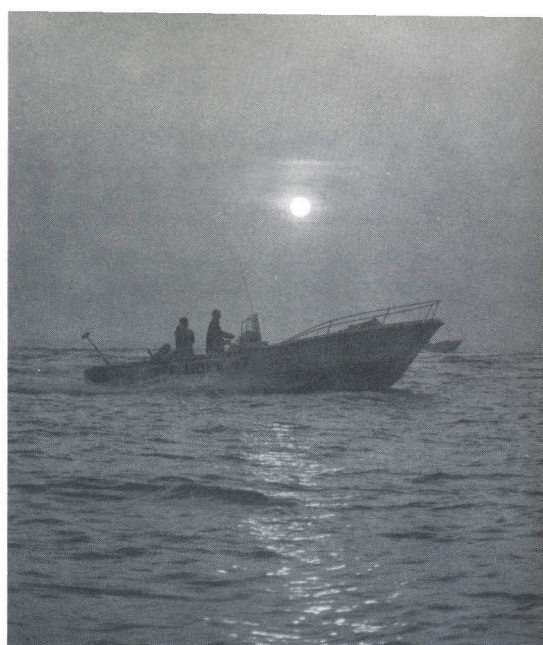
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Earth, sea, and True Parents

The fisherman has to battle with many factors: bad weather, environmentalists, sportfishermen, and the government. American environmentalists have created so many obstacles for the fishing industry in Europe that Europeans are now boycotting American products there, and they want American military forces out of their countries. Many of the environmentalists have more sympathy for the fish and animals than they do for man. But people are starving all over the world. God wants to feed them more than anything else. The creation wants to be a part of a perfect man. Without perfect man, creation

does not have any purpose. It takes many, many hours of individual sacrifice to become a good fisherman. Being a fisherman's wife can be lonesome because she sees her husband only about four months a year. But he makes a super husband who cleans and cooks just like her because he has to do all of that on the boat. A fisherman thinks about his wife all the time.

The mission of Ocean Church is very simple: it is to go fishing. The rest God



Sunrise on the ocean.

teaches us out there. When fishing, the spiritual atmosphere on the ocean is very clean and pure and simple. True Father accomplished many missions on land after making conditions of being on the ocean. Handling a boat in all kinds of weather is a great challenge. Many fishermen talk tough when the weather is calm, but when the forces of wind and waves come, they talk very humbly about God, Christ, and True Father and Mother.

Many similarities exist between the beauty of the Principle of Creation and the beauty of being on a boat. There are endless things to learn and many incredible things to see on the ocean: the sunrise and sunset, the dolphins playing around, and all kinds of fish, crabs, shrimp, etc. I feel more answers to man's questions can be found there than in space. I sometimes have to laugh at all the attention the space shots get, as if some great answer will come from space, while True Parents are on earth—and the sea—with all the answers.

You may lose your lunch in the beginning—but if you do not get anything out of being on the ocean, at least you will definitely love the land much more than you did in your whole life. Every step will make you grateful for something that does not move at all!

You may be scared to death of working on the ocean after reading this, but how do we brothers want to live, after all? Like Fred Astair, dancing on the roses, or like Rambo? We make the choice! □

Erling Lea is a fisherman at Bayou La Batre, Alabama.



A large "devil ray" that got caught in the net.

that after eating meat they feel like they have eaten a brick. It makes people look ugly after a long time, too. Seafood is a very natural food that isn't processed a lot; it only gets packed and frozen. Today there is a product called Surimi made from pollock in Alaska. It has different flavors, and can taste just like any kind of seafood or any kind of meat you find on land.

Right across the American border, the world is starving, and we have so much here. It makes you cry some-

Substantiation of Home Church

by Luciano Fenoli

This is part two of an article based on an interview conducted by Tamara Grapek with Luciano Fenoli, an Italian brother who has been doing home church both full time and part time since 1978. In this part of his testimony, Luciano describes how he was able to bring a substantial victory after suffering and following Father's directions exactly about how to do home church.

After I had been doing home church in England in one particular area for several months, Father asked us to get 40 days of pioneering experience in another area. In fact, all over the world he asked members to go out for 40 days. He had told us we should have two areas, one Cain and one Abel. I chose another city in England called Burton-on-Trent.

