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Letter from the Publisher

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

AS YOU KNOW, FATHER COMPLETED A special four-month period in Korea some time ago, and now he is free to go anywhere, anytime. He is no longer restricted by any dispensational conditions. The time period ended on April 10, and the very next day, April 11, Father blessed his third daughter, Un Jin Nim. Although this was not the first Blessing of a True Child, it did have great and special significance: Father blessed Un Jin Nim on the foundation of having achieved a condition of victory on the worldwide level, marking the completion of his 40-year wilderness course. On April 12 Father blessed 36 Couples of the second generation, which also has important meaning.

Up until recently, Father has been leading all humankind in the position of Moses. As you know, the first generation of Israelites, who endured 40 years in the wilderness centering on Moses, perished; it was the second generation centering on Joshua who crossed the Jordan River and entered Canaan.

The responsibility of the first generation of blessed couples and current Unification Church members has not been fulfilled; we have failed in many ways. We failed to respond completely to Father's expectations and directions, and we did not build a strong worldwide foundation of support around True Parents. If we had, Father would never have been sentenced to prison. Since we didn't fulfill our responsibility, we could not escape Satan's accusation. Therefore, Father himself laid sacrificial indemnity conditions, including his 13-month imprisonment in Danbury, in the place of the first generation of Unification Church couples and members. Without hesitation, without judgment or resentment over his unfulfilled expectations, Father took our responsibility upon himself with unconditional parental love, and

indemnified our failure. Because we were under Satan's dominion, it would have been impossible for us to continue if Father had not set these conditions for our sake.

Through Danbury, Father has resurrected: His position now is that of a Moses who did not fail, but successfully crossed the Jordan River. Through Father's single body and substance, the two missions of Moses and Joshua have been linked into one, and by following him we have all now passed into the era of the second generation and the settlement of Canaan. He wants those of the second generation who completely believe and unite with him to become candidates to enter Canaan; but he can also now extend this opportunity to the first generation through the indemnity he paid on our behalf.

The dispensational meaning of the Blessing of the second generation is quite deep. According to the Principle, the second generation cannot receive True Parents' Blessing if the first generation does not fulfill its responsibility and remains under Satan's accusation. For the second generation to receive the Blessing should indicate that the first generation fulfilled its mission; but we did not. Therefore, Father determined that he would take responsibility instead of us; he determined to lay all the necessary conditions himself, and he blessed the second generation with deep seriousness, thereby also forgiving and embracing the first generation.

For myself, as I try to digest the significance of this event, I feel ashamed before my two daughters. They were able to participate in this historical Blessing, but I know that even I, as one of Father's closest disciples, have not yet fulfilled the responsibility of my own Blessing. If I had, Father would not be suffering

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THE DAY OF VICTORY OF LOVE

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SEOUL, KOREA

WHAT KIND OF PROMISE DO YOU THINK GOD MADE with me when I began to walk the way of His will in my youth? He told me His promise would unfold in one of two different ways: One was that I would build the Kingdom of God on the 2000-year foundation of Christianity without any suffering; the other was that I, like Jesus, would go through incredible suffering but then emerge victorious. The first promise foretold that if Christianity and America were to accept me, the Kingdom of God would be built automatically. If, as the victor of World War II, America had indeed united with Korean Christian-

ity and accepted me, then the ideal of the unified world would have materialized in seven years. However, I foresaw early in my life that suffering was destined to follow me wherever I went. Therefore, I was well prepared internally before God ordered me to go to North Korea and, later, to America.

In North Korea I went to prison, to a place that even Satan couldn't stand. There I established a standard of love much higher than Satan's. I came out of that prison with a victorious proclamation that I would return to the North with a love that was far beyond the individual level, and

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win the final battle. Without such a standard of love, it is not possible to liberate humankind from Satan. Even individual liberation is not possible unless we belong to God, centering on love. After individual liberation is accomplished, we should go forward to liberate the family, the nation, and the world.

AMERICA TURNED HER FACE AWAY

When I went to America, carrying the mission to liberate humankind, no one welcomed me. America turned her face away. Try to think about what my sorrow was like at that time. White Americans especially just watched me suspiciously while I worked for the providence. Even the American members complained about my activities. I reminded myself of the persecution I had gone through in Korea and consoled myself that it was not so strange after all to be persecuted in America, since I had been persecuted even by my own parents, my wife and child, my hometown, and the government of Korea. If I had not been so bitterly persecuted in Korea, I would have gone back there as soon as I was persecuted in America. At first I thought that persecution by foreigners would be stronger than by Koreans, but I discovered that it was weaker. I told myself that I could not be angry, because I knew my way was destined to be the most rugged of all.

My suffering has been bigger and deeper than that of any patriot who ever longed for the liberation of his country. Because I never avoided suffering, but rather fought and overcame it directly, my life has been indescribably painful. I dedicated my youth to building the Kingdom of God and totally sacrificed my individual and family happiness. Right after I founded the Unification Church, the extensive persecution from Ewha University began. From even before that time up until today, I have passed through a way of suffering more painful than treading on thorns with bare feet; it was heartbreaking.

You, who have walked together with me on this way since joining the church, should examine yourselves. If you have done anything which you feel is unforgivable, I believe you know what to do to repair it. In your minds, who am I? What do you feel about me? Please think about whom I have been dedicating my life for. I never lived for myself as an individual. Because I am in the position of a parent, I have dedicated my life for you and your children. I have been bearing the cross for all of you with joy.

I have fulfilled my responsibility towards the blessed families. The 36, 72, and 124 Couples always had at least the minimum standard of living necessary for their activities. I myself have lived in such a way that the blessed families could never accuse me. I provided homes, food, and clothes for blessed families, and they received money when they were in need.

