The Fisher People

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I would like to share with you a prayer that Father Moon said 40 years ago, on January 19, 1975:

"Father! We know well that from the time that Jesus Christ came to the earth, shed his blood and established the path of the cross until now, in this historical period of nearly 2,000 years, humankind has gone along the path of historical indemnity, paying the price of so much blood.

"We who know how very frustrated Your heart must have been, since You could not just cast them away, oh, Father, we must realize ourselves that we must become extremely humble, and that on this path that our Unification Movement is going we will face the new spring day which can embrace and overcome the grief of Cain and Abel, and from now on we must embrace humankind and return to heaven with them centered on the people and centered on the world.

"Whatever our attitude may be, we must reflect on ourselves internally and externally. We earnestly hope and desire that You will bless us to be able to become true children who can add to the stimulation of hope in Your heart, and who can be dashing and bold and have no flaws as heroes building Your kingdom, and that at the same time that we receive Your blessing we can receive Your love, and we will not be found lacking for You to put us forward proudly before all people.

"Father! We earnestly hope that You will keep all of our lives. We earnestly ask that Your compassion and love will always penetrate deep in our hearts. We have prayed all these things in the name of our True Parents. Amen."

Welcome to an Amazing Community

Hi, everybody, I asked to not have an introduction, because I feel like I've already gotten too much hype surrounding my entrance anyway. A lot of people came up to me, like, "You're doing a great job." I'm like, "I didn't do anything yet, I just got here!" I feel like Obama getting the Nobel Peace Prize—no, I'm not saying anything about him—I'm just saying he got a Nobel Peace Prize before he did anything. (Laughter) Is there anybody here who can play the piano, who would like to accompany me on stage? At any point in time, if you're feeling inspired, please come up on the stage and play the keys in the background. I feel like it adds a bit of atmosphere.

OK, so I'm Andrew Love. Everybody, welcome, clap for your neighbors, clap for everybody, I like noise. I said, "Clap for your neighbors," not "Clap *on* your neighbors"! I'm getting to know everybody here. I've gotta say sincerely, my wife and I arrived here about two weeks ago and we've been overwhelmed by the generosity and the kindness and the love in this community. We've just been blasted with love, and I appreciate it.

Sometimes I think we get used to our atmosphere. You know what I'm saying? In your house, many

times you have these paintings that you pass by all the time and you don't even look at them anymore. Go in your house when you get home, and you'll see paintings and you'll be like, "I have this in my house?" Right? We get used to stuff, and I think that you should stop and just appreciate what you guys have, because you have an amazing community here—we have an amazing community.

The message today is called "The Fisher People." You know, we're beyond the days of fishermen, right? Fisherwomen, fisher people, fisher dogs, fisher everything. (Laughter) Fisher people. But first I wanted to introduce myself.

Introducing the Loves

There's an old joke that goes, "How do you spot a Canadian at a party?" You look for the person who's apologizing to everyone around them for no apparent reason. Like to the goldfish, "Sorry," like "Nice dip, sorry for uh, like complimenting you." We Canadians are always saying sorry.

I'm Canadian, so I just wanted to start by apologizing because I felt like last week my introduction was very weak and it's like I had nothing to say but I couldn't stop talking. It's like one of those diseases, it was terrible. I didn't give a very good first impression.

I just wanted to introduce myself a bit more formally. I'm from Canada, my wife is from Mongolia. Sadly enough, that is the best picture of my family that I could find on the Internet. You can't even see my sister's face, I swear to God she has a face. (Laughter) I was like 14 there. I look exactly like my son, actually, in that picture. My wife grew up in Mongolia, and those are her three siblings. She's now 35 as of last week, she looks like she's a teen, she's beautiful. And she's the eldest of those four, and they actually all joined the church. She joined first when she was 19 and she was a missionary for like a decade, and all of her siblings also joined the church. Two of them are in Korea, and one is in Mongolia, very pregnant right now. She's a couple months away from having her first child.

