



The Stories of  
**Rev. Ken Sudo**

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## PREFACE

Rev. Ken Sudo, a Divine Principle teacher from Japan, gave Divine Principle lectures to Unification Church members in 1974-'75 in Barrytown, New York. These lectures were enriched by true stories about his own life and those of other members in the Japanese church.

Rev. Sudo spoke Japanese-English with a distinctive style that helped him to express his heart. His stories, together with some of his thoughts on God, are offered here essentially word for word as they were originally spoken. The stories have been presented in a kind of free verse in which I have tried to capture the emotions and rhythms of his original delivery. If his meaning was not clear, a few very small changes were made.

The American members who became foreign missionaries were present at these lectures together with many American members who later undertook pioneer witnessing all over America.

It is my hope that both the church members who attended the original lectures and those who are new to Rev. Sudo's teachings will enjoy them and find their lives enriched by them.

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MR. CHOI

many of you  
must know Mr. Choi  
who came from Korea  
and pioneered the  
church in Japan

when he came to  
Japan  
there was  
no relationship  
between  
Korea and Japan

there was no official route  
through which he could come  
he had to come  
secretly

he got on board  
the small ship  
incognito

if he was arrested  
the ship was found  
he must have been  
arrested  
and  
if he was arrested  
he must have been  
deported

the ship sailed  
maybe several days  
in the tossing waves  
of the sea

but unfortunately  
before landing  
the ship was caught  
by Japanese  
police

and  
    without  
    without  
giving any of God's words  
    any words  
without  
    witnessing at all  
    he had to be  
    in prison

because his  
coming to Japan  
was illegal  
he was arrested  
and investigated  
and he was  
sentenced to  
be imprisoned  
    six months

and the prison was

very cold  
because it was  
winter season  
and window was broken  
the cold wind  
came into the room  
all day long

the clothes  
clothing of prisoners  
was very poor  
and because  
of terrible coldness every day  
prisoner's couldn't sleep normally  
at all

Mr. Choi also  
couldn't sleep  
many times

but during his stay in prison  
he was sad  
because he didn't come  
to be imprisoned  
he came to Japan  
to save Japan

no one could understand  
his mission  
but he became  
servant of servants

he became  
servant of prisoners  
and he always  
washed the underwear  
of other prisoners

therefore  
these prisoners  
respected  
and esteemed him

but one month  
three months  
four months  
had gone  
and period of imprisonment  
became  
shorter

the closer  
the end of the  
period of  
imprisonment  
became  
the more anxious  
about it he became  
the more uneasy  
he was

because  
the end of  
expiration of

period of  
imprisonment meant  
time of deportation

time of deportation  
means  
failure of his mission

therefore if he's deported  
who can save this nation  
he couldn't stand  
this idea

his prison was  
changed  
he was transferred  
because time was near  
time of deportation

he was very fearless  
how could he  
stay  
in Japan  
without  
deportation  
he was frantic

how could he stay  
there without  
being deported

he prayed

and he thought  
and he fasted

and even though he  
was fasting  
food was given as  
usual  
he couldn't  
eat food  
but he kept  
soy sauce

he kept soy sauce  
every day  
and accumulated  
soy sauce  
and after fasting

he drank  
soy sauce  
at once  
all of a sudden

suddenly heart  
began to beat  
rapidly  
and he became  
feverish  
he  
began to agony  
agony began  
jailor was amazed

and called  
called hospital  
and Mr. Choi  
was taken to hospital  
and he was able  
to get rid of  
the prison

his intestines  
were messed up  
but he said  
when he was taken  
to the hospital  
in an ambulance  
ah now  
the gate  
the prison gate  
was open  
and the ambulance  
went through  
the prison gate

he said  
he felt triumph  
even though  
his body and  
his intestines  
were messed up

his heart  
was beating rapidly

terribly  
and his intestines  
and stomach  
messed up  
and feverish  
so much

but still he felt  
triumph  
because it was the  
only way  
for him to be able  
to avoid  
deportation

even though  
he was prisoner  
the treatment  
in the hospital  
was far different from  
the treatment  
in prison

and I don't know  
how long  
he stayed in hospital

now he was trying  
to find the best chance  
to get out of  
the hospital  
and chance came

when no one was  
looking at him  
he dashed  
and ran away

although his condition  
wasn't so good  
still  
his only desire  
was to save  
Japan

he didn't care  
about his body  
about his life at all

the only care was  
how to save  
this nation  
how to save  
this people  
how to fulfill  
his mission

he got the train  
and finally he came to Tokyo

but although he came to Tokyo  
he had no place to stay

sometimes  
he slept

under tree  
and he said  
he envied beggars  
sleeping  
on the bench  
of the park

but he couldn't sleep there  
if he was sleeping there  
policeman might come  
and might  
arrest him

then he could not fulfill  
his mission  
therefore he couldn't sleep  
even on the bench

he had to hide always  
and then  
he had to witness

he had  
so much difficulty  
between hiding and  
witnessing

if he hid  
how he could witness  
nothing

if he witnessed

he must  
talk to people  
otherwise it's impossible

even after I joined  
we could preach  
on the street  
loudly but  
he couldn't

it was he  
who wanted to  
preach  
most  
not us  
but he couldn't do it  
          couldn't do it

