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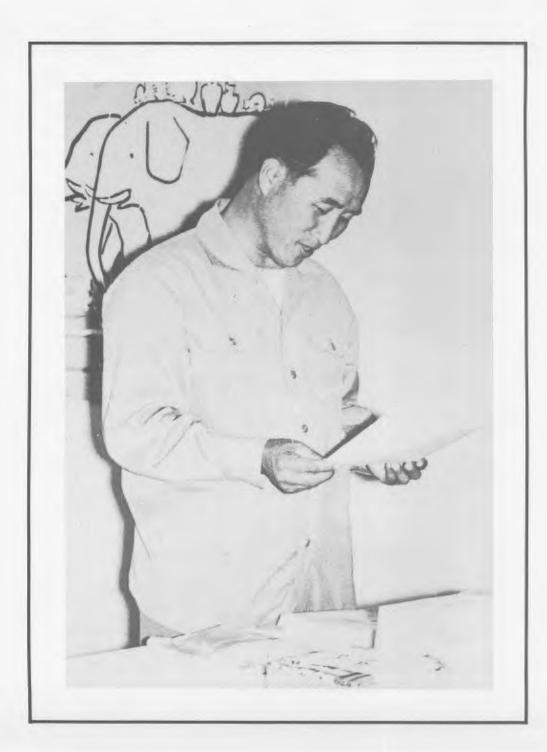
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Father's Prayer

Father, I have come to this place to see your children who have been longing to see me even though we live apart with the ocean between us. Your hope has been that I should come, and the way you have come to meet them has been your hope; yet we never fully realized how difficult your path has been. No one has truly understood your will, your dispensation. No one has truly realized what you have desired to do.

Let the American Family realize what you have been expecting them to do. Let them realize this fully and help them to fulfill their mission as the leading nation of the world in this last dispensation. Let the Americans realize and be aware how much your heart grieves and heaven grieves with them because of their ignorance of their own mission and course to follow in this last dispensation. In order to fulfill this mission, to awaken the Americans, you have called the Unified Family. Let them realize how heavy their responsibility is.

Let your beloved children of America realize their responsibility and, even though their way is hard and rough, help them to make a firm resolution to fulfill, to accomplish their mission for this nation. Let them realize how important their responsibility is. Let this small number understand their responsibility to grapple with this huge nation of world leadership. To do this they will have to shed blood, tears and sweat.

Father, have them realize their responsibility. In order to fulfill their mission they have to go a long way, facing objections, contempt and accusation. But, when they realize how hard and long your way has been to come to us, no matter how difficult their way, it will be nothing. You have come through the lone way of 6,000 years and faced many sorrows and much grief. You have revealed your will to many servants and prophets, but all of them left their missions unfulfilled, and this caused even deeper grief for you. Let them realize how your heart has been bleeding.

We know now what your desire is, what your heart is. This is what many prophets and servants did not known. We now know your will and why we have been born at this time and for what we have to live. This we realize. Make their hearts and bodies one with you. May their lives not deviate from your love. Make them worthy that you may take them until they reach their goal and receive their blessing. The will to fulfill is still great. The will of the cross is still long. To make this land as the blessed land of your dominion, their mission and responsibility is so great. Help them to have firm determination to fulfill your mission on this land.

These children of yours have not tasted hardship, pain and tearful experiences in their lives, and their environment is not hard enough to allow them to realize your hardship, pain and grief. Move their hearts and encourage them to realize their responsibility. Under your direct leadership, guide them to fulfill their mission. Gather all of those people whom you have been calling from the city to lead the people of America, in order to fulfill their national mission at this time. Let them realize how precious their time is. Without wasting even one day, one hour, let them fulfill the heavenly mission.

Remember all those scattered in America and all those scattered in the whole world who are praying for this meeting today, particularly those who pray with a sorrowful heart. Bless all of them. Be with all of them and bless them. Let them realize that there is a deep significance and meaning in this world trip. Help them to realize what you feel so that they will not remain in the state of grief, but in the state of mind which will please them; that they may deserve to receive the blessing you bring. It is so wonderful to see them face to face. Let their bodies and spirits be governed by you that they may be brought to your blessings; that they may deserve to be the chosen ones to be blessed; that they may belong to the chosen nation to be blessed. May they be victorious in their battle until they come to the final victory of world restoration. By judging Satan, let them be victorious in their battle. Their bodies and their spirits are no longer theirs but they are yours. Govern them that they may deserve to be your chosen children to be blessed.