Choosing an area

During those 40 days, I kept a diary for the first time in my life. The first three nights I slept and prayed under a bridge near the train station where nobody could see me. I was very fearful that I would be caught and put in jail or kicked out of town. Father said to choose an area where many people go so you can meet them easily. After three nights I prayed and chose an area with a park where many people went strolling. My area also had an Anglican cathedral, the town hall, and the offices of the Conservative Party. I felt that my area was the central point of that whole town, where I could deal with everybody, and I felt I could save the area in seven months, as Father said we should be able to do. In fact, that area became historical for me, because I felt I could really become a tribal messiah there.

I visited the town hall and got an appointment with the mayor. Then I went to the cathedral and met the head priest, and I started a prayer condition there. Next I went to the Conservative Party office and I met the MP (Minister of Parliament). I remember him well because he later testified in front of the Queen about our work in home church.

The head priest, or curate, of the cathedral was 75. He lived a very dedicat-



Luciano with his home church "Mom," Mrs. Vine.

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ed life. I asked him if I could clean the church and his house, and he said, "My house is not important, but you can clean the church." Every week he invited me for lunch with him. Eventually he told me, "The Unification Church is persecuted now, but your church is young. Be patient. The day will come when everyone will recognize you." He

gave me a room in the church to use for the meetings and conferences that I organized for people in my area, even though he was persecuted by his own parish for this. Once I had a dream where I saw Father transform him.

One day I asked him, "What can I do for you, Father?" And he said, "Well, I have these leaflets inviting people for Sunday service. Could you distribute them?" So, every week I gave out invita-

tions for his service. Most of his members were in my area, so I could tell the people, "I am the only one in that huge cathedral who attends holy communion and mass every morning and I am a Moonie! This is *your* church, so you should go!" And they would say, "Yes, we will try to go."

A real John the Baptist

I always start home church by going around my area three times, getting all the names and writing them down. I met a Jewish lady, 80 years old, who asked me right away, "Where are you staying, young man?" When I told her I didn't know yet, she said, "If you don't find a place, I have a room for you to stay here." I said, "But you don't know me!" She said, "You have a nice face. I like you, so if you don't find a place, please come."

But I found a young man, 25 years old, who offered me a place for one

week, so I went to stay with him first. Then he changed his mind about having me live with him, so he said, "I'm going to sell the house and move out of this neighborhood." I thought, "I guess he didn't want to be saved!" and I went to stay with the Jewish lady, Mrs. Vine. She said, "Welcome! I was waiting for you!" She was living alone, and she said, "My own family members are just interested in my money. What do you really do around here? I want to help you." When I told her I was a missionary of the Unification Church, she said, "But I'm Jewish; isn't that a problem for you?" I said, "Not at all. I love everybody, Jewish, Hindu, whatever." So on Fridays we both lit our candles and prayed together. I was there for seven months, because after the 40 days pioneering was over, the regional leader asked all the successful pioneers to stay in their areas. Now Mrs. Vine is in spirit world, but before she died she became a member. She even let us do a 21-day workshop in her house with her.

I decided to make a 21-day condition to serve the people in my area, because without service, I felt I had no foundation to speak. After you serve and pray

together and share the day. When it got late, she would tell me, "My son, Luchi, go to bed! Don't sleep tonight in the chair, okay?" I would say "Yes, Mom, good night!" and go upstairs. Then when I heard her snoring, I would come down and finish my roster or go out to visit some more houses. And later, of course, I would fall asleep at the table. In the

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morning she would say, "Luchi, again you slept in the chair! Oh, no, you're going to die, you'll get sick!" And I would say, "Oh Mom, I'm sorry!" Every day it was like that!