Yet I could not even buy a handkerchief for my physical mother. I could not fulfill the dictates of filial piety toward

my physical parents while they were on earth, but I have been fulfilling them for Heavenly Father. That is the more genuine, precious, sincere, and eternal filial piety. Thus I have set up conditions for my physical parents to be proud of their son in the spirit world. On earth they complained about me and were opposed to my ways; now in spirit world, knowing that I walked the way of the most dear and pious son of God, they can understand and feel gratitude.

IN THE VERY WHIRLPOOL OF WAR

In the year I was born, an independence movement arose in Korea. From 1920 the Korean people suffered seven lean and hungry years and were ruthlessly exploited by the Japanese. They had a hard time both from within and from without. This difficult situation came as national indemnity for the sake of the birth of one baby sent by God, foreshadowing that his life on earth would be a miserable one. My life began in the very whirlpool of war, and I grew up experiencing the vicissitudes and painful events related to war. During the first 40 years of my life, human history faced sudden changes again and again, and in this body I have confronted and passed through many monumental events of this ever-changing age.

I was always hungry until I was over 30 years old, although this was not due to poverty. While I attended school in Seoul, I cooked for myself but I did not eat well. I strictly economized in all aspects of my life. I supported myself by pulling a hand wagon whenever I had time, and I helped my friends with the extra money I earned. During vacations many of my friends happily went back to their hometowns, but I did not go to mine. I kept working because I did not want my mother to worry about my tuition and fees.

In my school days I used to pray more than 15 times a day, even while studying. At that time I had to go outside to the well to wash. In the winter the water was very cold, and when I came back to my room, which was also terribly cold, I felt as if my whole body were freezing. Nevertheless I persevered and kept on praying. I used only a single-layer quilt for warmth. My youth and my diligent prayer life must have made it possible for me to endure those cold winters.

I also kept a diary, but I could not keep it for long. Since Korean students were often involved in independence movements, Japanese police would investigate our homes and arrest people on the slightest provocation. I could not write about many important things, so I committed them to memory instead.

I did not wear fine clothes and had no time to get dressed up or hang around on the streets. My clothes were always very simple. I could not go to the barber shop very often, so my beard would grow out. Still, I never forgot to attend church.

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I WAS POPULAR WITH THE CHILDREN

As a Sunday school teacher I was very popular with the children. I used to tell them interesting Bible stories and fairy tales. Once I started, I wasn't likely to stop. Sometimes I spoke all day long! I loved the children very much, so they followed me happily. Whenever I visited the neighborhood churches, the parents as well as the children would surround me and listen to my stories. Some of the children I taught in Sunday school are now Unification Church members. They say that my story-telling was really interesting in those days! I worked hard because I considered that teaching in Sunday school was my preparation for establishing God's will on earth. From my school days, I was always concerned about how to realize Heavenly Father's will in this fallen world. I did not create goals for individual achievement, but I committed all my efforts to finding the original human world.

Since I have undertaken the way of God's will, there is no place I have not been. I know the customs of every corner of this country. Sometimes on my journeys I could not find any place to sleep, so I would spend the night at beggars' shelters, talking with the men until late into the night and praying for God's will to be fulfilled even through them. I worked on the mountainside together with the peasants who make charcoal, praying that God's will would one day rise just like those flames. Wherever I went my heart was given to God. I knew that I could not enter the realm of God's heart if I could not plant my own heart in the ground of God's will. I always lived single-mindedly so that I could represent God's inner situation at all times.

Later I went to Japan, where I continued to study and lead the same lifestyle. My life in Japan was miserable. I filled my days with nothing but study and manual labor. With the money from my jobs, I paid my tuition and fees and helped my friends to pay theirs, just as before. My life has been lived for God and for my neighbors in every way.

I am voluntarily walking on a rugged and sorrowful path. Do you know why I am going through such a difficult process? It is the unavoidable way of destiny. You are people who have pledged to follow me. You say that you love and respect me. If this is so, you have to consider what you have done for God, for me, and for yourselves, and how much you have really achieved in your mission to restore other people.

God tried to fulfill His will by sending the Messiah to the people of Israel, who had prepared for his coming for 4,000 years. They should have believed in and attended Jesus as the son of God, and they should have realized the true meaning of all the historical events through which God had called them to lay the foundation of faith. They should have offered their wives, their children, and their belongings, as well as their own minds and bodies, to Jesus. They should have offered everything in obedience to God. If the

family-level ownership of love centering on Jesus had been established in this way, the Kingdom of Heaven could have been built on earth automatically. Yet because Jesus was betrayed and nailed to the cross, this providence was delayed until the time of the Second Advent.

THE AGE OF COMPLETING GOD'S WILL

On the path of God's will I had an extremely difficult time until I was 40 years old. This was the time period in which I surmounted Jesus' individual course. When I married Mother at the age of 40, I took the next step to the family level. From there I was to build a stable worldwide foundation until I reached the age of 60. Forty years from my 60th birthday we will be in our third millennium, at which time the providence should be fulfilled completely. The original world of God's ideal should be built by that time. In this age of completing God's will, we have to pursue stable progress rather than adventure. The age of adventure has passed away.

Now nobody can exterminate the Unification Church in Korea or America with any kind of power. The communist world cannot do anything against us; we have a firm foundation for the church even in the communist bloc. Even after I go to the spirit world the Unification Church will continue to exist forever on the earth.

