

Five-Day Jeon-do Workshop in Bucharest, Romania 2017

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Happy New Year from Romania! We are ready to offer hope and joy to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents through *Jeon-Do* (witnessing) activities in 2017. After the holidays, we met in the Peace Embassy January 4-8 and reflected on 2016 and discussed Jeon-Do in order to gain determination to carry on our mission in the main providence in Romania. It was a five-day process of reflecting and studying the meaning and value of Jeon-Do to find strong motivation and determination to do it, centered on our national leader Mr. Jeong.

In the beginning, we were all feeling sorry and hurt because we had not been able to offer good results to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents in 2016. We needed time to accept our results and find hope for this new year. We each reflected on three questions:

1. How close did I come to doing my best?
2. How much could other people have faith in me?
3. How much could I practice my faith?

True Father said that to progress, we cannot just continue without changing. We need to reflect well and accept what we discover. To improve, I need to think of how I can do my best in my mission.

Afterward, we followed what True Fathers said, "Progress is what we need most, but a question that is more critical than seeking progress is that of how to nurture purity within one's self first." We studied again the meaning and value of Jeon-Do to rediscover our pure motivation.

In the process of discovering jeondo, we discussed the importance of *jeonseong* (sincere devotion), the importance of *Cheon Seong Gyeong* study and lecturing, the meaning of being an Abel who can win people's hearts and who possesses *hyojeong* (a heart of filial piety).

Love for parents

What especially touched all the members' hearts was the heart of filial piety. We thought about parents becoming old but not being able to close their eyes peacefully because they cannot meet a child who left their home. A parent's best wish is to at least once more see their children, hold them and love them. So as children who are with True Parents, we must take the position of Abel and bring God's children back through engendering natural submission. This is the best way to bring hope and joy for Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

At the end of this workshop, we made our 2017 resolution, promising God to offer our best. At Sunday service, we made our offering to Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and all the members signed the resolution expressing our determination. We are so happy that we can do this holy work, Jeon-Do, and we will be the true children whom God can trust. We will do our best. Jeon-do is love; Jeon-Do is life and Jeon-Do is blessing!

Some members' reflections

My intention when coming back to the embassy at the beginning of the year for this workshop was to

have an open heart and a prayerful heart and leave the past behind. I can recognize that the direction in which my life goes and how I can grow my heart of faith toward God and True Parents depends on what I decide, how determined I am, how serious I am and how much I can forgive and love.



During the workshop, what inspired me were the necessity of having boundless vitality, the value and the power of love, learning how to work together with God and the spiritual world to build our faith and that through personal responsibility and real action, we determine the kind of subject partner we will be. I began to think about why Jeon-Do is holy work and how there needs to be constant and sincere devotion so that my investment in the people can truly help them and not destroy them.

Even though last year people criticized me, saying my sincere investment was not real (while I felt sincere and that I had tried my best), it got me thinking that there is no ceiling to my best and every year I need to make effort to see how I can do it better. This was painful but useful.

Our discussion concerning the *Cheon Seong Gyeong* inspired me and it put a good fire in my heart because I really want to study well and be prepared to transmit the word by heart.

I pray that God can use my mind and body to find new life and new hope on his behalf, I pray to be able to become the daughter that he can trust.
-- Laura

After this holiday, I felt a little difficulty, spiritually; especially when I was thinking about Jeon-Do. I did not feel capable of doing it. I really need it! This reminded me of the significance of Jeon-Do and why we need to do it. The idea is that Jeon-Do is first for me, that it is first an opportunity and a blessing for me to be restored, and if I can do this, I can also witness to others.

I liked this topic about the Cain– Abel relationship. I feel that this is a sensitive topic for us, because it is what we must work at -- how to be a good Cain for our Abel and how to be a good Abel for our Cain. Additionally, this is what I want to work on this semester, to be a good Abel and to conquer my Cain with love.