I also had to do fundraising, and she was my bookkeeper. I would say, "Mom, I'm going out to fundraise and will quickly come back so we can eat dinner together tonight." "Of course, Luchi,"

she would say, "you fundraise and I'll pray, and then in one hour you'll be back without any product left." It happened many times that I finished in one hour! So I would call her, "Mom, I'm finished!" And she'd say, "Good. Come back, my son, and let's have a prayer." Eventually she even told me, "I'm too old; otherwise legally I would adopt you; I would give you everything I have." She had been unable to walk around very much, but after I stayed with her she began to get resurrected. She would go out shopping with me, and testify to everybody about me. She was happy. She even called the MP and testified about what Father was doing. She was a real John the Baptist. Of course, she didn't treat me like a son from the very beginning. Her heart was won step by step as I served her in the smallest ways.

for them, then people want to know who you are, and it is time to testify and face persecution. I knew persecution had to come, so I did exactly what Father instructed. I visited 53 houses a day, and if I couldn't finish my visiting, then I would touch the handles of the doors and pray, "Father, please bless this family and tell all their ancestors that I came." Then I would come back to Mrs. Vine's house and we would have prayer

Co-creating through service

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many dreams and visions of Father when I was walking around or doing service in my area.

The problem is, how do we incarnate Father's words? We must put them into practice and become a source of inspiration for other people. All your 360 homes are waiting for you, needing you, because they have no power to come to God themselves. They are in the Cain position. We come to bring them into the Abel position, and then together with them, we can create heaven. If, for instance, you fix a house or repair a roof or do some service, they are shocked. It is like co-creating with God.

For example, I visited one old couple and told them, "I will paint your kitchen tomorrow; I will bring the paint and brushes and I will do it in one job, no matter

how many hours it takes." They had been asking the town hall to do that for three or four years, so of course they didn't believe I would keep my promise. But the next day I was there. I started at nine o'clock in the morning and I worked all day without stopping, painting the whole house inside, until nine o'clock the next evening. The old man stood there a long time and watched me because he couldn't believe it was true. Someone told the local newspaper about my service to old people, and on the second morning at 10 o'clock, a reporter from the local newspaper came and asked me why I was painting. I just answered, "If the town hall had done this, or if one of the many churches around here had done it, why would I need to come all the way over here from Italy? I came to show you Jesus' tradition of helping and loving each other. As I do, you can do."

Persecution

At first the reporters were very impressed, but after some time they realized I was a Moonie and they started persecuting me. However, we know that has to happen. Father told us, "I went through persecution; in your area, you will go through persecution." We just have to prepare enough people as John the Baptists who will speak out and protect us because of our service and love.

In the first 21 days of my condition, I invited all the families in my area for a meeting in the town hall to talk about how to improve the community. About 84 families promised to come. They



Burton-on-Trent in England, where Luciano made his greatest victory in home church.

said, "Finally somebody cares enough to do this. We'll be there." They even gave money to establish a Parents' Association, which was my goal. On the day of the conference, however, the local newspaper came out with a front-

ample, once I organized a running competition and a soccer game for young people and offered prizes for the winners. I also organized a young people's party and a Golden Age Party for senior citizens. The editor always put in a little

why the people don't help you more to fulfill your mission there." How she changed!

And another thing came true. Father said that we could restore our area quickly by working very hard and sacrificing personal comforts. After sleeping only three hours a night for seven months, I calculated that I had only five people in my whole area who were very negative. I lived and slept in my area, and everybody helped me and gave me food because they saw me busy day and night. A friend of one home church contact even gave me a bicycle so I could save a lot of time getting around.

The results of my effort were long lasting. Two years after I left Burton-on-Trent, Mrs. Vine sent me an article from the town paper in which some person testified, "We should make a monument for that guy. We still remember him after two years." This is incredible, but Father said that our home church people would want to make a statue of us someday! These things happen when you go over limitations. Father says when you pay a lot of indemnity, eventually the moment comes when Satan has to give up.

Of course I also had lonely and miserable times in Burton-on-Trent. When this happened, the Anglican priest was always there for me and he gave me a lot of inspiration and courage from his 75 years of life experience. I went to him as I would go to an elder brother. And Mrs. Vine was like a mother. When I was down, I would spend a day with her and she would sing for me and lift me up and tell me, "Oh you do a good job! This moment will pass."