Now is the time when the final trial is being held. This is the most important moment for me to stand before you and give you God's message, although even if I don't speak to you, God's will is destined to be fulfilled. As parents, husbands and wives, and sons and daughters, you as well as all your belongings must be given the qualification by God to be the true owners of God's love. Without inheriting this qualification through the True Parents, there is no way you can enter the Kingdom of Heaven. You will not be able to enter if you miss the deadline. Even though you may be billionaires, or even if billions of you want to enter, no one will show you the way. Only when you inherit true ownership centering on God's love can you enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

The purpose of establishing the Day of All Things was so that men and women could be given the qualification of true ownership. Restoration through indemnity is necessary because the fallen world still owns parental love and children's love. Without liquidating the love of the fallen world, you as individuals cannot enter into the realm of true ownership under God's love. In order to be individually recognized by God, you must relate to True Parents, the unfallen ancestors, in the direct dominion of God's love. You must be free from all fallen nature according to the standard of the Principle. You should ask yourselves, "Have I become absolutely one with God's love as a son or daughter in my motivation, my actions, and my life goals? Have I been given the qualification for ownership centering on the true love of God?" How can you freely eat or

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**Father (far right) with a church group in Seoul;
the minister is standing.**

sleep without having fulfilled this requirement?

Before hoping to attain dominion over the universe, you must complete dominion over yourselves. The biggest obstacle to this is your habitualized fallen nature. Without removing your fallen nature, you can never perfect dominion over yourselves. Everyone wants to fulfill his or her desires. The desire for eating, for sleeping, and for sex are the main desires of people in the fallen world, and we should fight and overcome them at any cost in order to stand in front of God. These three desires are the most important targets of our struggle.

MY FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN DESIRES

In my school days in Japan, I considered the fight against these three desires to be of utmost importance in becom-

ing free of fallen nature. In order to complete dominion over myself, I had to struggle incredibly. I had to consider beautiful women as stones or wooden objects. I could never touch any woman to quell the normal hot-blooded desires every young man has, nor could I fall into that sentimental kind of love which comes so easily to young people. School girls would often visit me in my room. I tried to think of them not as women but as sisters, and I advised them in the right way of life. As a foreigner, I also had to be cautious of entering into any liaisons with people.

Among the schoolgirls who visited me was the daughter of a very well-known rich man from Hwang Hae Do. She used to come to my room when I was out and leave money there. Normally in such a situation people would think me lucky to have a rich girlfriend, but I made it my goal to fight against any seduction by rich women. I never touched that money. Only after six months did I invite her to my room. Then I told her about my ideas and my historical position. I told her what we had to do for the sake of the future of Korea, and how diligently we should study in the face of ethnic discrimination.

After listening to me she said that never in her life had she known a man like me. She said that I possessed the true soul of Korea—a genuine Korean spirit. She bowed to me and shed tears, asking me to forgive her for not understanding my deep purpose and expressing hope that she could attend me as a sister. From that time on I took the best care of her among all the Korean schoolgirls I knew in Japan.

When I was young my only desire was to see God cry with gratitude and joy. I have been living to see the day when God could shed tears of love and tell me, “You have resolved all my historical resentment toward all countries and all peoples!” If God could shed such tears because of my effort, then I could say that the purpose of my life was fulfilled.

Living with this kind of heart, I never cried for myself, even as blood spurted out of my mouth when I was beaten in prison. In the same way, I never shed a single tear for Heung Jin until his Seung Hwa ceremony was over. If I had cried to see my own beloved son dead, how would God feel? I would gladly make a sacrifice of one thousand or ten thousand sons if it could relieve God’s heart of pain and resentment.

Only after Heung Jin’s Seung Hwa ceremony was over and I had fulfilled my responsibility as a parent did I shed any tears. First I had to clear away everything that remained to be solved before he died in confrontation with Satan. If I had not set up indemnity conditions, including the Unification Ceremony and the Day of Victory of Love, Heung Jin’s death would have been meaningless. □

*Because of the length of the original speech, we are dividing it into four parts.
Part 4 will appear in the August issue.*

Only through perfect unity in conjugal love, which develops into parental love, do we rise to God's level; then we come to stand right beside God.

THE NEW HISTORICAL VANGUARD

EXCERPTS FROM FATHER'S MESSAGE
AT THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE SECOND GENERATION OF BLESSED COUPLES
APRIL 12, 1986
SEOUL, KOREA



IT IS AN AMAZING, PROVIDENTIAL EVENT THAT YOU COULD become candidates for the first Blessing of the blessed children and become the second generation of blessed families. You should know that while there are many blessed couples in the Unification Church, God has not expected much from them; God is not happy with your parents. All Unification families, including the 36 Couples, have committed sins against God's will. Therefore your Blessing is a matter which worries God and worries me. From now on, your behavior should not be based upon the words and directions of your parents.

You should now pledge to set up and renew the true tradition of the Unification family at any cost. Along the path of God's will, you should not do anything just for the sake of your own family or clan. The Bible prophesied that in the Last Days your family would become your enemy. This means that at the turning point of history no one who thinks of his family or clan first can truly walk the path of God's will, but will go astray. You should not think that these words apply only to people outside the Unification Church; they also apply to Unification Church families. In getting married you are not just becoming someone's partner. Your marriage is not centered on any individual, but it exists to reform the Unification family.

AT THE TURNING POINT

Some of your parents may be among the many who have complained. You may have heard them criticizing or complaining about the church, the 36 Couples, various church leaders, or other members. Your parents may also have been among those who have been criticized by church members for their improper words or behavior. If you know of any words or behavior on the part of your parents that were not good or consistent with the way of God's will, then you must not repeat them. We are now at the turning point; therefore, you must annihilate any previous bad habits and begin anew.