Let them make their resolution again and make their pledge again to dedicate themselves to bring victory and glory to you in their battle against Satan. From now on, we commit the schedule to your hands. Guide everything so that nothing and no one will deviate from your will. Let them realize how great your love is; how important your dispensation is; how great your blessing is. Assemble all the prepared people and expand and enlarge your foundation of glory so that this region and this nation may fulfill the responsibility to glorify your name throughout the ages, so that they may be able to liberate their ancestors of the whole world. May this region be the starting point of this world liberation. May your love and grace dwell in everything we do.

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The salvation of the nation begins from the family.

The Second Seven-Year Course

by Ken Sudo

This course was to establish the condition to save the nation of Korea in order to save the world and make the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. The family-level foundation is necessary, but the family-level cannot be directly transferred to the worldwide level. It must go through the second stage, the national level. God desperately needs one nation where His will can be done; otherwise, He cannot save the world. Two thousand years ago, Jesus was killed under the sovereignty of the Roman Empire and hundreds of thousands of Christians became martyrs, sacrificing their lives. Satan gained sovereignty and used national power to kill Jesus and the Christians. This is why God must claim His own nation in order to save the world. After the restoration of one nation, God can develop the restoration of the world. Even if it was only conditional, the second seven-year course was necessary to fulfill this.

In order to succeed in the second seven-year course, the Unification Church must become Abel and the nation, Cain. Abel must exceed Cain. The nation must welcome and follow the Unification Church. What, then, does the second seven-year course involve?

God desperately can be done.

The salvation of the naiton begins from the family. First, the family-level unified foundation is necessary. This means unity between the Messiah's family and the blessed families, between Abel's family and Cain's family. To accomplish this, Father asked the blessed wives to leave their families in order to serve God, from 1970 through 1972.

This period was the most crucial time for the nation of Korea, because Kim Il-Sung needs one nation was planning to invade the South. He declared that he would celebrate his 60th birthday, on April 15, 1972, in the city of Seoul. This meant that he was definitely where His will planning to invade, especially during the winter months of the 1971-72 season. The nation was in turmoil!.

Of this period Father has said:

"The second seven-vear course is the one in which the blessed families had to take a major role. Their responsibility was to teach the government and nation how to treat the families of the nation. At the same time, as the families of the nation, they are teaching other families how to serve the naiton. This second seven-year course was the period of total mobilization of the blessed couples. All the blessed couples in Korea and some abroad were mobilized to take up the torch. The wives took up the front line role because they had to experience what True Mother had experienced before them. They had to go the same route to learn that particular tribulation.

The major members of the Unification Church knew how incredible opposition would come to them. But they knew that the most accusation and criticism would go to me. They felt very protective of me, wanting to shield me and not let my name be tarnished. That's why the Unification Church core foundation has become so tight and strong. Therefore, the love of God is coming to my family and will be connected to the blessed couples. That inseparable bond between True Parents and blessed couples was made under overwhelmingly adverse conditions.

During these years of tribulation, unity was made with the people, and even unity between the government and the people was enhanced by our heroic actions.

By doing so, a condition was established: by our members leaving their children for three years, all other people recognized their sacrificial work and came to value and respect our movement. Then they wanted to do something to help the children who were left behind. Thus, through the children, a link was made between our members and other churches and the common people. They formed a foundation for God's blessing to flow not only to the Unification Church but through us to all the people, even to negative Christians and people who criticized us.

"The providence of the second seven-year course was such that I wanted to save the nation by sacrificing my own beloved family. That was the theme of it. It also made restitution for Jesus' time when incredible opposition came from Judaism. By offering the family as a sacrifice on the altar of God and going from the position of receiving the worse criticism to the position of welcome, a base was formed for the restitution of



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Jesus' ministry as well. Our members in Korea have successfully fulfilled the second seven-year course through their own portion of responsibility.''

Thus, the family-level foundation was fulfilled between the Messiah's family and the blessed families.

We must unite with Christianity.