Cain and Abel relationships

I also learned that sometimes we go through an empty moment because we don't connect our work with our central figure. I remember once after struggling one week by myself and not knowing what to do anymore, I called the church headquarters far away. In that one call I got new direction and a feeling of unity. So I discovered that there is a principled way we must keep. I have a relationship as a Cain toward my Abel, my central figure, and also as an Abel toward my Cain, my home church contacts. If I don't have a good relationship with my Abel, and no good foundation of faith, then the members in my home church will rebel and persecute me, or somehow Satan will attack. I need God to guide me not just directly, but also



Young people gather from Luciano's area for a sports event that he organized for them. Members from a nearby center come to help.

page article called, "Look Out, There is a Moonie About." They warned people not to go to the meeting because I would brainwash them. I found out it was a Christian group who had called the editor and

told him to write the story. Only 13 families came to the meeting, but they defended me when three Christians from that group arrived to make trouble and to accuse me with quotes from the Bible. My guests

said to them, "You get out of here! As church leaders, you didn't do anything in 15 years to help this town. Now this young man comes from Italy and tries to help everybody. How could you make up such a story? We want to hear Mr. Fenoli speak about how we can improve the community!" So they left. The next day a second article on the front page came out with their apology!

But in that town there was another newspaper editor who actually helped me every time I held an event. For ex-

ample, once I organized a running competition and a soccer game for young people and offered prizes for the winners. I also organized a young people's party and a Golden Age Party for senior citizens. The editor always put in a little

article to advertise the things I was doing. Sometimes when we see someone's good result, we don't know what is behind the success. I had been ready to

suffer and die in my previous area, and after seven months of suffering and persecution and sleeping outside and getting sick many times there, the blessing came later in Burton-on-Trent.

I have to really testify that what Father has said about home church became true again and again for me. For example, Father said that our home church contacts would testify to our own families for us. When my sister, who had been opposed to the church for seven years, came to visit me and met my best people, they started fighting among themselves to have her stay in their house! When my sister went back to Italy she wrote me a letter and said, "I saw your work and I don't understand

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through my central figure. It became clear to me that in that sense, it doesn't matter how much you do in your area; if it is centered on "myself," it becomes a problem.

After England, I worked briefly in Germany, Austria, and Belgium. Then I went back to Italy, where I fundraised for seven months. I did home church while fundraising. In Italy we fundraise with our church newspaper, *New Era*, which has one of Father's speeches in every issue. I introduced myself to people as a missionary from the Unification Center and testified about our work. They responded, "Oh yes, your group has been there for three years, but we never really understood what you are doing." So I would sit down and explain. I got many donations because finally people understood our purpose. I put leaflets about our Sunday service in all the *New Era* magazines and invited many people to come.

One lady had seen members going out fundraising and coming back every day. The center leader said to me, "I always say hello to her." I asked him if he ever visited her. He said he didn't really think it was necessary to visit people now, even though he had been successful in home church in the past, because he was very busy fundraising all the time. But I went to see her and she said, "Oh you are from the Unification Center! Please come in. I want to know more about you because for three years I have seen your people going in and coming out but nobody explained to me exactly what you are doing." I talked to her and invited her to Sunday service, and she came up right away the first Sunday. Then she came during the evenings for lectures and I taught her the 7-day and 21-day workshop content. She became a home member and now is one of my spiritual daughters.

Global home church

I also met an elderly couple whom I invited many times to come to our Sunday service. When I told them that I was going to America, they said, "Oh, we have two sons in New Jersey. Can you

go and visit them?" Another lady had relatives in New York City, and she gave me cheese to bring for them. So when I came to America I was still doing home church! I brought the cheese to the lady's relatives and I prayed in their house for God to bless them. They were high-class people—engineers—and they gave me a 100 dollar donation. Father said that our home church contacts will be spread all over the world!

All in all, I had about 40 contacts from that time in Italy who became associate members or got a subscription to *New Era*. Because of all the work brothers and sisters were doing in that city, the director of a local TV station invited us to come and speak, saying, "You are severely persecuted, but you have the right to defend yourselves." So the national leader and several members came and testified for three days.



Luciano with friends he met in America, where he continued to do home church.

It was really wonderful.