I'll let my wife speak to you, but one of us has to hold our son because he's rowdy, so she's with him right now. One morning at breakfast I was like, "Uh, we're eating *this*?" And she's like, "You know, when I was growing up, we were so fortunate just to have food." Right, because she grew up in a communist country where they didn't have money or anything, they just had ration tickets. Until she was eleven, communism was in Mongolia. She grew up in the countryside in those circular tents, they're called yurts. And in Mongolia, if you can imagine, you don't have to get a permit to go anywhere; you just bring your tent and you bring your sheep and you bring your stuff and then you say, "I'm going to live here for a period of time that I define. And then I'm going to leave next season." And they usually move from one season to the next, depending on the climate. In the wintertime, she told me—and the boy scouts out there probably know this—they move close to the mountains because the mountains protect them from the cold wind. If you can imagine that, that's kind of amazing.

I grew up in Canada and had the best childhood ever. My parents loved me like crazy. I was a very sensitive little kid, I cried for days after watching the movie *Fiddler on the Roof*; it scared me. I was like, "Why do people do that?"

I was described as being angelic during my childhood until about fifth grade, when I became possessed by the devil (Laughter) and then carried that on until about eleventh grade, when Satan eventually left and I became happy and good again. (Laughter) Then I joined the church, six years ago actually, in California with Sun Group. I did two years of fundraising, one year of witnessing in New York, was a missionary for three years, became a pastor for two years in New York and then we moved to California.

How My Marriage Changed My Family

My wife and I got married two days before we received the Holy Marriage Blessing, which is kind of backwards sometimes. But it's funny, it's only in our church that I've ever heard that legal marriage is like an afterthought. It's like, "Are you Blessed?" "Yeah, of course." "Are you married?" "I don't know, maybe."

We went to City Hall and we had a wedding with my parents—I have two dads, because my mom got remarried, and then my "dad" dad was there—and my wife had some Mongolian friends there. We were in line at City Hall, and there was a lady going from one room to the other asking, "Do you want to get married? OK, great. Do you want to go get married? Yeah, great." So then we had the Holy Marriage Blessing the next day; we got married with thousands of people, and there was a party. My parents, who had been negative about the church up until that point, were blown away by everything; they were so filled with love, and they couldn't believe what was happening.

They were comparing the Blessing ceremony with the civil marriage ceremony, because one was like God is recognizing your marriage, and the other one was the government. We had our civil ceremony in City Hall in downtown New York, and then we received the Marriage Blessing in the Manhattan Center. And

then, I don't know what happened, it was weird, I think she had some, like, strange water or something, but then she got pregnant and that thing came out. (Laughter)

You know what's funny about kids is that anything they do is cute. If he's wearing my shoes, and he's in his underwear in my shoes, it's adorable. If I had a picture of me doing that, it would be criminal, right? (Laughter) But he's the light of our life and we love him so much.

Just on a side note, before joining the church I really had no hope for marriage. None of my friends want to go back to Canada; they're all pretending they're still in high school, partying every weekend. And they don't really have hope for their futures, in terms of marriage, because it just statistically looks impossible that your marriage is going to stay together. And I didn't believe in it. I remember I had dinner with my family once, and I just announced, "I'm never gonna have children. It's bad for the environment!" Great. So those were the conclusions I came to on my own, and then I met the church and then I had hope, yes! Hope!

Before I go any further, while we're on the topic of the Marriage Blessing, I remember as a little kid I had the *Guinness Book of World Records* and I said, "Mommy, what is that?" and she's like, "I don't know, it's a bunch of people getting married together." And I was like, "Oh, weird," and I totally forgot about it until I joined the church and I was like, "I've seen that picture somewhere" and it was the Blessing!

I've seen pictures of the Holy Marriage Blessing many times, but this time around, this past Blessing that just happened, I remember I was flipping through Facebook, because there's a ton of pictures, and I just started crying. This is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen. And I don't know what it is. I don't know if it's this era, I don't know what it is, but I just felt so much love coming out. And we actually have one of the couples here, Teresa and Neil, please stand up. We have Neil and Teresa, who are now celebrities, right? What else were you guys in? You were in a ton of articles—*USA Today*, CNN, like ten of them.