he was standing  
distantly  
and he was looking at us  
he was looking  
    at our street preaching  
and he was praying for us  
because he couldn't  
street preach

and  
he said  
when someone knocked  
on the door  
he felt scared

was it a policeman  
or not and he  
drew near to door  
and opened and now  
guest came  
to hear teaching  
oh

even when guest came  
he was scared because

he was  
so-called  
wanted person

he was wanted  
and yet he must witness  
therefore he said  
he couldn't sleep  
three years  
in true meaning  
because  
he was afraid  
all day long

this is reason  
and unfortunately  
unfortunately  
he became sick  
he began to  
vomit blood

because of tuberculosis  
tuberculosis  
he became  
thinner and thinner  
he became  
more and more skinny  
he began to  
vomit blood  
he was exhausted  
so much

because of disease  
he couldn't walk  
because of fatigue  
of disease

he hesitated  
hesitated  
to visit hospital

one reason  
there was no money  
the other reason  
if he went to hospital  
he might be arrested

but still  
condition was  
getting worse and worse

he tried to  
visit hospital

and he came  
then  
in front  
of the hospital  
and he stood still

and turned away  
still he was afraid of  
deportation

he had no force  
no physical force  
at all

despair  
exhaustion  
fatigue  
vomiting blood  
he fell down  
on the street

when he felt  
he would surely die  
and he felt  
    this is the last  
moment of his life  
    the last  
moment of his life

and he felt  
    he did his best  
he came to Japan

incognito  
he was arrested  
    drank soy sauce  
and made mess of  
    his intestines  
to save this  
    nation  
and he ran away  
    from hospital  
    came to Tokyo  
and he witnessed

    and under the  
anxiety of deportation  
    tuberculosis  
    and his intestines  
were  
messed up  
    he began to  
vomit  
    blood  
and his life  
    was like     like  
flickering flame of candle

he felt he would die  
he prayed, Heavenly Father  
I did my best  
I'm ready to  
go back to You  
my responsibility is finished  
finished

when a big truck  
was coming  
                    toward him  
this moment he felt  
is last moment

but next moment  
before the coming of the truck  
he shouted

                                    Satan  
Satan

and he tried to lift himself  
lift up himself  
to avoid the truck

                    Satan

the feeling  
the feeling that  
I did my best  
I did my portion  
            of responsibility  
therefore Heavenly Father  
I am ready  
to go to You  
was Satanic  
he thought  
it was Satanic  
he felt  
he

he could go back to God  
but how about destiny  
of this nation  
if he died

if he died  
who can save this nation  
therefore he could understand  
the state of satisfaction  
was Satanic

he scarcely stood up  
his countenance  
was pale  
still he was vomiting  
blood  
but  
he started again  
his mission  
to witness

one day he gave  
a testimony  
and said  
when he visited  
a minister  
he gave lecture to him  
taught him  
but the minister laughed  
and ridiculed  
and said get away

and he came  
out of the church

unfortunately  
the moment  
he came out  
thunderstorm began

it rained so much  
he became wet badly  
hair clothes  
entire body was wet  
water was  
dripping from his clothes

and in order to avoid  
terrible rain  
he just dropped in  
under the roof of  
some shopping center  
then he  
just looked in  
the show window  
then now he  
found a ghost  
standing in the window

ghost was  
his own  
reflection or image  
on the window

he was  
terrible wet  
and shabby clothing  
and pale countenance  
skinny and pale  
countenance

he cried  
is this I  
is this myself

and afterward  
when he visited Korea  
and told  
his experience  
this story  
to Sun Myung Moon

then  
it's a  
precious  
treasure  
of heaven  
keep it

in such a situation  
he gave  
he said he wanted  
to cook  
his own liver  
for us  
to feed us

there was deep love  
he was more  
a man of love  
than a man of truth

a man of truth  
but more  
man of love  
his love was the foundation  
in Japan

we are born once  
once born  
we are destined to die  
life on earth is once

no repetition  
no substitute  
no replacement  
one life  
single life  
one life

if life  
is given  
to the nation  
for the sake of God  
and humanity  
how precious  
life  
is

*Note: Mr. Choi is Sang Ik Choi or Bong-choon Choi, also known as Papasan. He pioneered Japan under the name Masaru Nishikawa.*

## PIONEER WITNESSING

several years ago  
or many years ago  
not so many  
I went pioneer witnessing  
I went as a pioneer missionary  
to a city  
where no one had gone for  
missionary work

we started by ourselves  
I started by myself  
no one except for me  
in the new city of  
maybe 300,000 people

only by myself  
and without money  
because even when God began  
to save mankind after fall  
no one on earth  
to help Him

then in order to understand  
God's heart  
we must be  
in same situation  
as God was in  
God was alone  
therefore I went by myself

and God  
created this world

and God lost everything  
because of Satan  
therefore God had nothing

and I had no place to sleep  
no house  
no church at all  
no money  
and only by myself  
still I began to street preach

and at that time  
nighttime no place to stay  
therefore I stayed sometimes  
in the station  
maybe on a bench  
I stayed  
and slept several nights

no place  
nothing to eat  
fasting I did it

my leader  
told us  
if we pray  
when we are in the  
same situation  
as God was in  
we can understand  
God's heart  
God's grief

then  
in obedience to his desire  
I did it

without food  
without place to stay  
without money  
and on the street

I gave street preaching  
every evening  
forty minutes  
or one hour, two hours  
but no one heard me speak  
everyone passed by

when tired  
and sat down  
then questioned God  
You must have felt  
the same feeling when  
You were looking

