

A Lesson: No Victory Comes Unless I Unite with My Husband

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During the Summer Family Festival with the director of Press and Culture Mr. Shigenari Kato (left of center). To Mr. Kato's right of is the minister of the Seto Family Church, Rev. Yoshiaki Saito (August 20, Owariasahi City, Aichi Prefecture)

I would like to introduce the testimony of sixty-four-year-old Mrs. Nakagawa regarding a Spirit World -- Physical World Matching Ceremony held in Chung Pyung, Korea.

On March 10–12, my younger sister and I attended the Spirit World -- Physical World Matching Ceremony on behalf of our father who recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday. During this event, we had some spiritual experiences.

We had the first spiritual experience during the *changyang yeoksa* Holy Song session on the day before the matching ceremony. Moved to tears, my sister, who is spiritually sensitive, said, "Mom's here." When I replied, "But the matching ceremony is tomorrow," she said, "Mom said, 'I came to view the site. Is this the site for tomorrow's ceremony? How nice!'" My sister also told me that mother scolded me and said, "Don't be cruel to your husband," and kindly told my sister, "Please live happily with your husband." From the way my sister spoke, I was quite sure it was our mother. On the day of the matching ceremony, my sister and I looked at each other as soon as we entered the site and said, "Do you smell camphor? Grandmother must be here in her Kimono." The spirit world gave us a sign that even I could recognize.

I had the second spiritual experience when I was on a tour at the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum. I was listening to a staff member's explanation in front of the sign that says "Cheon Jeong Gung" but I was getting annoyed with the person's slow description. Throughout the tour, I felt gloomy. When I finished praying in the prayer room, they told me to pick a card quotation from True Parents on it as a souvenir. I tried to pick out a card from the box full of cards, but I could not draw one out easily. I was shocked when I finally managed to draw out a card that read, "If you insist on your own feelings on the path of faith, that place is not heaven." My fallen nature made me feel frustrated in front of the Cheon Jeong Gung sign. I realized that True Parents have warned me to stop insisting on getting my way.

I had the third spiritual experience the next day on the plane returning to Japan. When my sister and I were waiting to board, I told her what had happened in Cheon Jeong Gung the day before and I complained about my husband, thinking to myself, "This is just between the two of us. It doesn't matter." When I boarded the plane, I suddenly felt an odor of face powder, but my sister said she did not smell anything. The odor lasted for more than thirty minutes, and that reminded me of my mother-in-law who had passed away earlier. I apologized within myself, "Is it you, mother?"

I am sorry for complaining about your son back at the airport. Please forgive me." At that moment, the odor disappeared.

Through such experiences, I have realized that the obstacle to succeed as a heavenly tribal messiah is my fallen nature. My mother and my mother-in-law taught me the lesson that "No victory comes unless I unite with my husband." I truly felt that we are in the time when we must face our tribe through a joint operation of the spirit world and the physical world.