You should find the abandoned path that the people of this world would consider worthless. That is the path God is asking you to walk.

Un Jin Nim is younger than you are. As yet she knows very little about the world. She knew nothing about her wedding until the day before. Three days ago her fiance was chosen and then she quickly prepared for her wedding. During this time she did not raise any questions or make any comments based on her own opinion. In God's providence, matters of importance must be done cleanly, with no satanic intervention whatsoever. Especially the Blessing should be centered purely and wholly on God and True Parents, and the concepts or opinions of any third party should not be involved.

Whatever your parents' feelings and opinions were during your Blessing, I completely ignored them. Your Blessing should not be influenced by them. If it is, it is bound to lose its meaning. In the original world parents are supposed to bless their own children. It was because I could not trust your parents that I had to bless you this time. I matched you very seriously and with greater care than I matched your parents. Therefore you should shake off your previous relationship with your parents and make a new start centering on the True Parents.

You should be grateful that the wilderness course has ended and that today you are opening up the 40-year era of settlement in Canaan. Now all of Korea, centering on

Seoul, is being influenced by the will of God. No longer can there ever be any evil force which can block the way of the Unification Church. From now on, no individual nor any power greater than the individual can continue to prosper without following the Unification way. Today everybody, both the masses and the intelligentsia, knows what has been going on and must admit that nobody should be opposed to the Unification Church.

HEROES OF THE NEW AGE

Then what should you do? You should just roll ahead, like a tank or a train. Make yourself a spiritual cannonball. You must understand that you represent the unfolding of a new history: you, not your parents, are the heroes of the new age. Your wedding ceremony is being held in the city of Seoul on the foundation of your having entered Canaan. You should keep in mind that both the physical and spiritual worlds are watching, so you cannot forget that you are called to become the new historical vanguard.

You are called, and you are chosen. Your mission is to form the advance detachment that will march in the front line. You should open a new page of history with a determination that befits your position and your calling. Any of



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you who do not live in accordance with my direction today will not be able to avoid judgment before the nation and the world.

Furthermore, you must know that since the spirit world is still undergoing the process of restoration, any mistakes or failures you make in your missions must be indemnified immediately for their benefit. In the age of restoration through indemnity, any unfulfilled responsibility requires the payment of prolonged and aggravated indemnity. However, you are entering the age of restoration through responsibility and the age of restoration through indemnity is passing away. This is why you cannot reserve any mistakes for future indemnification, but should pay indemnity immediately. If your past lives were lukewarm, you should renew your fiery determination to march forward as God's vanguard on the path of His will.

Your Blessing is the starting point for the opening of the new age. Hence, I hope that you can fulfill your proper responsibility as standard-bearers who are called for the sake of all the people of the world. That is my first main point for you today.

Secondly, I want to make sure that you learn from the history of the Israelites. The first generation Israelites who undertook the exodus from Egypt failed during their 40-year course in the wilderness; they died in the desert because they did not become one with Moses centering on God's will. The second generation who entered Canaan also failed; they did not become one with God's chosen leaders and became contaminated with heathen customs, which led to their downfall. They wanted to be recompensed for their suffering. They became interested in leading a luxurious life; they enjoyed knowledge, desired power, and even married pagans if they were rich. In this way they sold away their spirit as the chosen people and were assimilated into the existing culture of Canaan. Then the nation of Israel was divided, and the tribes of both the North and South were conquered and taken away from their homeland as slaves. Thus the nation of Israel perished.

DO NOT REPEAT THE PAST

Even though you are already free of the fallen realm, you must be careful not to repeat the mistakes of the past. In carrying out your mission for this age, you must gain wisdom from these historical examples to avoid any possible downfall. The Israelites perished *after* they entered Canaan. Today's Blessing may lead to future damnation for some of you. Your Blessing can be transformed into the very cause of your own demise. Nevertheless, I cannot but bless you. Everything is up to your own determination. Do not rely upon your parents, however, because they showed no exemplary conduct for you to follow.

You should learn this historical precept and be prepared to fight. Sticking stubbornly to secular habits can ruin you

and the providence; you should not be influenced by the force of habit. You must renew your life daily, progress from today's position to tomorrow's, and continue to progress into the future world. New families, clans, nations, and a whole new world will be formed from you, so you cannot just stop here.

The problem of all Unification families, from the 36 to the 6,000 Couples, is that they are secularized. Your parents think, "My sons and daughters must go to college in order to rise in the world." However, God did not create humankind in order to give them a lot of knowledge. Your parents made a big mistake if they taught you that you could rise in the world only by getting a degree.

God's purpose for creating man and woman was to have them love each other and become one. Through them God wanted to establish the incarnation of His love and promote His joy; the family was to be the very foundation of such love. It is an absolute law that God's purpose for creating human beings was nothing other than love. Only through love can your advancement along the way of God's will and your outside activities harmonize with each other.



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None of you will be opposed in going downward. The deeper you go, the more easily your enemies can be subdued. This is the secret formula of the providence.

Therefore, after your wedding, go and take charge of God's love. It is for the purpose of love alone that you were born as man and woman. Since you are the divided incarnation of the polarity in God, seek God's love as the basis of your union. You will meet God's love and fulfill it by becoming one with each other. There is no other way. Knowledge, power, money, and even beauty have nothing whatsoever to do with reaching God. It is because Adam and Eve could become one with Him only through love that God demanded love from them and nothing else. Only through perfect unity in conjugal love, which develops into parental love, do we rise to God's level; then we come to stand right beside God.