After that, I came to America and I kept doing home church. When Father went to prison, I felt very strongly that I wanted to help him by visiting ministers. As I was visiting churches, I did home church. We need to keep home church in our minds and hearts. Then we have no confusion about whether we are doing home church or not. I took care of 72 churches, and sometimes I

went until midnight in order to visit 14 churches every day. When the minister was not there, I would touch the handles of the church doors and pray. Sometimes the pastor was there but he didn't have so much time, so I would just ask, "Can we pray together?" Then I would

quickly go to the next church.

I found 14 ministers to go to Korea for ICC. They could witness to many others, so I didn't have to do the whole job! One minister who went

to Korea last year accepted the mission to take care of all of my contacts. I gave him 32 ministers' names, and he invited them all to Korea.

Be a tribal messiah

In conclusion, I would like to say again that home church is everything we do. Whatever mission we are doing, we must have an area and keep a roster

and pass our contacts to someone else when we have to leave. The important thing is to give this work to somebody; otherwise, you lose everything.

Hyo Jin Nim has been saying that we should be tribal messiahs. We have received so much, and we need to go out and give. We just have to overcome our fear or hesitation about how to go out and why. We have to take this fear from our minds, because this is the way Satan tries to stop us. If we just go to our area and be with the people, even sleep there, then all the spirit world will be ready to really help us. Even if you witness to somebody in the street, you can go to their home

with a brother or sister and see who they are and what they do. Then you can invite them to the church. This is still home church witnessing.

I am glad for this opportunity to share my feeling and my experience of incarnating home church for the last 14 years. I hope the tests I have gone through can help others. I pray for victory for us all. □

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Our Standard of Devotion

How can you say you are dedicated if you have restored only two people in five years? If you had married five years ago you would probably have at least two children by now. When we are really dedicated, we should each be able to bring one person a month and twelve people a year. Even at that rate, in one lifetime of witnessing we could each restore only 600 people. How can we save the world by restoring only 600 people? Even the leaders have brought only a small number of people. If some members bring only two people in five years, they may bring only 20 people in a lifetime. How can you expect to go to heaven if you bring only 20 people in your lifetime?

If you say you don't like the public way, you are retreating to hell. Only if you go the public way are you doing good work and going the way you are supposed to. Have you ever stopped to think that after you have done home church in America you will go to other countries, and even the spirit world, and do home church? You can feel that in the future, millions of people will act according to your direction.

Are you going to go into the arena of home church now? That's the ring in which you fight the championship bout. You must truly know the public way, for once you turn to the private way you will decline. You always have to check yourself in this matter.

The Public Way and Private Way
1/11/81, Belvedere

Yet if you are going the right path, even when temptation comes, if you don't change your love or your focus and just hang on to it until the end, then you will surely win. You will see. Perseverance is the quality we need. Then God's Will will be done. Father's wish will come true and everything will be fulfilled.

Leaders' Conference
4/16/80, World Mission Center

Everything depends upon how much you serve and set the indemnity conditions. Parallel with those conditions, your blessings will descend upon you. All your ancestors and the ancestors of the people in the neighborhood as well will come down to your home church area. When your effort exceeds the level of effort made by anyone previously, Satan will pack up and retreat from your area. You will see that those people who were adamantly opposed to you one day will change, miraculously, the next day. Those who continue to give you a hard time will receive instant judgment from spirit world. You will see this with your own eyes. After their chastisement from spirit world, those persons will change, too. During my lifetime, I have seen many instances of this, too many to describe. The same things will happen to you in your home church area.

Victory of Home Church (Morning Address)
1/1/82, World Mission Center

Do you have your Cain area? Are you Cain or Abel to your home church area? The fact that I have entrusted you with home church means I have approved you as an Abel. It's up to you to work and pray. You never know when the result will come; as long as you work hard now, the result will definitely come. How beautiful it will be when the result comes unexpectedly.

Abel's Path from the Providential Point of View
12/30/79, Belvedere

How much have you devoted yourself? One year, two years, ten years, twenty years? By doing so, you attract the attention of God, and He has to look at you and come down to you. True love is the major theme by which you connect one woman, one man, one family, two families, a hundred families, 360 families. When one new person is linked, you rejoice over his birth as the new true child of God. What a joy it is to see the emergence of a new child of God. With this in mind, how can you neglect to go out every day and night? When this movement of love is spreading out to the worldwide level, the Kingdom of God is bound to appear.