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So anyway, back to the fisher people! The idea behind that is, in the time of Jesus, he was all built up for the kings and policymakers of the day to receive Jesus. Now when they didn't, he was left with the rest, right? They all had the same sized brains, the kings and the accountants, they all had the same weight brain, the same sized bodies generally. Why would it be more of a hassle to deal with people like fishermen than kings? Well, really it's the thinking, because if you talk to a king and you say, "OK, go conquer this country," they say, "Yeah, I can do that." Go tell a fisherman that, and they're like, "I can't do that; I mean, I can barely pay rent." Because it's the thinking; it's not ability, it's not skill set, it's just the thinking, the mindset. I have a quote here from the Reverend Sun Myung Moon whom we call True Father, or I definitely call him that: "If you think you are too old, you are finished. Then you will age very rapidly. Although I am aging, I am always thinking of things to do so that I will not lose my spirit and energy. ... Your mental outlook is a powerful thing." Amen to that?

I have a 95-year-old grandma that I call Nanny; all my friends, everybody who knows her calls her Nanny. She is everybody's Nanny, she's the universe's—you guys can call her Nanny, if you need a Nanny, she's your Nanny too, she's on loan. (Laughter) She's been through two World Wars, she's been through the Depression, she's the middle child of seven, who are all dead. All of her friends are dead, she's overcome cancer multiple times, and if you ask her to say something negative, she cannot. If you ask her, "Do you feel old?" she says, "No." And I remember very clearly when she had cancer, I was talking to the doctor and we were asking him, "What are the chances that she's going to survive?" And he really said, "She's going to make it, because she's a fighter, because she's so positive."

Many times we think physical problems are purely physical, but we know that many times it's a byproduct of our mentality, right? Our success, our overcoming of these ailments, of these predicaments in our lives, is the thinking, right? You guys agree, disagree? You wanna debate? You don't have to clap, just asking, just wanna make sure—because a lot of people, honestly, start to become old even right after college, some people even before that.

A lot of people stop proactively learning, they stop seeking knowledge after college, and for a lot of people they're not even learning that much *in* college. It's just like a four-year-long weekend, right? It's getting worse and worse out there. There's not so much learning going on, and then after that a lot of people just get a job and then they press autopilot until retirement, and then it's even like autopilot but like 15 miles slower in retirement. Right? A lot of people are not learning, and stop seeking after knowledge and self-betterment—and Japanese people, you know what I'm talking about when I say, "Kaizen," right? I'm probably saying it like a gringo, but Kaizen. Can I get a "Nai"? Kaizen. Nai. There we go. (Laughter) Kaizen is just like the perpetual seeking after perfection or improvement. Constant, continual, never-ending improvement of yourself or of anything that you're involved with. That is our life, that's the idea that you're never going to attain perfection, because there's always something to work on around you.

Saying "Yes" to the Challenge

Many times I feel like our thinking is what makes us—like all the fear and anxiety and all that comes from when the person you want to be is too far away and you can't even relate to them anymore. Because the person you want to be should always be here, you should always be striving for stuff, setting goals, doing these things to perpetuate yourself toward a better person. But if the person that you want to be is too far away that you can't even hope to be that person, that's when you start to give up. That's when you start to have fear and doubt and say, "I'm too old," and then you start to become too old. You're speaking it into words.

Obviously, you know, at 85 you're not going to join the NBA; you might be too old for that, physically. But I'm talking about when somebody says, "Can you?" and you say, "No, I can't do that." That's not a good thing, that's not a healthy thing; you should always be open to saying "yes" to the next challenge. OK? You guys know what I'm saying; are you with me so far? This is important, because your thinking leads to your actions, and your actions lead to your destiny. We know this.

A Higher Consciousness

I have this quote; it's kind of simple but mind-boggling at the same time. And it goes, "All ideas are equally present at all times." If you can imagine that the wheel existed 8 billion years ago, the idea of the wheel, but people's consciousness never reached that level until they did. The cure for cancer, the next best song, everything is out there, circulating all around us; it's just whether we have the collective consciousness to be able to catch that, to grab at that, right?

That's why a lot of times, with people who are just on the next level, it's because they're relating with things that we aren't because our thinking is very small. Because we always think in circles, these little loops, and if we monitored our thoughts we'd see we all we think about is negative, negative, negative, negative. Unless you break that cycle and start thinking about something bigger, then you're stuck down here, just literally just running in circles; why am I so frustrated?