INHERITING ALL THAT GOD HAS

Once you are qualified to go up to the sphere of God, you can also come down to earth to inherit everything God owns. God will absolutely allow you to be His colleague. So great is the power of God's love that He wants to give it away, infinitely. Love, which moved God to give everything to Adam and Eve, urged Him to establish His children in a position where they could own the very ideal of love. This means God wanted to bequeath His heart and everything in the universe to them.

Adam and Eve also had an innate desire to inherit all that God owned. Infinite desire cannot be satisfied by anything but God's love. The original human mind knows that human beings are meant to go to the place of God and to be loved by God in order to inherit from Him. The original mind tends to form unity centering only on love.

Without receiving God's love, you cannot be admitted to the same level as God in the spiritual realm or inherit His ideal and ownership. Though you are meeting each other now for the first time, you will remain together in conjugal love forever. As soon as conjugal love is fulfilled, you are not two but one. Thus after your wedding you cannot just behave as you please. As husbands and wives you cannot act individually; you must take joint responsibility.

As husband and wife you should be able to realize where you are heading. Which of you two is higher, the husband or the wife, is to be decided on the basis of who loves God most. If the husband is inactive on the way of God's will, or is interested in something else, then the wife should recall his attention to his true direction. If he does not listen to her, she should continue by herself. If instead she becomes inactive due to her husband's influence their children are bound to perish.

Your path is to love God as an individual and then to develop your love centering on your family, clan, society, nation, and world. Your final task will be to liberate the spirit world and hell. You should clean up all the results of the human fall just as you clean up a trash can. Who should clean out your trash can? You who used that trash can should clean it, not God or True Parents. The envi-

ronment of the future world will be connected to the descendants of the True Parents, and problems should be solved in that environment by those who live in it.

THE MAIN ROLE IN RESTORATION

Therefore, from now on you are to play the main role in the course of restoration. You should open the new age of restoration as its representatives. Those who accomplish restoration on the family level will be admitted into the family-level sphere of blessing in the Kingdom of Heaven; those who accomplish restoration on the clan level will be admitted into the clan-level sphere of blessing, and so on for the society, nation, and world. Your status in the Kingdom of Heaven depends on how deep and how far your love has extended. You should love your parents and brothers and sisters more than you love your spouse, and you should love the nation, world, and God more than you love your family. Without establishing this order of love, you have no true path along which to progress in life. God's love should overflow in your lives; otherwise, you and your families will perish. Those who lack love will lose their citizenship in God's nation and be left out of the world where love is the tradition.

From now on, your footsteps must be deliberate ones. You are already engaged, and are about to be blessed. In such a position you can never possibly deny me. Anyone who complains about this wedding will create a big problem. If any of your parents, including the 36 Couples, interrupt or interfere with this wedding in any way, then I will never allow them to come before me, even if the whole world comes before me to receive God's will. If your parents cannot establish the true family tradition, then they will have to take responsibility for all of God's historical resentment, and for all the resentment borne in my course. You should not even be happy that you are about to be blessed. Just be grateful for being called; go forward centering on your call and cleanly liquidate your past lives.

My third point for you today is that you should be victorious over the entire world. However, you cannot rise on nothing. You must go through suffering that no one else in the world can handle. You should find the abandoned path that the people of this world would consider worthless. That is the path God is asking you to walk. If you try to rise automatically, Satan will not yield a place to you. Since Satan is blocking the way upward, you should take the opposite route, to the bottom of this world. None of you will be opposed in going downward. The deeper you go, the more easily your enemies can be subdued. This is the secret formula of the providence. Many religions throughout history sought the highest goal, but they could not attain it because they did not know the way.

I have been fighting to gain the summit of the world, but my method has been to penetrate the world's most miserable depths. Therefore to you, and to all of history, my

*Overcome all the mountains that I myself have
overcome. Fight at the risk of your lives to fulfill your
responsibility and create a new history.*

course will be like a beacon. No one actually knows the path that I have walked. Even Mother and our children do not know its deeper aspects. You should come to learn about my path and teach others about it.

GOD'S STRATEGY FOR VICTORY

You must realize how great and important your mission is. The purpose of the way of God's will is to make you victors of the world. But since the people of the satanic world will never allow you to lead them automatically, you must take the opposite direction from Satan and subdue them through your love before you guide them. First you must establish a relationship with God, with yourself, and with others that Satan cannot interfere with. Then you can counterattack him as you walk the path of persecution and suffering. Walking on this path will bring you to the highest place. When I traveled this path I was sure that I would win the fight for my spiritual life. Pushing the central figures of religion through the path of persecution has been God's strategy for gaining eternal victory.

Keep in mind that no one can ever avoid the path of persecution, not even those who have graduated from the highest educational institutions. I hope that you will become eternal victors by learning from my course. Therefore I will mobilize all of you as soon as your wedding ceremony is over. You must make a clear goal centered on the will of God and press forward without ceasing. Never forget that the Israelites perished because they were absorbed into their environment.

Although my course was one of suffering, it allowed me to uphold the authority of God in front of Satan. I never wanted to be welcomed in the environment of this world. If you cannot be welcomed in today's environment, then you will surely be considered victors in the future, and your descendents will welcome you. If your descendents do not welcome you, I will welcome you. Until now the Unification Church has never been welcomed; I myself prevented it, because otherwise you could easily have been absorbed into the outside world. From now on, however, there will no longer be any opposition to the Unification Church. I want to secure my proper position and vindication through you, the second generation. The problem is that you are not qualified for such a role until you experience the path of suffering. Therefore, you must be determined to fight against Satan with your whole heart.