Seeking the True Master
11/29/81, Belvedere

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Starting a Group for Concerned Fathers

To express God's concern for each of His children, we must tangibly help those we meet in our daily lives. Through reading popular literature we learn about people and programs that are also trying to help today's families. Each month, if possible, Today's World would like to let you know about some of them. This column is not meant to endorse any program or organization mentioned.

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This month Grace Hsu, a sister currently working with Il Hwa, shares about her experience with True Parents at the matching and offers a brief testimony about Sung Bok Hsu, who is both her spiritual and physical mother.

My Experience at the Matching Ceremony

by Grace Hsu

It has been about a year and a half since the last matching ceremony was held on March 27-28, 1987. I was fortunate enough to be among the participants. The experiences of that time were so intense that it would take a book to share all my feelings. So I would just like to share a few precious experiences I had.

Before the matching, I had never had any personal contact with our True Parents. I didn't know quite what to expect at the matching. Of course I was wondering about my future fiance, but I was also anticipating the special moment when I would meet True Parents for the first time. I could hardly believe it when I was able to sit with my group directly beside True Parents' podium. When they entered the room, I knew I should bow my head, but I couldn't resist looking at True Parents for a moment first. When I saw them pass right in front of me, all of a sudden tears came flooding out from within me. They were uncontrollable, and I couldn't sort out all my emotions to understand where the tears were coming from. I can't remember ever shedding so many tears. I noticed other sisters around me having the same experience. Now I think that it must have been at least partially our ancestors weeping through us in joy and love at this historical moment. After all, they were meeting True Parents through us for the first time, too!

Far from the piercing judgment I expected to see, I found myself looking into eyes that were full of absolute, tender, warm, embracing true love.



Mother and...

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True Father spoke to us for awhile. I was in heaven, looking first from Father to Mother and back again. I told myself it was rude to stare so hard at them, but I couldn't stop myself. I wanted to absorb everything, every detail. I was especially fascinated by Mother—I suppose because since I am a sister, she is my ultimate role model of a true woman. I know everyone always says Mother is so beautiful, but I can't help saying it

again because she really is! Her beauty comes from within and then overflows externally. It's not just beauty of the face, but also beauty of the spirit.

Love of a true couple

At one point during his speech, Mother caught Father's attention and she gently whispered something in his ear. She had noticed that while he had been walking back and forth and gesturing with his arms, his shirt had become untucked in front. She must have been bringing this to his attention because he immediately turned his back to the audience and tucked his shirt in. Then he turned back around to continue his talk. It was pure delight to witness such a loving exchange between them. It may seem like a small thing, but because they represent the first true couple, even this simple give and take between them seemed to me to radiate true love. We were witnessing the living fulfillment of God's principle of creation: subject and object, plus and minus, having give and take and creating a unified oneness, centered on God's true love. All the chalkdust diagrams I'd seen on countless blackboards came to life.

Then Father rolled up his sleeves and the matching began. The spiritual electricity in the ballroom at that moment could have powered the world's electric generators for years to come! After he had been matching people for a little while, Father requested a group of sisters to stand in the front row. I was in that group. I had been staring at Father for hours, but now all of a sudden I couldn't meet his eyes. There I stood in front of Father, unable to lift my eyes from the floor. We sisters formed a long

row, and Father walked up and down the line. I was afraid that if I looked up and met his eyes, he would spiritually be able to see all the things that were wrong with me, all my faults and fallen nature. All the feelings of self-doubt, lack of self-confidence, and unworthiness that I had ever experienced seemed to suddenly surface at once, trying to drown me.

What an experience! I want to share this especially for those who have not yet been able to meet True Parents face to face, for in coming closer to understanding their hearts, we can come closer to understanding God's heart.

Father matched me to a wonderful Japanese brother, Shinichi Sasaki. Since my father is Chinese, my mother is Korean, and I was born in America, Shini-chi and I represent quite a blending of East and West.

As the months go by, I can see that we were clearly brought together for reasons beyond our current limited concepts about husband/wife relation-

ships. Little by little, I notice unique aspects that God has "built into" our relationship which will allow us to accomplish much more in our future marriage than only our own personal happiness. It's been quite an exciting year making all these new discoveries about each other!