The religious-level unified foundation also had to be established. Cain and Abel must be one once more. The Unification Church and Christianity must unite. If Esau obeyed Jacob from the beginning, Jacob wouldn't have had to go to Haran. But because they couldn't unite, Jacob went to Haran and suffered tribulation for 21 years. Then he came back and united with Esau. Twenty years ago, Father and the Unification Church were completely rejected by Christianity. Some Christian leaders even prayed that Father would die. But, just as Joseph forgave his 11 brothers because they took care of his father, Jacob, while Joseph was not there, after 21 years, Father forgave Christianity because it took care of Heavenly Father when Father was not there. He gave his love, service and truth to Christians. Many ministers came to receive the Divine Principle message and were completely amazed. At this time, we were building a new training center. Father himself worked with the members on the construction of the building. Even though his eyes were often reddened by exhaustion, he never took a rest until the mission was fulfilled. Through these activities, unity was made between the Unification Church and Christianity, and the religious-level unified foundation was fulfilled. Even though it was conditional, it was victorious.

Because Christianity is a worldwide religion, this victory could be expanded to the world. Father started his third world tour, and also organized the International One World Crusade to expand this victory to the Christian world. At the same time, to make unity within the nation, Victory Over Communism activities begun in the first seven-year course were expanded. Hundreds of thousands of people, including law enforcement authorities, congressmen and community leaders heard VOC and realized that this was the only way to save the nation and protect it from invasion from North Korea.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus came to save the world. But Israel, which was supposed to be the Adam nation, and Rome, the archangel nation, united against him and eventually killed him. This must be indemnified and reversed. In our age, Korea represents the Adam nation and America the archangel nation. In order to indemnify Jesus' age, not only Korea but also America is needed. Therefore, Father had to come to America to let her indemnify the past failures of Rome, Israel and Christianity.

On December 18, 1971, in obedience to God's direction, Father came to America and began to train the members and to prepare to live here. After receiving permanent residency on April 30, 1973, Father began the Day of Hope campaign.

Father visited 21 cities in 1973 and 32 cities in 1974. Many prominent figures gathered for his banquets, and hundreds of people came to hear the new message. Father received an overwhelming welcome. He was given more than 800 citations,

proclamations and honorary citizenships from mayors and governors. Upon this success, the Day of Victory Over Resentment was declared.

Next came the Madison Square Garden campaign. On the night of Father's speech MSG was filled to its 20,000-seat capacity, with over 20,000 people waiting outside to come in. It was a resounding success, and because of it, spiritual victory was declared. God approved America's reception of Father's message. This meant that Reverend Moon and the Unification Church had fulfilled what Christianity should have done and could thus receive the spiritual victory.

This victory was expanded through the eight-city tour. Afterwards, this spiritual victory was brought back to Korea, where Father was received by his own nation. Thus, Father could succeed on the national level. The failure of Jesus' age was indemnified and the condition was made to save the nation of Korea. This is the victory of the second seven-year course.

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Find something new in Father each time you meet him.

Discover Father

by Tacco Hose

How many of you are constantly trying to see Father in a different way each time he comes? This is very important because when Father comes so many times, we begin to look only at his physical expression, his warm smile and strong nature. Sometimes he is soft and hopeful like spring; sometimes passionate like summer; sometimes deep and sad like autumn; and sometimes very strict and cold like winter. You can experience all kinds of things through him.

But the moment we meet Father is the moment we must expect the resurrection of our spirit body.

Sometimes, because we see Father so many times, we have a certain concept about Father. We have the same attitude and the same feeling. You feel you know Father. Basically he talks about the same things: perseverance, unconditional love, dedication. But if you think in this way, you won't receive any inspiration or feel resurrected because of yor preconception. This is very dangerous for your growth. So until Father comes the next time, I recommend that you build your prayer life and try to improve your relationship with brothers and sisters. Pray: "Heavenly Father, I want to see Your son in different ways. I want to find something that I never found before even if he speaks exactly the same thing. Also, Father, I want to represent all ancestors of 6,000 years. I am the only generation to attend the living Messiah. So I can't miss this moment."



Father wants to be with you and go with you.

Sometimes while Father is speaking brothers and sisters are talking or drawing pictures, but hardly listening. Then I feel that people are ignorant. If you think about your position, you are not just representing yourself. So many people in your ancestry wanted to come but couldn't and died. You are representing them and by attending the Father is desperate Messiah and resurrecting your spirit, by deepening your understanding of Father and coming close to him, you can lift so many of your ancestors. And whatever you gain, you can pass on to the next generation.

If you think in this way, you will never think about Father lightly. No matter how much you are with Father, find something you never found before. Sometimes I'm afraid you don't treat Father seriously enough. Of course, when Father smiles and is so desperate to see you smile, you should smile. Father wants you to enjoy his talk. But when Father is serious, he also wants you to feel serious. If Father is sad, he wants you to feel sad. If he starts dancing, he wants you to dance. He wants to be with you and go with you. He knows that he can't just go by himself. So he has to come down and get you and take you together with him.