Just stop. Start walking in bigger circles. When you think about that, if it's our consciousness, if it's our awareness, if it's our thinking that's really holding us back, then what do we have to do? We have to grow our thinking. That's what I love about Hoon Dok Hwe (scripture reading), because you start your day thinking about cosmic-level things instead of like, "Uh, did I pay my rent?" When you start with that kind of stuff and you set your day based on that, then the rest of your day is very small or it's a lot harder to break out of that. But when you start your day thinking about great things and your heart is open and your mind is open and then you go out into the world with that, you're a different person.

Have you guys experienced that before? When you're really not just thinking about it, but your thinking pushes down your heart and then you walk out the door like that. It's like when you go into the drugstore and you're like, "Uh, how much is it? Yeah, OK, see you later." That's like normally where we're at, instead of being like, "Hi, wow, you look great." That's totally different, just the starting of the conversation, the air that you bring, the type of person that you are, the cosmos that you are, what you're bringing to the rest of the world is hugely different.

Now, this is from the Bible: "Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, 'The coming of the Kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the Kingdom of God is in your midst." This means that all knowledge is equally present at all times; it's just whether you have the ability to grab it. It means that the Kingdom of Heaven has been here the entire time. It's not something that's gonna come, we're not, you know, outsourcing it and bringing it here from Mars or something; they're not gonna drill in and find the Kingdom of Heaven and get a tube or something and bring it here. (Laughter) It's already here, it's just we have all this crust on us, you know, from all this stuff in history, and we are gradually, little by little, scrubbing it off our hearts.

The idea here is that the Kingdom of Heaven is literally already here. It's waiting for us to scrub our hearts. Because we have this crust, and when we get hurt, or inherit stuff spiritually, we have this crust and you don't just wash it off, you gotta scrub it off with a steel wool brush.

Exfoliating Our Hearts

Have you ever had a Thai massage? Oh, my God, it hurts like crazy. But it's the same thing every time. You go in, you pay your money, and then you're greeted by the tiniest, cute little "Hello." And then you go on, you lie down and you're like, "Oh, this is gonna be nice." And then all of a sudden, something jumps on your back. And then you look back and it's a human being standing on your back. (Laughter) I remember it very clearly; she was fully standing on my back. A human being standing on my spine, and she was pulling my arms back like this, and I'm like, "I paid money for this; this is ridiculous!"

But the thing is with that, they give you a lot of water and the reason is that they're working out all of these toxins from your body and you pee it out at the end. (Laughter) They're working it. So it's not as enjoyable as a massage could be, but it's highly functional; it gets all those knots out. It takes a while, yeah, and it takes a lot of screaming. They should have soundproof rooms, because it's also hard to enjoy a massage when you hear "aaaargh" next door. (Laughter)

And it's also exfoliating. Has anybody ever exfoliated their skin? Basically you scrub the top layer of your skin off, and you have this glow. It's the same idea with our heart, and that means, practically speaking, that in order to scrub your heart we need to apologize. It means letting things go, right? You have a grudge with somebody; let it go, just let it go. Stop holding on to this stuff. It's hard to do, because that's kind of the old thinking that held up the fisher people, the people who were following Jesus—they would see Jesus, they would be inspired, I'm sure, they'd be like, "Yeah, I'm totally with you!" and then they'd go back and they'd just continue their old habits. It was too hard for them to break. Judas loved Jesus at some point and he sold him for a sack of change, because he was stuck in his thinking.

A Brand New Era

Got another quote for you; this is from the Bible too: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Do these sound like macho things, people? Not so macho, right? But what is interesting is, if you could think of somebody, say, like a mother figure, maybe somebody who leads our church, maybe somebody like, I don't know, True Mother; let's think about her. Does she maybe have a few of these virtues? When you see her style of leadership, compassion, I would say she's exercised a lot of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience...a lot of patience, right?

I really feel in my heart that this is a brand-new era, not because we said so, not because True Father said so, but because I've experienced it and I'm sure a lot of you have too. There's a softer air around us. This is the time, I'm really convinced that, say there's a war and there's a husband and wife and children—I just know the heart of a husband, because I am one, I can't speak to women, but the heart of the husband is to defend the family, to go out there and say, "You stay home, let me defend you." Am I right? And typically the maternal instinct is to protect the children immediately, coddle the children, right? This is the era finally when the war mentality is over and when the female God can emerge, right?