God couldn't have  
any contact with mankind  
God was there

but no one responded to Him

oh Heavenly Father

You must have been  
You must have felt this way  
and Heavenly Father  
was supposed to reply  
yes, My son, I was like this

and after many days  
after so many days preaching  
if one comes  
and hears a lecture  
and hears the contents  
and comes back to God  
then  
it was said  
that only when we have  
this kind of experience  
can we understand  
God's heart

our leader gave advice  
like this  
then individuals took his advice  
I did it  
truly I did it  
every day every day every day  
without food  
without place to stay  
fasting  
but how how how  
many days  
I may have  
witnessed this way

still I never felt God's heart  
I couldn't understand  
at all

I'm going  
but I'm tired  
I'm exhausted  
I couldn't walk

my leader told  
many wonderful things  
but they were  
far distant  
from my situation  
from my feeling

I was depressed  
and frustrated  
then I felt  
if I  
if I  
stay in the same situation  
how many  
how many  
days I may witness  
it is impossible  
to understand God's heart  
then I was sad  
I spoke many things  
but as for myself  
I was far distant  
from what I said

then one day  
I witnessed  
and a good student came  
and I gave lecture  
and he was very positive

and I was very happy  
and I gave lecture  
every day  
every day  
every day  
almost one week  
and this seemed to be  
successful

but when he heard  
all the contents  
suddenly  
he changed his mind  
I don't know why  
and he said  
anyway thank you  
goodbye

oh no no no no no no  
why don't you  
why can't understand  
you can't understand  
I almost cried

but to tell the truth

this sadness or grief  
didn't continue  
more than three days  
I forgot very soon

and when I could  
understand  
I was aware that  
I forgot him so soon

to see this fact  
I became sad  
I gave lectures to him  
and I truly loved him  
every day but  
but when he turned  
I forgot in one day  
in two or three days

oh he went  
he wasn't so good  
he went  
oh it's inevitable  
oh must find another one

what I felt  
this made me sad  
not because I lost  
a spiritual son  
but because I understood  
yes I could understand

I have not true love  
true love  
I have not true love  
therefore I could understand  
I am not true man

and I began  
to pray  
almost two or three hours  
every night  
oh God  
tell me

show me  
why I could not love  
why I am so distant from You  
I am different person  
from what I thought  
myself to be

I thought I was a good man  
but Heavenly Father  
I'm not man  
of true love  
I cannot understand Your heart

I all but disqualified  
to be a missionary  
I prayed  
prayed  
prayed  
every night

maybe close to one week

then  
the last night  
or one night  
suddenly  
one inspiration came

God's voice came  
and said  
it wasn't you but

I  
who  
witnessed him  
it wasn't you  
it was

I  
who witnessed him  
who loved him  
who lost him

it wasn't you

it was God  
it wasn't me

next moment  
I could understand

I thought  
I was witnessing  
therefore I witnessed one week

and I loved him one week  
period of witnessing  
it was just one week  
not so long time  
therefore I never  
even though I loved him  
the amount and quality of love  
must have been not so much

I just loved him  
for that week  
the fact that I lost him  
didn't hurt me so deeply  
just cut  
small scratch  
oh yes  
blood, a little bit

it didn't hurt me so much  
didn't hurt me so deeply  
because I didn't love him  
so much as  
God loved him  
I didn't look for him  
so much as God did  
then I began  
I began to find  
or look for God's eye

I was looking at the student  
with my own eye

but God must have been looking  
at the same student  
God's eye  
must have been far different

God  
must have been looking  
maybe twenty years  
Heavenly Father  
must have been  
calling him  
oh My son  
come back to Me  
My son  
come back to Me  
and  
He must have been

looking for him  
day and night  
day and night  
He must have been chasing after him

also he's fruit of human history  
then Heavenly Father  
must have been calling him  
six thousand Biblical years  
oh My son  
come back to Me  
come back to Me  
come back to My heart

He must have been calling  
the same student as I called

the depths of love  
depth's of God's love  
must be  
unfathomable

He called  
this means each of you  
with immeasurable  
depths of love

and finally  
God was  
able to speak to him  
He was able to speak  
to him  
                  through me

even in the darkness  
God had called  
God had called  
even in the cold winter  
God must have called him  
God must have chased  
chased after  
without rest  
every day  
day and night  
He must have been looking for him

I could understand  
I could understand this point

God's eye  
and even  
in that moment  
I could  
understand this  
point

I loved the student  
maybe I gave love  
but in the same moment  
the density  
of God's love  
must have been  
far greater than mine

my words  
were not my words  
God's words  
because God  
spoke through me

God  
had so deep  
heart  
such  
deep heart  
and  
so  
deep love

but God could speak  
and  
He  
could love only  
to the extent  
that I spoke  
and I loved

therefore now  
I could understand  
I had limited God's love  
and God's truth  
because of my incapability

God couldn't  
speak enough  
God couldn't give  
heart enough  
God couldn't love  
him enough  
therefore he couldn't  
understand

    he couldn't understand  
    God's heart  
    he couldn't understand  
    God's words

because of  
my lack of capability  
my lack of being channel of God  
therefore  
God couldn't speak enough to him