Whenever I see Father, I try to remember who I am. Am I just Tacco Hose? Who is this man? What is this relationship and what can it bring? What kind of value is there? Am I really feeling new depths in Father or am I filled with preconceptions about him?

Whatever he says, whatever he does, Father is so desperate to make you feel close to God, to make you know God's love and God's will. Through Father, you can be lifted up and become more dedicated, loyal children to God and to mankind. If you understand that desire, be attentive. Meet with Father; seek him. If you are impressed with just one word he speaks, your whole life will change. Each one of us has the time to meet with the Messiah.

For 6,000 years, day after day, year after year, age after age, people have been waiting for this generation. We are such privileged people. That's why, if you meet the Messiah, make sure your shallow attitude doesn't devalue him. I'm afraid you are going to stay at the same place. I want you to open your eyes wider every time and challenge yourself. If I can't find something new and something deeper about Father, I can't stand it. If my behavior and my spirit is the same, even though I'm meeting Father, I'm not resurrecting.

Why do we need Father? Father said that Divine Principle taught you how to meet God and how to meet the Messiah, but Divine Principle doesn't precisely explain how to live with Father and live with God. Divine Principle explains up to the point where the Messiah comes. After that, what happens? You have to be instructed on how to live with him. By living and attending him, not just physically but spiritually, your spirit body, your character, your conscience, your mind are nourished and can advance and grow.

By attending Father you can grow closer to God. What is the purpose? Perfection of character doesn't come unless we are conscious about our growth. Being in the UC

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doesn't mean we are always growing unless we ourselves always discipline ourselves and say: "Whatever I know is very small. Heavenly Father, I'm a miserable person. So when I'm listening to Father's speech, let this be the moment of resurrection to a higher dimension." With that stimulation you can do more to grow yourself. And you can help other people grow by stimulating them with your standard. This kind of attitude is very necessary.

What Father encourages us to do is to find him in everyday life. What does that mean? For instance, when you are talking to people, do you think: "If I were Father, what would I do?" When you read the newspaper and see tragedy and evil things happening, do you think: "If I'm Father, what do I think?" Try to find Father in your thinking and in dealing with people. Then when Father does come you will feel so close to him, because you are not just meeting him. And even when you are not with Father, you are living and thinking of him.

For faithful people the first condition is to be humble. How flexible are you? Are you ready to change according to the truth? Some people are very strong externally in blaming, criticizing and attacking others. Not so many of us are really good at checking ourselves and finding out what's wrong with us. This is very difficult because we have pride, which doesn't necessarily come from God but is pulling from the fallen world. So we have a very self-centered idea about ourselves. If we try to think we are better than others, it discourages us from repenting.

Between our Father and ourselves there is a very big gap. Sometimes I just catch the end of what he says and then he is someplace else. Then I feel him saying, "Where are you?" and feel I don't know him and have to start over because I have missed something.

Father said that even if we study 50 years we may not understand him. Then I wondered if I had hope. He said he is a very difficult man to understand. But he doesn't say this because he doesn't want you to approach him. He's saying, "Be confident in seeking me, in finding me. Don't ever think you've found me already. I am there at a much higher, much deeper place." But because he gives himself to us, he's reachable. When he smiles at you, he even looks like a servant, ready to do something for you. But his height, his comprehension, his dedication, his strength are far away from us.

That's why it's fine if you think you understand Father, but never be satisfied with your own limited understanding. Try to always find him in a different way.

I make the condition to Heavenly Father before Father comes. "Father, I promise that I will find something new in him." That's why I'm so excited to see Father. What will I find today? Am I listening to him and just enjoying what he is saying or do I understand why he is like this? What's his motivation? Try to understand something about Father—his way of thinking, his way of faith, his way of dedication, his self-discipline and his way of dealing with people. You can find many things by reading Father's speeches. Try to

add all those things. Then when you listen to Father all those things you read come flashing into your mind. You can see that this man has done all those things. He is speaking what he has done. He is a real man.

Sisters have to love Father more than their old boyfriend or own father. Your spirit will automatically be lifted up when Father comes. If you prepare yourself, you'll be resurrected and refreshed every time Father comes.