The female side of God is the side where these things don't get trounced, because in a time of war if you have too much compassion, what happens? You get squashed. Kindness—"Oh, I'm sorry, I'm going to have to kill you now." That's not gonna help anybody, right? Humility, gentleness, patience. War time is totally different. This is a different era, a time when these virtues have to rise and things like totalitarianism are gonna fade away. This kind of stuff is what will open up our hearts, which will create a love that we've never experienced as a collective before in our lives.

I believe that, and I've felt it many times because I tried to be macho once. It didn't work out so well. I really tried. When I joined the church, I joined under a Japanese male leader who was very kind of warlike in his thinking, and I really inherited this feeling of, like, I need to know—I have to have all the answers, because I'm always right because I'm Abel. I ended up hurting a lot of people, to be honest. And when I had the permission from God really to feel in my heart that I'm allowed to be the loving, kind, caring, patient person that I was born to be, then I started to see magic happen. Do you guys know what I'm talking about?

This is from our leader, our True Mother: "In order to build a world of lasting peace, we must each apply a simple, basic principle. This principle is the essence of God's own nature, God's own character, namely the principle of living for the sake of others. When we apply this principle in our daily lives, in our families, in our communities and our places of work and worship, in our governments and in our businesses, we begin the process of transforming the society, nation and world."

I know that it's almost like a catch phrase, you know, like a T-shirt status. I know some people even have "Live for the Sake of Others" T-shirts; it's something we always say. But if you go back for a second and apply living for the sake of others, think about your household, think about compassion—does compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience exist in your household? Does it exist in your community? I would say largely it does. I have experienced a lot of these things so far, but I'm new.

You know, we can always improve on these things, but if this is what we're striving for, can we lose? If we're striving to be a more compassionate, kind, humble, gentle and patient community, can we lose? I don't think so. We become a bed for God to exist, for this beautiful, loving God to exist. For people to come in and just be blasted by love, right?

Last week, actually, when Miilhan was speaking at Sunday Service, I was trying to hold back tears because I was going to be speaking, so I didn't want to be an emotional wreck, but I was extremely touched by the atmosphere. I felt this deep sense of love that God was in the room and God was very

happy with what was happening. The fight has changed. Now we need to fight our desire to want to control everything and to let God work through our beauty and our kindness and our love, right? Let God really work in amazing ways.

True Ownership

In a recent speech True Mother said, "We need to become true parents, true teachers and true owners." She said we need to have the viewpoint of God in all situations, which means in any situation seeing the whole picture. How can I sincerely help this thing work, because it's so much bigger than myself? Because—correct me if I'm wrong, I'm sure it's not just me—but a lot of times when you walk into a room, you're just thinking about what you look like, your needs and all this stuff. But walking into any dynamic prepared by prayer to give, to figure out how you can help solve problems, to be a true teacher—this is important to me, because it's not just knowledge, right?

I love the fact that human beings claim to be geniuses, because we're all working at about ten percent of our brain's capacity. Like, "I got a graduate degree from such and such." Like, yeah? How much of your brain is not actually working right now, right? So it's not just knowledge, it's also wisdom. Wisdom is huge. I didn't join this church because of the Divine Principle, because of the knowledge of Divine Principle; I joined it because when I was having debates with people, they took Divine Principle from the clouds and they put it in my face and they said, "I went through all this stuff with this, and this is my result, if you wanna try it out." And then I tried it out and I couldn't refute it, because of their wisdom and their ability to make this practical, to bring it down to the ground.

And then to be a true owner, one example of that is I had been living in New York, like I said, at the 43rd Street center. I was like the ghost of 43rd Street. I lived there and I walked the halls all the time, and I really felt like it was my place. Like, if people came in and they were disrespectful, I was like, "You'd better get yourself outta here now." So after I'd been there a while, they pulled me aside and they were like, "You know, we're thinking of maybe making you a pastor. What do you think of that?" And immediately I had those small thoughts like "I dunno, I don't think I can do that. Sounds like a lot." And then they pulled out the job description, and I was like, "Doing it, doing it, doing it already, doing it, doing it, doing it," because I was doing the job of pastor but I wasn't being paid for it and nobody told me to do it, I just felt responsible for that building, for that community, right? That, to me, is ownership. It was just, like, the natural subjugation in which I inherited what I was already doing anyway.