*Another point that I need to work on is finding fresh determination for Jeon-Do every day, by thinking about the benefits that I can receive from it and the benefits that our guests can receive from coming and studying the *Cheon Seong Gyeong*.*
-- Raluca



*This five-day workshop was very good for me to find my determination. I hope I will keep this motivation and drive during the whole condition. I want to do so by studying *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and becoming inspired through reading it and *Cham Bumo Gyeong*.*

*I become very inspired these days from *Cham Bumo Gyeong*, especially True Father's life course and how determined he was. He knew exactly what position he needed to restore. I deeply respect True Father. In *Cham Bumo Gyeong*, I read amazing things about how he fought to gain acceptance even in the spirit world with God, Jesus and saints. I believe that he grasped, he understood well, his position, that of Messiah. I believe that God prepared him before, prepared the lineage and so on, took care of him. But it is pure merit that he could hold on and strive to become the Messiah. He said that even Jesus and God called him a heretic. I think unimaginable things happened in his life. Still I don't know many things.*

If Jeon-Do is primarily restoration of myself, I should concentrate on each task to gain advantages and make myself a more beautiful person in front of God. I will try to improve things, the environment, wherever I go. I liked hearing, "If you fail to follow and attend God and True Parents, how can you help others? Don't become an obstacle for others seeking to reach God."
-- George, first year in the Shimjeong Education System program

*This workshop was different from the last one. I felt it was more emotional than practical. That we discussed the relationships among us and how to improve them was good. I think that made the whole workshop worthwhile. If we change this, we change everything. Also by studying the *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and applying it, we can bring amazing results between us and people that*

*we meet through Jeon-Do.
-- Alex: second year in the SES program*



I think this Jeon-Do workshop was very useful and practical. It was precious to me that we discussed more about our inner state than about methods of witnessing. Through analyzing and discussing motivation, faith, team-unity and our sincerity openly, I could actually see the real me from last semester and I know I could have done better. It is my desire to be able to find and raise an object partner together with True Parents. I admit that until now I didn't feel prepared to raise a person. I was afraid that eventually I would lose this person, as has happened to many people before.

After these five days, I realized that I have to fulfill my responsibility with my most sincere heart and truly invest in Cheon Seong Gyeong study, in order to feel ready to meet the most prepared object partner.

The time that we could spend together with blessed families and SES members was

precious. I am happy to share this mission with them. I feel all past resentments are over among us and we are starting a new year determined.

-- Gabriela: second year in the Shimjeong Education System program

This Jeon-Do workshop was a condition that gave me many answers and helped me make up my mind. Also in this workshop, I learned a lot about what "Jeon-Do" means, such as the fact that Jeon-Do is the way to restore ourselves. I learned, too, about [applying lessons from the biblical figures] Cain and Abel, both of their roles and what they should do and what their positions are.

In Jeon-Do we must transmit God's word, and depending on how we behave we will be able to receive a validation certificate from God and Satan. If we behave selfishly, we are still under Satan's dominion. If we live for the whole and give our best to fulfill God's providence, Satan will retreat. He will be defeated. Those are some points that remain in my head.

I learned that if I start to compare myself with others, all I will get will be low self-esteem and stress. Stress means that we have negative feelings, so we should focus more on vertical relationships.

Something else that remains in my head is what Miki remembers from True Father's teachings: "If our heart is in pain, that's because our heart is small and God is kicking it so it can grow." This I liked very much. Thank you for this workshop.

-- Cinay: first year in the Shimjeong Education System program

Our 2017 Resolution

We pledge to Heavenly Parent and True Parents that we will be the Abel that will save Cain, and that by offering more love than Cain expects, we will bring him to natural submission.

We will transmit God's word, personality and shimjeong by being crazy in love with the *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, which is the power that brings a revolution of the heart. God can trust us to use our body for finding new life on his behalf and we will do our best to offer hope to Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

By centering on true love, we will work as brothers and sisters to make True Parents' words into substance; by persevering, we will give motivation and determination to object partners.

We promise to offer twelve new active CARP members who will sincerely study *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and four active SES members who are ready to challenge for the higher purpose. We will do our best! Jeon-do is love; Jeon-Do is life and Jeon-Do is blessing!