God couldn't embrace  
His own son  
couldn't embrace and hug  
His own son  
for whom  
God called day and night

he changed  
and he disappeared  
without saying anything  
    good for God  
and God lost  
a son

and His son was  
taken by Satan's side  
and could be involved  
in misery and tragedy  
still Heavenly Father  
couldn't do anything  
because I couldn't do  
because I didn't do  
Heavenly Father  
couldn't do anything

how sad  
how miserable  
my Father was  
I'm sorry  
because I couldn't do  
because I didn't feel enough love  
this made God miserable

now I could understand  
God's heart

day and night  
day and night  
without food  
without food  
without house to stay  
without money at all  
and gave street preaching  
and shouted  
    shouted  
    shouted  
and shouted  
every day  
every day  
every day  
I was completely  
    exhausted  
and still couldn't  
understand  
about God

but when I had found  
God's eye  
and prayed  
now I could  
could understand  
God's heart  
could understand  
God's words

I couldn't help crying  
from that night on I cried  
maybe how many days  
every night  
because I was beginning  
to understand  
God's heart  
and God's grief  
and God's  
lamentation

I came closer to God  
and  
I felt  
God's guidance  
God's heart  
and I could  
understand  
God was with me  
truly  
I could understand  
this point

and one day  
when I  
witnessed  
and it wasn't  
so good  
I visited  
door to door

one lady came out

and I spoke the reason  
why I came  
but she  
was so negative  
and she said  
I don't think so  
just get away  
and she  
slammed the door

and I felt  
it wasn't me  
but God  
who  
was slammed  
by her  
slammed out  
who  
denied refused

and I myself  
depressed  
and I was about  
to go back  
to room  
small room  
at that time  
I had small room

but I thought  
if I retreat  
God can't do anything

God must retreat  
God has been calling  
each of them  
and unless I speak  
God cannot

therefore I then  
if I retreat  
God must retreat  
if I hesitate  
God must  
hesitate

Father  
I'm sorry  
I was about  
I was about to retreat  
but I know Your heart  
therefore I must do

and I began  
street preaching  
and before that I said  
I called  
I prayed to God  
and said

oh, Heavenly Father  
let me  
meet with  
most righteous  
person in this city

and I began to preach  
maybe thirty minutes

when I preached  
when I gave street preaching  
one old lady appeared  
shabbily dressed in  
an old fashioned Japanese dress

she stood still  
in front of me  
and looked at me  
but with some difficulty  
because her left eye was blind

and she put  
her hand in her  
inside pocket  
and  
I thought maybe  
this woman has fleas or lice  
because she was so shabby

oh no no no no  
I don't like her I felt

but when  
my preaching finished  
she took out  
one small parcel or

small clipping of the newspaper  
folded this way  
and she took out  
and opened  
then there  
    there was

if maybe calculated in dollars  
maybe two dollars  
two dollar bills  
two one dollar bills

that's all  
she  
she had  
actually the evaluation  
is less than one dollar

and she  
    she  
took the two bills  
and came to me  
and bowed to me  
and gave two bills  
to me  
and she disappeared

oh where  
and and  
oh I must say thank you  
and I  
ran to her

and said thank you  
that's all  
because I couldn't  
understand  
deeply

when I came back to my room  
I began to pray as usual

then I  
could understand  
God's heart  
due to changing  
of point of view

I was the only person  
who understood  
new message  
new heavenly message  
therefore all citizens  
of the city  
must hear this words

in this meaning  
Heavenly Father  
must have loved me

and  
His son  
was kicked out  
and slammed  
and His son

became sad and depressed  
and asked to Him  
asked to Father  
please let me  
let me see  
let me meet with  
most righteous person  
in the city

then Heavenly Father  
must have travelled  
from corner to corner  
and door to door

who is righteous

He must have checked  
must have visited

there were  
there must have been  
pious Christians there  
many ministers  
many priests  
many bishops there

there must be  
governors and mayors there  
there must have been  
presidents of companies and

presidents of universities  
wonderful young students there  
beautiful girls  
there must have been

Heavenly Father  
visited  
but He couldn't find  
righteous person in them

and finally  
He could find  
such a shabby old woman  
whom  
who seemed to be  
like outcast

she was a person  
who  
whom God approved to be  
righteous  
in the city

I could understand

God brought  
such a shabby  
shabby lady

also  
to see the fact  
this shabby lady

offered all she had  
then God must have  
been able  
to get consolation  
to see  
this lady

but if I didn't see  
this lady  
this beautiful lady  
from God's eye  
it was just nothing  
shabby old lady  
came and gave \$2.00  
that's all

then  
gradually  
gradually  
I could understand  
God's heart  
and also I began  
to understand

how to love

## THE FLOWER SELLER

there is one  
testimony  
which I cannot forget

this is a testimony  
of a sister  
who overcame  
the position  
she was in

she was selling flowers

other brothers sisters  
could sell very well  
but she couldn't sell very well

in the beginning  
she was very nice  
but when this kind  
of situation continued  
she became depressed  
because  
when she came back  
other brothers sisters  
filled with joy  
because of victory  
but she had no story to talk  
she began to accuse herself  
and she felt  
she shouldn't have come  
to the church