Please keep in mind the three main points I have made. From this time forward your education will be taken care of by me. Right after your wedding you should go to your mission field like soldiers returning from leave. Standing on the front line, you should open the way of God's will just as Moses' 70 elders and Jesus' 12 disciples did. By now the education of IFVOC community leaders in Seoul is 70 percent accomplished. You are to participate in IFVOC

activities and finish choosing and educating the other 30 percent. I want you to do your best.

ABOUT SCHOOL

Because you have a providential task before you, you should not worry about going to school. I will not bless any of you who refuse to participate in IFVOC activities, so tell me now if you would rather attend school than participate in IFVOC.

You should not attend graduate school right now. After you have loved God, your family, your clan, and your nation, you can attend graduate school, if it is needed. If my own children are not going to graduate school, you should not go. This is the Principle. The leaves and branches of a tree can only sprout after the trunk grows up. The trunk should grow up high before the branches extend out to the sides; then the tree will grow normally. If the branches around the sides grow faster than the trunk, the tree will be a useless scrub bush. This is natural law. Since you are men and women who are to inherit the tradition, you should go to graduate school only if my children go.

All religions in the past, such as Buddhism and Catholicism, have upheld the practice of celibacy. This was not because they disliked marriage but because providential revelation ordered them to abstain. Similarly, I am only reluctant to send you to school because the providence of this age is so urgent.

Your parents have committed themselves to your education, hoping for you to become successful. What about me? I have been exerting myself on behalf of God, you, and all of humankind. How could I be concerned with my own children's education? Your parents made a big mistake in front of God and me by worrying about your education, and you must share responsibility for this with them.

Instead of worrying about yourselves you should encourage Hyo Jin to catch up on his own studies quickly. Since Unification Church members could not fulfill their responsibility, Hyo Jin has trouble keeping his mind centered and stable. You should be concerned about Hyo Jin and cooperate with him and your other elders. This is the way of the Principle.

FORGIVENESS AND GRACE

It is up to me to allow you to receive grace for this Blessing. If you do not receive my permission to be blessed, you must undertake a pioneer course for seven years. If I do not recognize you, you cannot claim to have completed your responsibility. According to what I have told you today, I will judge whether you have passed or not. If you cannot pass my judgment, your families will be in trouble and will crumble.

Even Col. Pak will not be an exception. During the pro-

Love, which moved God to give everything to Adam and Eve, urged Him to establish His children in a position where they could own the very ideal of love.

motion of the Little Angels Col. Pak once rejected me and the Unification Church. He made an announcement about the Little Angels on his own and tried to pursue his own success. Therefore the way for Hoon Sook and Jin Sung to marry my children was blocked. I had his own children speak to him and ask him to repent. Col. Pak, what did you do? (Col. Pak: *I repented.*)

If anyone of you commits a sin, I will inform your family about it; if you repent I can then take responsibility for that sin. On the foundation of Col. Pak's repentance I married his children and mine for the sake of Heung Jin and in order to bring the spiritual environment under control. In Principle such a marriage was not possible; only love made it possible. Then, for the first 40 days after I came out of prison, I gave Col. Pak a hard time whenever I saw him. If he had minded it he might have left the Unification Church, but since he sincerely repented he has been continuing to follow me.

I am now thinking seriously about those in the Unification family who talk carelessly about me or criticize me. If these people are not cleansed, history cannot be restored. God does not freely forgive anyone who commits a sin—that is, without the appropriate indemnity conditions. Mistakes your parents have made cannot be left unrestored and cannot be easily forgiven. Those who are opposed to God's will in any way are bound to leave a trace of their sin behind them. If you were trying to rise on your own in the outside world, you would never be able to go beyond the high mountains of the providence without somebody else's help. Following my direction is the only way to go beyond the mountains.

First, love your spouse and create a family of love. Having already returned to Canaan, you are responsible to establish God's nation. That is why this year's motto is "Creation and Building of the Kingdom of Heaven." Overcome all the mountains that I myself have overcome. Fight at the risk of your lives to fulfill your responsibility and create a new history.

NO COMPROMISE

Second, learn the historical lesson from the people of Israel, who perished after they returned to Canaan. Do not perish after your Blessing by aiming at worldly goals requiring knowledge, money, and power. In my own life I have never known compromise; the Principle alone has been my guide. Therefore, never surrender yourselves to the power of secular habits. Keep one of my favorite proverbs in mind: You must complete dominion of yourself before hoping to have dominion over the universe.

Worldly people live for their own convenience. They even sell out their conscience to rise in the world. If you follow them, your deeds will destroy your spiritual progress. Only through love, even in the face of suffering along the way of God's will, can you inherit God's ideal



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and all that He owns, and come to stand on the same level as God Himself. Eternal values should be your goal.

Third, become leaders who can take the greatest historical responsibility by going the way of suffering with love in your hearts. In order to go this way, you will all have to go to the front line. If your spouse is opposed to this, reject your spouse and continue on your own. The center of the family is the one who considers God's will to be the first priority. According to the Principle, those who live for the sake of others are closer to God.

I have never avoided the path of suffering. I was never afraid to stand before enemies or to endure prison. You will become victors when you determine to inherit my tradition and live by it. Become a love bomb or a heavenly fighting squad to blow up Satan. Without taking a stand on the front line, you cannot create and build the Kingdom of Heaven. Be willing to sacrifice yourselves and live for others. Let your path of sacrifice become a source of heavenly patriotism, and I will be ready to join you at any time.

I hope you remember the points I have made today. If you do, a bright future will open up before you, and you will become eternal victors who will leave your names forever in history. □



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WITH A SENSE OF GRATITUDE

Testimonies from
three of the newly
married blessed
children

Last month Today's World printed testimonies from some of the blessed children who were married at the Holy Wedding in Korea on April 12, 1986. This month we are also offering three testimonies, the last two from a husband and wife.