It's a privilege to be trusted by God and True Parents to be a part of such a historical marriage. I can't express in words the gratitude and the hope I feel. Perhaps by offering this simple testimony, I can show my appreciation for this precious gift. □

What I Owe To My Mother

I can't think of my matching experience without thinking of my mother. I am one of the few people fortunate enough to have my physical mother as my spiritual mother. The fact that I was able to come to a point where Father could match me was largely due to her continuing love and guidance throughout my life.

She started an Il Hwa business in Columbus, Ohio, several years ago, and since then, she has committed her life 100 percent, with amazing success, to helping people in countries all over the world recover their health through the use of ginseng and internal cleansing products. I'm a first-hand witness that God has given her a gift and is working through her.

Because of the nature of her life and mission, my mother's personality has had to be very strong in some respects. Looking back now, I remember times, as I was growing up, when I felt she was too strict with her children. She warned us about many things in the fallen world. At the time, we didn't really believe the danger was that real. Sometimes I just acted out of blind obedience and trust in her guidance, even though I thought she was being just a little paranoid about the fallen state of the world.

But after the matching, I can see now how wise and loving her guidance really was. Seeing her joy after my matching was very moving. In short, she was radiantly happy, and I am proud and grateful that I could bring her such happiness. I want to thank my mother very much.



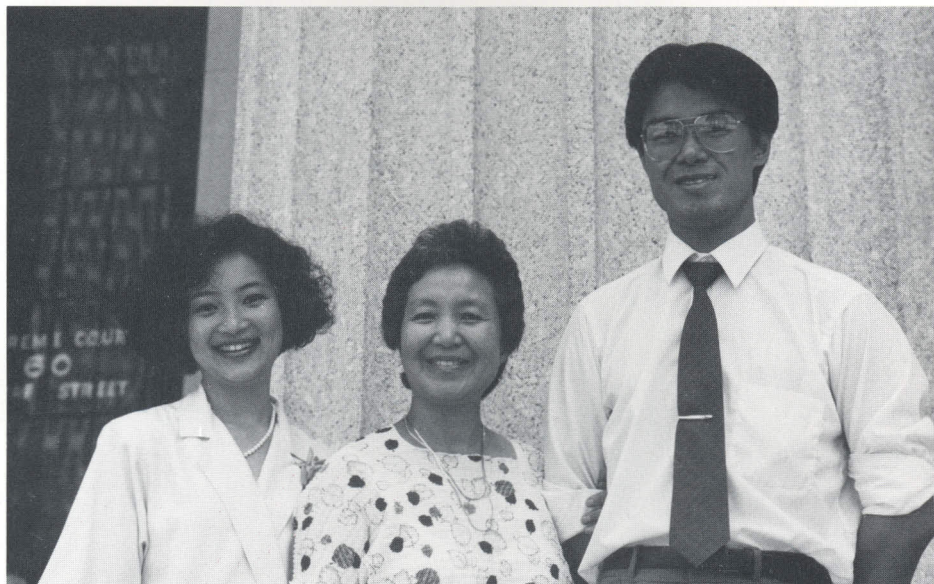
Father at the March '87 matching.

Finally, I knew I had to face Father's judgment. I couldn't just stand there looking at the floor forever! From the corner of my eye I could see Father's feet approaching my side of the room again. Closer and closer they came. Mustering all my courage, I looked up.

As soon as I looked up, he immediately came over to me and looked me right in the eye. I found myself face to face, eyeball to eyeball, with this man that I had, in the course of a few minutes, made into such a "great and terrible" judge.

Father's warm love

Can you guess what I found in those eyes? It's true that he looked at me very intently, but far from the piercing judgment I expected to see, I found myself looking into eyes that were full of absolute, tender, warm, embracing true love. All my doubts and fears melted away in an instant, and I was wrapped like a newborn baby in the warmth of Father's true love.



Left to Right: Grace, Sung Bok Hsu, and Shinichi Sasaki.

When I say go to your home town,
that means go back to your original
position, which was centered on true
love. When we go back to our home,
we want to bring true love—a very
precious gift which cannot be bought
anywhere in the universe.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
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