there were many  
wonderful people  
but she felt  
oh she should go  
go back home

and once she tried to go  
once or twice  
but on the way  
she met brothers  
and she came back  
and just as she was  
taking taxi  
another sister met her  
on the street  
something like that  
and she came back  
but finally finally  
she made up her mind  
to leave

and at the final day  
in the morning  
she prayed  
oh Heavenly Father  
I cannot stay anymore  
I believe You  
but I cannot stay  
oh Father if You truly  
if You're my Father  
please reveal Yourself to me  
and help me

otherwise I cannot stay anymore  
she prayed desperately

after this prayer  
she went out fundraising  
as usual  
and the group leader  
dropped her off  
at some little town  
and she began to  
sell flowers

in Japan now  
they are all selling  
ginseng tea  
no flowers  
but in the beginning  
we sold flowers  
then bunches and bunches  
of flowers  
oh pretty heavy  
and in the morning  
she couldn't sell  
almost not at all  
and even  
in the afternoon  
the result  
wasn't so good  
it was close to sunset

she sat down  
and began to cry

Father, I must leave Unification Church  
I believe You  
but I cannot  
I cannot, she cried

the next moment  
she had a vision

she stood up  
and like possessed  
like being possessed  
she followed the vision

I don't know how long  
she walked  
and the vision  
dropped in one house  
and then she followed  
and knocked on the door  
and one young lady came out  
with a big smile  
oh what a wonderful flower it is  
and she bought the flower

every house  
in which  
the vision dropped  
sometimes a lady  
sometimes a child  
came out and bought flowers

but the town

finished very soon  
still she had  
many bunches of flowers  
it was already dark

but still the vision guided her

the road was  
divided or forked  
and one led  
to a big town  
and the other  
almost no houses  
and must cross the small mountain  
must go through woods  
but the vision guided this way

she felt scared  
but still the vision guided  
therefore she followed  
and when  
when she crossed the hill  
she found small village  
and as soon as she  
began to sell at the new village  
the vision disappeared

and she sold the flowers there  
and there were  
twenty-six houses  
and every one bought flowers  
without exception

and when the houses were finished  
the flowers were finished  
she had just twenty-six bunches

when she  
finished selling flowers

she cried cried cried  
with tears  
    of repentance  
        for her faithlessness  
tears of joy  
    to have met with God

now she understood  
even though she felt  
some difficulties  
God was persevering  
more difficulties  
without complaint and with a smile

then however sorrowful  
she may have felt  
she could understand  
that there couldn't be a feeling  
    or sorrow  
that God  
had  
never  
experienced

ATHEIST

many years ago  
I was atheist  
atheist  
strong atheist  
no God  
because my father  
was atheist  
and I was atheist

now I studied  
something about science  
therefore I was scientific atheist  
strong  
and when I was a  
student at university  
I had one good friend

he was Christian  
pious Christian  
he persuade persuade  
persuade me to come to church  
and I denied denied and denied  
to go to church  
and finally he came  
and he persuaded me  
desperately  
desperately

I was afraid of him  
I was afraid  
oh no no

you are too strange today  
oh oh oh  
and he said at any cost  
anyway come with me

ah, if only he didn't say  
anything about God  
he's my best friend  
but because he says  
many things about God  
ah, no, don't say that

but this time  
his atmosphere was strange  
so I was scared  
he said  
anyway come with me

then I said, OK  
but can you  
    can you  
agree with my opinion  
before my going  
what's that, he said

if you can agree with me  
then I can go with you

then he said,  
oh what's that  
    what's that  
he said tell me

I said,  
can I tell you  
he said  
yes, tell me

then I said  
let me see God  
let me see God  
    then I can go with you  
he was speechless  
he became pale and speechless  
from that time on  
he never said anything  
about God

therefore I felt very nice  
    I felt very nice  
        very nice

therefore same man is standing  
before you now  
then something must have happened  
    something

in a couple years  
I got sick  
maybe flu  
and after flu  
condition wasn't so good  
and I have to go to hospital  
then doctor said  
because of kidney disease

I must get leave of absence  
and must be in bed  
maybe half a year  
six months  
oh I was sad  
but inevitably  
I went back home  
and I was sick in bed  
six months had passed  
but the condition didn't get better

in the beginning  
many sympathetic letters  
came to me  
and friends and relatives consoled  
but these letters  
disappeared very soon  
and only  
only thing  
that could console me  
was beautiful nature  
the beautiful nature

in spring  
many flowers bloom  
especially mountains  
covered with azaleas  
and schoolboys  
brought back white lilies  
to me  
smelled very nice  
very nice

in autumn  
red persimmons  
and blue sky  
contrast was very beautiful  
nature consoled me

but condition was getting  
worse and worse  
I was almost hopeless  
I was sad

I was so sad  
because I felt I might . . .  
I must  
die in such solitude  
                  in such solitude  
                  in such solitude