The questions we asked them were:

1. Were you anticipating a Blessing?
2. What were your thoughts when you found out you had been matched?
3. Did you know your spouse? What was your experience at the time of the wedding?
4. What was your life like growing up?
5. How do you feel your parents helped you lead a life of faith so that you could have trust in Father at the time of Blessing?

Testimony by YE SOOK LEE,

daughter of
Mrs. Mal Sook Lee and
the late Mr. Ki Seuk Lee

MY MOTHER CALLED ME FROM Korea around 10 o'clock at night. She said, "You've just been engaged to Kyung In Suh from the 124 Couples." I had no idea who he was, so I asked her, "Did you see him?" She said, "No, but I saw his picture. He looks like a very nice gentleman." That night I left Boston for New York around 2 a.m., and the next morning I flew to Korea. When I arrived, I was just in time to attend the rehearsal for Un Jin Nim's wedding.

I had sent my high school graduation picture; my husband wasn't at the matching either, so we were both matched by picture. During the rehearsal somebody said to me, "Oh, your husband's here." I just walked up to him and said, "Hello. Nice to meet you," and we shook hands.

When I first saw him I thought, "He has no hair!" He was in the army, so his hair was cut very close. He had quite a dark complexion, and I didn't think he was at all handsome. I thought, "Oh no, I have to live with this person for the rest of my life?" But these were just physical things; they didn't really matter. Afterwards I changed my thinking completely.

"I love you, my dear husband."

The next day we were engaged and then 30 minutes later we were married! I didn't have any time to think, because everything was like a huge whirlwind, and everyone was busy. My husband and I were just going along with everybody else. Only after I came back to America, and I had time to be by myself, did I actually think about what had happened to me. I'm sure most of the others felt the same.

I met my husband's parents there and they treated me like a daughter, not like a daughter-in-law. They were grateful that their son was matched to a daughter of one of the 36 Couples.

When I was growing up I never



Little by little, I'm finding out why Father gave my husband to me. I can see what his personality and his feelings are, and all the aspects of his character that I don't have.

Kyung In Suh with his bride Ye Sook Lee.

knew exactly what matching, engagement, or marriage meant, but I knew I was going to be matched by Father and no one else. I could never think about doing it any other way. I thought that something bad would happen to me if I didn't follow Father. As far as a relationship with a boy—that was totally out of the question. Somehow, ever since I was little, I knew that the only person who was going to find my husband was True Father.

I knew I would love my husband, whoever he turned out to be, even before I was matched. I always said silently to myself, "I love you, my dear husband. I don't know your name, or where you are, but I love you. I care for you because you are my husband. You are somebody that God has been preparing for me my whole life." Then when the matching came, in a way it wasn't shocking to me; I knew it was going to come. Still, when it actually happens, and you meet the person you've been waiting for all your life, it's kind of scary.

When I met him, he was different from what I had expected. After we talked with each other though, we both realized that each of us really was the one that the other had been waiting for all these years. Little by little, I'm finding out why Father gave him to me. I can see what his personality and his feelings are, and all the aspects of his character that I don't

have. I feel that I am lacking in certain areas that he fills in, and I think I do the same for him. My first impression of him and what I think about him now are very, very different.

Very little family life

When I was young my parents went through incredible physical and emotional suffering. In the 50s and early 60s things just weren't available in Korea as they are today; there were many times when my parents had nothing to eat. I don't remember seeing my parents very much. I have very few memories of them.

My mother was always leaving to go witnessing. I remember my youngest brother Jin Gil, when he was two or three years old, always wanted to go with her. When she was leaving for the bus station he would run after her and grab her skirt. She would have to bring him back to the house, and she would try to leave again. But he would run after her again and cry. My parents were never home; I basically had to raise my brothers by myself. We also had a church sister take care of us. When I was around nine years old, my father died from an illness, and from just being worn out.

When I saw families going to the park together I envied them, because our whole family never went anywhere together. By the time I was old enough to have enjoyed a family out-



During the wedding ceremony the grooms dipped their hands in holy water.

ing it was too late; my father was already in spirit world. I don't remember having any kind of family life. Yet in spite of everything we never really had a grudge against our parents; we never hated our parents for not being there. I don't know how, but somehow we knew that what they were doing was for a good purpose, for Heavenly Father.

My father was very concerned with our education, especially with our life of faith. When my brother Jin Bok was around three years old, he started to take him to his Principle lectures. My father used to lecture every night, and he would put Jin Bok down near him. But Jin Bok would always end up falling asleep on the floor. Somebody would take him to another room while my father finished the lecture, and afterwards my father would carry him home. He did that for many, many years. That's how much concern my father had for us.

My family came to America in December 1973, so my brothers and I were mostly educated in America. At first we lived in San Francisco. My mother ran a Sunday school because there were no Sunday services for blessed children at that time. Then we moved to Tarrytown and went to high school in Irvington. I went to three different high schools, so I didn't really have a chance to get to

know anybody special; I didn't really have any friends. My brother was persecuted in school, and the teachers didn't like him very much, but it didn't bother him. The persecution my brother got, compared to the persecution that Father's children get, was nothing. Father's children don't talk about it, but I know what they do to Hyun Jin Nim and the other True Children in school. What we went through is nothing, so I myself cannot even say, "I received persecution."

Respect from my friends

At times I have wondered about my faith, especially at college. But when I look at the lives of my friends and ask them, "What do you want to do with your life?" their first concern is, "I want to be financially secure." What they care most about is money. They study hard so they can get the best job. It seems so limited to me. My girlfriends spend all their time searching for the right guy. On weekends they take hours preparing themselves so they can look physically beautiful, so that some man might find them attractive and ask them out. When they have a relationship and they don't like it, they break up, and then they get hurt. And they repeat this over and over again.