But to be a true owner of love, one has to be the one who cares the most, the one who is willing to give first, the one who is willing to apologize first. This kind of person is the owner of love, and nobody can take love away from them. There are people who are always looking for outside sources to bring in, to feel value, to feel love, who are not owners. They're just leasing love, right? So we need to be owners of love, the people who are always willing to forgive and apologize and whatever it takes to allow love to emerge, even if we have to look like idiots for a little while. And trust me, I'm an expert at that. I love looking like an idiot for the sake of God; that's why I became a pastor. (Laughter)

My Goals for Maryland

So anyway, on a more practical note, like I said, what Miilhan has done here is amazing, and I really feel like I'm not here to take this in an entirely new direction, because I've already had a lot of people come up to me with the things they're already doing, or ideas that they have or ways that they want to help the community or people far outside this community. I don't want to do too much other than just, as much as I can, inspire you and support you and do whatever it takes for us all to be contributing something. Well, one thing that I do want to do is put us on a quarterly system, because I did that in New York and it was like night and day just in terms of our ability to figure out, "Are we being effective?"

Are we actually helping people, are we helping each other, are we making more money or less money, is tithing where it's at? Where is our membership? Are we communicating more with people who don't associate themselves with this church? You can always figure out ways to improve yourself if it's in a shorter amount of time, and the quarter system is great for that because then we can set goals as a community—I'm really excited about that.

Who here sets goals for themselves? Clear goals—it's super important, as a community, to set goals and to watch these things happen, to be very serious about reaching these goals, whatever they are. I have some ideas, but I'm sure everybody has ideas, but it's a lot easier with the quarter system, so that's gonna start in April, starting next month. We have one more Sunday, and then the following Sunday we're just gonna launch the Spring Quarter, then it's gonna be spring. Do you know why? Because we say so! Right? Because we can do that. True Father did that all the time, he's like, "It's New Year's Day today." OK, there goes that year, right? (Laughter)

So that's kind of it in a nutshell; last year was an incredibly interesting time for my wife and me, and there was a lot of tension between us because our focus was on stuff kind of outside of us and we just let

all these external things get in the way of our loving each other and we both became very unnatural toward each other. And it was awkward. It never got too bad, but it was tense enough that our son felt the tension, because kids are very sensitive to that and he was having a tough time sleeping; he stopped eating. I just felt totally worthless because I felt stuck and I felt like I was keeping my family stuck, because I wasn't allowing God to work through us.

It was a very difficult year, and so what we did at the end of that was cut out the world for a month. We said, there's no way that I can ever help another human being if I can't take care of my family. That to me is like everything, and so we just left, we checked out. We went to Canada and we lived with my Momma. I became like a teenage kid again. I went and I lived with my Momma for a month with my wife, and I dated my wife again, because that's the most important thing. If you can't feel genuine, loving emotions toward your wife, what's happening? So I just stopped everything and I just dated her. And I also spent time with my son, because I was always too stressed out. I was always thinking about all these other things, and I couldn't enjoy just being there with him.

After that month, I really felt like a new person, and I felt like we all need to allow ourselves to have that time, that space to just date our wives again, date our children again, date our community again. If you have some sort of feeling of falling out, just take that time; it's super important. It's actually the most important thing, because if we try and take other people and bring them here and show them something and it's not whole, it's not a real poignant love, then it's theory. It goes into the knowledge instead of the wisdom

You guys are incredibly wise, you've been through so much, but it's your time to feel loved, and as much as I can, I will fight for you to be able to feel that love, because I feel it so much since being here and I just wanna give it back to you, OK? I still am kind of keeping my finger on the pulse of the community to figure out exactly how this is going to go, and I'm having as many conversations and meeting with as many different people as I can, but I'm just really trying to push you guys to figure out what you wanna do to make yourselves happier and better so that you can really inspire the world around you. A lot of you are already doing that, but how can I help you even more? How can we do it in a more organized fashion, so that more people benefit from the stuff that we have? And we have everything; I really believe we have everything. We have the Kingdom of Heaven; we just have to give it to other people.