I was sad

one day  
neighbor came and said  
believe in God  
oh no no no no no no no no  
if I might die  
I cannot do that

another day  
I found a  
newspaper advertisement  
of spiritual healing  
but foundation was just religion  
and I looked at it  
but I overlooked it

next time  
I could find  
same advertisement  
in newspaper  
and I looked again  
and read it  
and I felt something

maybe I can read this book  
because it's not so expensive  
and also I have enough time  
just read everyday  
    everyday  
nothing to do

then I bought the book  
and I began to read  
    I began to read the book  
oh it's silly stories  
healing  
divine healing  
healing of diseases  
cancer

solitude and impurities  
in such solitude and impurities  
I was sad

and now I could understand  
another important point

I could understand that  
throughout my own  
    twenty years of life  
I could understand that  
I never loved even one person  
not enough  
I never  
    never at all  
just I  
I was selfish  
    I was selfish  
just  
    I was pursuing  
        my own happiness  
        my own reputation  
        my own glory  
and at the sacrifice  
of family members

liking is not always love  
liking – the feeling centering on myself  
for the happiness of myself

but love must be  
centered on others  
to serve others  
for the sake of happiness of others  
not for the sake of myself

I had never served others  
therefore people around me said  
I was selfish

or my brother disliked me  
because I was selfish  
I had never loved even one person  
not enough  
I never  
never

therefore I felt  
no one loved me  
no one loved me

I never loved anyone  
therefore no one loved me

what a miserable person I am  
to die  
to be destined to die  
in such  
in such a solitude and impurities  
and in such a cool and cold world  
which has no love

without love  
I felt even when  
I might die  
no one will cry for me  
terrible  
terrible

impurities and solitude  
I couldn't stand any more  
next moment

tears came out  
tears not from eyes  
from the depths of my inside

tears of repentance  
    tears of repentance  
every day  
    every day  
    every day

seven days  
just seven  
every night  
    every night  
my pillow was bedewed by tears  
                    with tears

every day  
    every day  
day and night  
    day and night  
just seven days  
    seven days

when seven days had passed  
I felt something pure was coming in my inside  
    something pure is coming out  
within myself

something new and something pure  
is coming up of myself

I felt something was  
washed away  
with tears

and the next day  
I got another book

small one  
and I read read  
and read that small book  
and if it was one week before  
I might have ridiculed it

but this time  
every world of the book  
came into the bone marrow of my heart

one by one  
one by one  
one by one  
infiltrated my bone  
                  my heart

and I cannot explain how  
but I could understand  
something beyond me  
something  
a greater being  
must exist beyond me  
beyond me  
I felt  
and I prayed

I prayed first time in my life  
first time in my life  
just this way  
this way

because I never prayed  
because I never believed in God  
I never prayed

the feeling was very pure  
I can say even now

I don't know why  
I've never been in such a pure heartistic situation  
I've never been in  
such a pure heartistic situation  
and the next moment  
next moment

I felt some  
spiritual atmosphere around me  
and some  
pure spiritual atmosphere  
wrapped me  
oh just like maybe  
cold shower condition  
shuuu

next moment  
next moment  
golden platinum-colored light  
flashed to me

just this way  
one moment  
next moment  
red thick beam  
broke through my head  
oh oh ho ho  
I was almost paralyzed

maybe in ten minutes  
I nipped my skin  
oh yes  
I'm awake  
no dream

and next moment  
I felt  
something strange  
on my back  
and I put my hand on my back  
    then oddly enough  
my kidneys were vibrating  
    kidneys were vibrating  
and oh oooo  
and I felt  
yah I can be saved  
    I'll be saved  
and next moment  
one year and a half long disease  
vanished at once

and I was  
in a sense scientist

and I could understand  
how to test if it's good or not  
and next morning  
    and next morning  
        next morning  
            next morning  
nothing nothing was wrong  
and very soon  
doctor proved it was true

doctor couldn't understand  
family couldn't understand  
and in five days  
I came out of bed  
when I couldn't walk  
because leg  
and soon Holy Spirit  
guided me to church and  
I became Christian

this is Holy Spirit  
just as Pentacost and  
St. Paul's experience  
I had at once  
    at once

this was changing point of my life

but still  
I myself don't think  
this kind of spiritual experience  
is so important

but through this experience  
I could understand  
    I could understand that  
God exists  
oh it's a great finding

oh yes God exists  
    God exists  
oh I was very happy  
    very happy  
yes God exists  
    God exists  
now everything changed at once  
because God exists  
God is alive  
God has personality  
He's alive  
and He has personality

and this is what I want to say now  
God is pure  
therefore God cannot have  
give and take with impurity  
yes tears of repentance  
a purified offering  
on the altar of God

that we should do

yes that we should do

LORD JESUS

I have one experience  
of relationship with Jesus

I was Christian  
I couldn't agree with  
every sermon  
but I loved Jesus

one day  
a group of us  
who were taking care  
of deaf children  
went to see movie  
Ben Hur

there was a scene  
of Jesus' crucifixion  
and terrible rain  
Jesus was shedding  
blood on the cross

seeing that  
from the depths  
of my inside  
deep desire came

it became something like prayer  
or more than prayer  
I felt that it shouldn't  
be Jesus who was crucified  
on the cross  
my real feeling

I felt I would like to be  
substitute for him  
I would like to  
replace Jesus  
on the cross

I couldn't stop crying  
in the movie theater  
though there were  
so many people around  
but I couldn't help crying

people around myself  
boo-hoo-hoo  
then also you know  
my friends maybe  
ten or twelve people  
who were working  
always with me

if I felt anything  
shameful  
I couldn't do  
anything  
whoever might be there  
I couldn't stop crying

friends  
parents  
minister

anyone at all  
a thousand people  
or maybe two hundred  
or hundred and fifty people