For 6,000 years Heavenly Father has been looking for one man. In a sense, the purpose of 6,000 years of history is consummated in Father. This one man is now with us. This man is coming and giving us all things, all wisdom, all love. How much do you know him? Can you relax without making an effort to know him? Can you be satisfied with the things Father can give all the time or do you have to add something or earn something? Make an effort to find him, to understand him.





true love of God.

Our Personal God

It is imperative to have a personal relationship with God.

by Young Oon Kim

Some people think it wrong to conceive the supreme deity as a personal God and to imagine Him with the form and characteristics of man. Some theologians, metaphysicians and spiritualists define God as infinite intelligence. For them He is not at all personal. Yet in moments of personal trauma, contradicting what their minds say, they cry out to a personal being to help straighten out their affairs. If their child is seriously ill, they entreat God to heal him. On the verge of bankruptcy, they beg God for financial aid. Anxious to sell a car, they pray that God will send a buyer. Moments of intense pain or recognition of unavoidable results cause us to call out to a personal God for help. All of us at the time of our need, picture God as deeply personal, but when the crisis has past, declare that He is almighty and exalted, unable to be conceived in human terms.

The purpose of God's providence

In Hinduism, one of the major world religions, the supreme being, Brahma, is a philosophical absolute, serenely and blissfully apart from all ethical concern for man. In reaction to this concept of a supreme being, Buddha denied the existence of deity outside the individual. He taught only that moral law operated throughout the universe. The third major Far Eastern religion, Confucianism, is called by many only a system of ethics because its founder also discouraged belief in a personal deity, worship or prayer.

These abstract teachings are profound intellectual concepts, but they lack the dynamic power to motivate the lives of their followers. Radical change in man's life takes place only when he personally, with his feelings, encounters deity. Only when man's emotions are touched by the powerful love of a personal God does his life rotate 180 is the restoration degrees. Therefore, it is imperative to have a personal relationship with Him.

When you compare the scriptures of Confucius with the teachings of Jesus, Jesus' of heart. words appear very simple. Confucius was a great scholar, whereas Jesus had little formal education. You can read any of the Gospels overnight, but Confucius' profound explications require greater study. Then compare the simple New Testament with Buddhist scriptures which are also deep and complicated. Why is Buddhism considered profound? Perhaps because people cannot easily understand it.

> Jesus' teaching is very brief and simple. Yet his teaching raises man's spirit much higher and closer to God than do Hinduism, Buiddhism or Confucianism, or any other religion. In his simple teaching Jesus reveals the heart of God and makes God very personal to each one of us.

> The Gospel of Luke (15:3-25) records three parables of Jesus. In the first parable a shepherd lost one sheep out of his glock of one hundred. In the barren desert of Palestine, people have a very low standard of living. One sheep is very important to them. It may not seem important by American standards, but in Palestine, one sheep was a fortune. I think there is something more involved, though. It is not the monetary value alone, but even more important the feeling of affection that won't allow the shepherd to forget the lost sheep. Leaving the 99 sheep and running back and forth over the rough and hilly desert he sought the lost one in every valley and cave. All his attention was focused on that one sheep. Seeing a light brown rock in the dusk he ran to it, thinking it was his sheep. When he found his little sheep in a dark corner, he was so happy, he embraced it and brought it back to the flock. Brimming with joy he called all his friends and neighbors to share his happiness at his recovery of the sheep.

> In the second parable a widow with only 10 coins lost one of them. She turned her house upside down to find it. Such a loss seems trivial to most Americans, but to Palestinians, who have only a few coins to live on, the coin must be found. In desperation she turned over all the furniture and finally found the coin she had lost. In her gratitude she told all her friends and neighbors.

The last parable is that of the prodigal son. No matter how often we read this parable,

our hearts are touched again and again. Jesus described beautifully the heart of the most personal God. He didn't worry about the righteous people because they could get along by themselves. All his attention and concern was directed to the one lost. In his life of dissipation, the prodigal forgot his father, but his father lost his appetite and did not sleep easily because of his concern for his son. Where is he? What is he eating? What is he wearing? What kind of friends does he have? All these concerns occupied the heart of the father. On the son's return, the father was so happy. It was as if he'd recovered the whole world, so great was his son's value to him.

This is the heart of the heavenly Father. Even without the rest of the Gospels, this parable alone makes Christianity the superior religion. What is the value of knowing the intellectual details of metaphysics, or philosophy, or religion, or theology, if you do not know this heart of Father, this love of God? No matter how simple its expression, the teaching of Jesus is the highest religion and revelation. Other religions have revealed parts of the divine truth which have enlightened the hearts and minds of people, but the religion of Jesus alone clearly unfolds the heart of the Father.