I wanted to cry  
and couldn't stop

but when the  
movie finished  
I couldn't be together  
with my friends  
and I escaped

slipped out  
and  
walked  
walked  
walked  
crying for hours  
until I  
could come back  
to my home

and very soon after  
Jesus appeared to me  
in spirit  
and told me  
many things behind  
behind history  
things that appear in  
Divine Principle

VICTORY

one day  
our church planned  
to gather parents  
to give  
a special workshop

we planned  
to gather  
200 people

but the time  
was very near  
and only 30 or 40 had applied

then in the beginning  
we thought  
even 40 or 30 is OK  
because  
we never  
got together parents

but one man  
never agreed with us  
and said

we can do it  
not 40  
I'm not  
I've never been  
satisfied  
by 40  
we can do 200

he was  
confident  
and afterward  
he came to me  
and asked help  
no one believed in God  
he said

he and I  
went somewhere and prayed  
and in the prayer  
I felt  
what a little  
faith I had  
because  
according to  
statistical understanding  
it was very precise  
we cannot gather  
more than 40 or 50

but I could understand  
I stood on the past  
according to common sense  
of the past  
it was impossible to get  
more than 50

but who manipulated the past  
I thought

I could understand Satan  
that  
if we think  
we cannot do  
yes  
we are under Satan

oh you cannot do  
Satan is whispering

oh next moment  
I could understand

Heavenly Father  
can do

who made this world  
who guided this world  
and I  
we determined to  
begin with God  
not with reality  
but with God

God's intention  
must be  
to bring all mankind  
to Himself  
we  
He cannot be satisfied  
with 30 or 40

and He can do it  
He has right  
and also force  
and real capability  
if we have faith

and we repented  
and started  
and gathered members  
and we were stimulated so much  
and all of us started  
OK we can do  
because God is with me and  
there is nothing  
that God cannot do

in the final day  
of the campaign  
we had

well  
Master of Ceremonies  
reported that now 199  
had applied  
to attend this workshop

another one  
oh no no no

how very close  
but not enough  
oh 199

the Master of Ceremonies  
took his seat  
and I was  
preaching at that time  
and when I  
came to the hall  
a small note had come  
from the office  
which said  
another one applied  
just now

precisely 200  
oh amazed  
and people  
who were there  
who were  
looking at this fact  
were very happy  
and all stood up  
and cheered  
whaaaa aaaaaaa  
victory of faith  
victory of faith  
we got victory

and actually 204  
came

## A FATHER'S GIFT

if you shut  
your eyes

if you shut your eyes  
who do you  
remember

if you shut your eyes  
how many of your friends  
can you visualize

whose face  
can you visualize

if you can  
if you have

even one or two  
whom you cannot forget  
you feel happy

an unforgettable person  
if you have  
even one  
    or two  
    or three

some of us  
I think  
cannot find one  
whom you cannot forget

if you cannot  
have even one  
your life  
    must have been  
        must be  
lonesome in a sense

I myself have  
an  
unforgettable  
person  
my physical father

he has  
many defects  
but still  
he's one person  
I cannot forget

he was sick  
and I was just in school  
    maybe junior high  
        or senior high school  
schoolboy

he was sick  
and he couldn't  
walk well

I was going to school  
and I got up early  
    in the morning

and went to a  
train station  
by bicycle

when I arrived  
at the station  
one morning  
I found that I  
forgot some  
train ticket  
a train pass

the train was coming  
but I couldn't  
get on board

when I looked  
around myself  
I found my sick father  
was coming after me  
by bicycle

he was sick  
he couldn't  
walk  
but still he came

his hair was white  
because of snow

and his his  
hair  
and head  
and coat  
were covered with snow

even though he had sickness  
in his bones  
and he had  
he had a cast

he came on bicycle  
if he  
because of snow  
had slipped down  
but he didn't care at all  
because he intended to help me  
no matter the cost

this is the reason  
I cannot forget  
he loved me  
risking his life

I cannot forget  
his head  
his shoulders  
covered with snow  
his face pale

my father give  
most precious  
thing  
to me

this is why I  
cannot forget him

he did not  
sacrifice for  
he never gave  
most precious  
thing he had  
to others  
just to his son

he can be  
unforgettable  
to me

but not  
unforgettable person  
to the nation or  
to all humanity  
because he  
didn't give

his most  
precious thing  
to a nation  
or to the world

## SHORT OBSERVATIONS

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it is impossible  
for man's infinite abilities  
to be fulfilled  
within the limited span  
of a physical lifetime  
once born  
the essential desire of man  
is to live eternally

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man is as precious  
as woman  
woman is  
as precious as man

difference in sex  
has nothing to do  
with the value  
same essence  
different ways of expression

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in the coldness  
of snow  
in the white snow

is there anyone  
who cannot believe that  
the beautiful flowers  
will bloom very soon in spring

we believe that  
because  
God prepared  
morning after night  
spring after winter

the same God  
made a promise

if only  
if only  
we have faith

\* \* \*

distance from God  
separation  
separation from God  
this is sin

\* \* \*

when we don't pray  
we cannot understand  
how sinful I am

then I am very happy  
oh hello how are you  
every day I'm very happy  
without knowing anything

if we pray  
the more we pray  
the more we can understand

how sinful I am

one by one  
Heavenly Father  
can teach  
many things

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without loving God  
woman tried to love man  
without loving God  
man tried to love woman  
this made trouble