If we feel this affection, this love, this heart towards other people, then we are in the image of God. But in no way does our love match the depth of His concern with our daily life to His overall plan for the entire universe.

In elementary school in Korea we read a story entitled "Parents' Heart." The story made such a deep impression on me that I never forgot it. A widowed mother had an only son. She scrimped and saved to be able to send him to a good school in another town. At first, faithfully, the boy sent her letters of his progress and accomplishments. These meant so much to her. Then the letters stopped. Thinking he was on his way, she watched for him daily, even walking to the top of the hill to see if he was coming. One, two, three years she waited anxiously for him. What could have happened to him? Had he been hurt? Had he died? If he had needed help, why had he not written? She would have gladly walked the distance, so great was her love for him. Finally, her worry and anxiety made her ill, and she went insane.

This is the heart of a mother, the heart of parents.

It is difficult to understand what you have not yet experienced. Many people only fully understand the heart of parents when they themselves become parents. This is sad but in many cases true. The whole purpose of God's providence of restoration is to restore the hearts of the people, to restore the children to the Father. Feeling the Father's heart is the key to your spiritual growth and to you successfully sharing the divine truth. If you fail in feeling this heart, then you will fail in your work. As you begin each day, pray to feel the heart of God who looks for His lost one with the same determination with which the widow sought the lost coin and the shepherd, his sheep. Supose a mother lost one of her sons. Would she remain calm? She could not be happy and unconcerned. She would probably cry and lose interest in her housework. Her whole concern would be for

You must be completely involved in someone.



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her lost child. This must be our attitude also. As followers of Christ, we are going out to find our lost brothers and sisters. If you think of our Father's worried heart, how can you remain calm? You must seek everywhere for someone to raise so you experience the worries, problems and difficulties. Then you will know what problems your Father has had with you. And you will know the depth of His love and perseverance.

As you raise children, you grow; as you teach others, you learn the Truth. And your spirit grows. Your spirit cannot grow in meditation. Nor does it grow through just reading spiritual texts in your room. No, you have to develop and exercise this Father's heart through actually raising spiritual children.

Although the Divine Principle is very simple, expressed in a single volume, it has introduced the deep heart of the Father even more clearly than Jesus did. The mightiest person in the one who is touched, moved by the impulse of love. When we are moved by love, there is nothing to fear. You cannot defeat a person who knows God personally one who has felt His heart. He or she is the strongest, the mightiest person on earth. No one can change his mind. Nothing can trouble him.

To begin new missionary work (in 1959) I went to England. Alone in London, I experienced many difficultires in finding transportation around the city, and particularly in touching the people not just intellectually, but emotionally in their hearts so they could change their lives. If I had not known God personally, I would have been deeply frustrated. However, I know what God wanted me to do, what He felt toward me and mankind. Inspired by His love and His will and His perseverance, I kept searching for His children. The wisest one in the world is the one who knows God's love and acts according to it. That person cannot make a great mistake.

Like all of you I have ups and downs in my heart. When I am in despair, I often recall my first love with God. This brings me back to Him. If you want to be a wise person, keep your heart rooted in this love of God. If you want to be a strong person for good, you must stand on this faith.

God must be personal to each one of us and our relationship with God must be a personal one. We have something in common with God, and that is heart. As we feel pain, He feels pain. As we feel lonely, He feels lonely. We may feel for our own reason, while He feels for greater and deeper reasons, but the feelings of loneliness, of pain, of sorrow, of joy are all the same. We are never alone. We are always in His presence. Therefore, He can sense what we feel. If He is to feel joy with us, then He must be able to feel sorrow with us too. His heart is bigger than ours, but the quality is the same.

I want to give you this one thought: The key to fast growing and unchanging faith, the key to success in your work is to act motivated by this love. Unless you share worried and problems with God, how can you share joy and glory with Him? When we come back to this love, pride disappears. When we approach people with this Father's love, we forget our false dignity, false pride. When you don't have this love, you feel awkward

If you want to be a wise person, keep your heart rooted in the love of God. in speaking with someone. You see yourself as a third person. You must be completely involved in that person. Like the widow and the shepherd, only that person must occupy your attention. Then you will forget your dignity, your pride, and all your problems. Then you can succeed in winning the heart of that person. This attitude of love is most important. For it is true that God cares deeply for you and through you for those you speak to. The almighty Creator is this personal God and Father to each one of us.