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so many children  
children were born  
but they couldn't  
hear God's words  
they were deaf  
they couldn't  
speak God's words  
deaf and dumb

millions and millions  
of children were born  
and if they  
saw everything around them  
they couldn't understand  
what does it mean  
deaf dumb and idiot

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love cannot be  
destroyed  
by sword

love cannot be  
destroyed by gun

love cannot be  
destroyed by nuclear weapons

love must be  
the strongest force  
in the universe

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I am from God  
you are from God  
then we must be  
we must have come from  
same  
origin  
God

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when God  
created His children  
as perfect object of love  
God was able to give  
all the love He had

this is the reason

the Bible says  
man was made after  
the image of God

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he gave truth  
and his truth increased

he gave love  
and his love increased

he gave his life  
and his life increased

we become prosperous  
by giving

man couldn't understand  
this simple truth

more than 6000 years

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the body is just a shadow of the mind

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the personality of man  
is that which can decide  
the value of man

if he says good  
and he does good as he says

it is possible  
to say of him  
he's a man of character

in the case of Jesus  
he said  
love your enemy  
and he did it

in the case of True Father  
he said  
love your enemy  
and he did it

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you can't wash  
dirty shirts  
in muddy water

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impurity cannot solve impurity  
it's only purity  
that can solve impurity

sinners cannot solve sin  
it's only sinless man  
who can solve sin

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because they have personality  
God and man  
can have communication  
between them

God can give  
inspiration  
revelation  
to man

and man  
can speak to God  
in  
prayer

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can you imagine  
sinless America?

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## POSTSCRIPT

### REV. SUDO'S OFFERING

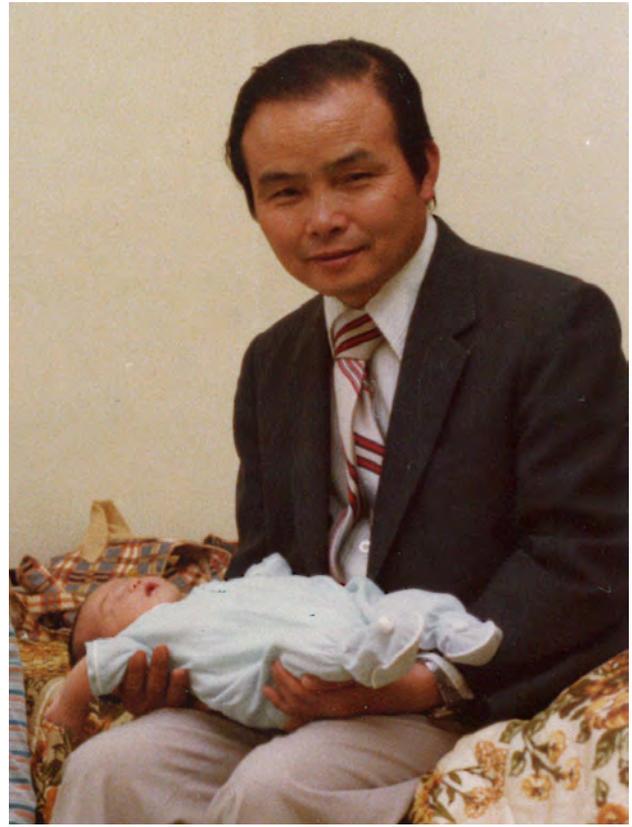
There were many more wonderful stories and observations in Rev. Sudo's lectures including one story from Mr. Sudo's life that expresses his character so quintessentially that it should be included in this collection. Unfortunately, I did not have the opportunity to transcribe it from recordings of Rev. Sudo's lectures, and so I cannot present it here as it was originally spoken. Because it is so expressive of Mr. Sudo's heart toward True Parents, though, I am going to recount it.

In this story, Rev. Sudo told of his feelings when one of True Father's early disciples died. Rev. Sudo felt sorry that True Father had lost this close companion. Rev. Sudo then decided that since he himself was a simple member, not special in any way, that if another of True Father's close disciples might be lost to him, perhaps God could let Rev. Sudo go to the spirit world instead. He wrote a letter to Father offering his life for this purpose.

Rev. Sudo described how beautiful the day was when he went to the mailbox to mail this letter. The sky was so blue. His wife was pregnant. Everything in his life was pleasing to him. Living seemed especially precious and wonderful. And so when he got to the mailbox, for a moment he hesitated. Then, weighing all of his feelings, he reached out and put his letter into the mailbox.

He said that afterward he was very glad that he had done so because after he offered his life to True Parents, he found himself closer to God and

True Parents. God was able to show him many deeper aspects of True Parents' heart and life. Rev. Sudo's offering was also valued by True Father, and as a result, Rev. Sudo often accompanied True Parents developing a much closer relationship with them. Thus Rev. Sudo grew spiritually and became more able to serve God's providence. Over the course of his lifetime, Rev. Sudo educated thousands of church members, many of whom have gone on to become lecturers themselves.



Rev. Sudo with his family: Mrs. Sudo, his daughter, Ichiko, and son, Masato, at the time his family lived on the Barrytown campus.