In the beginning my friends thought I was crazy, because in my freshman year I told them I didn't want any guy to ask me out; I told them that I was going to have my marriage arranged by my parents. By the time I was a junior I told them I was already married. So at school they think I'm a little strange; but still at the same time they respect me. They say, "I wish I had somebody who would find that perfect love for me," and they're really happy to see that I'm happy.

Actually they are curious and even envious about my way of life because they're so sick of their own lives. Many of them come from broken families, and they try so hard to find happiness. Everybody wants to meet the right person to live with the rest of life, right? That's very difficult to do. In the outside world it is rare for a person to find the right mate. After seeing all this, I never doubted True Parents.

I have a tremendous respect for my mother; she's been working so hard without my father for such a long time. She has a strong faith that goes on and on. Just from watching her my whole life, I knew there had to be something true about our church. Our family is always together with everybody else; we live a very public life. Sometimes I wonder what it would be like not to have a lot of pressure always put on me, just to have a regular family. But I really do feel that life in our church is exciting; you never know what's going to happen or where you might go.

My mother never said to me directly, "You have to follow this way; True Parents are the Messiah." She never said anything like that. I just watch her daily life and her total dedication, and I remember my father's total loyalty to True Parents. Before my father died, the last thing he told Jin Bok, Jin Gil and me was that he wants us to be true sons and daughters of True Parents. I will always remember that.

For my parents' sake, I would never think twice about not following this way. I really love my parents very much. They never did anything to betray what they believe. Going this way was not a matter of forcing myself; it just grew within me. I was born with that faith, because of my parents.

Testimony by
YUN SOOK PAK,
third daughter of
Dr. and Mrs. Bo Hi Pak

I KNEW THAT A MATCHING WAS coming because we had been asked to send our pictures to Korea. But because I didn't actually participate in the matching, it was a very sudden event for me.

I received a call from my mother one night while I was at school in Philadelphia. She gave me the news and told me to catch the next plane to Seoul. Then my father called me and told me the same thing. I didn't think very much about what was happening; I just got ready to leave. I was about to receive the Blessing from True Parents, which was an overwhelming thought.

I was only slightly acquainted with my husband, Jin Kun Kim. I had met him a couple of times at the blessed children's workshops. Jin Kun was at the airport when I arrived in Korea. He had arrived there only the day before and was present at the matching. We didn't talk much—just casual talk about school and how we felt as all this was going on.

Between the matching and the Blessing we participated as a bridesmaid and groomsman at Un Jin Nim's and Jin Hun Nim's Holy Wedding. It was a great honor. Things were hectic so we still didn't get to talk a lot, but I did meet with my mother-in-law and spent some time with her.

I was born in Washington DC on May 25, 1964, the fifth child in my family. I grew up in Virginia and attended schools there. I spent a year and a half in Korea in order to learn Korean. After that I went to boarding school at Phillips Exeter Academy for a few years, and now I'm a junior at the University of Pennsylvania, studying communications and economics.

All my life I knew in what manner I would be married, and I understood from a very early age that I would humbly accept Father's choice for me. As I got older and the possibility of being matched approached, I prepared myself by always thinking about the Blessing with a sense of gratitude. To receive the Blessing is a privilege of tremendous magnitude, for which I



Observing my parents' single-mindedness in serving True Parents and God was the best lesson I had in preparation for the Blessing.

Jin Kun Kim and his bride Yun Sook Pak during the engagement speech.

am very grateful, but I will probably realize the depths of it more and more as I mature in the years to come.

Observing my parents' single-mindedness in serving True Parents and God was the best lesson I had in preparation for the Blessing. I knew that if I listened to them I could never go wrong. I sincerely thank them for bringing me up in True Parents' truth and love. Only because of them was I able to receive the Blessing.

Testimony by
JIN KUN KIM,
eldest son of

Rev. and Mrs. Young Whi Kim

I KNEW THAT I WAS GOING TO BE blessed someday, but I didn't expect to get blessed so soon. I don't think I have done anything special to prepare for the Blessing. I just have done what I am supposed to do and have kept from doing what I am not supposed to do.

On April 9, I got a call from Peter Kim about 3 a.m. He told me that a matching was going to take place, so I flew to Korea that day. At the match-

ing, when my turn came, Father didn't call my name first. At one point he asked questions of several of the blessed children; suddenly he called Dr. Pak over and asked him whether he'd like his daughter Yun Sook to get blessed this time. Then Father called my name, and it was done.

I knew Yun Sook a little from the blessed children's workshop, but I've rarely talked with her. She was not present at the matching; she came to Korea the evening of the next day, April 10. Between the matching and the blessing, my mother-in-law took me shopping to buy clothes. And on April 11 we participated in Un Jin Nim's wedding.

When Father spoke to us at the engagement ceremony, one of the things he said was that your body is not for yourself but for your spouse, while your spouse's body is meant for you.

My parents have done a lot for me. They have constantly given me good advice on the Principle way of life and have always prayed for me. By receiving their love and observing their way of life, I have learned many things directly about the Principle. In that way I could keep myself pure so that I could be blessed at this time. □

MARRIAGE FOR THE



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Three of the parents of the newly married blessed children paused in their busy schedules to share with Today's World their thoughts about their children's Blessing.

Some of the questions we asked them were:

1. What were your feelings when you found out your child(ren) would be matched and blessed?

2. How did you prepare your child(ren) for this moment?

3. What is your advice to Western members who are now becoming parents on how to raise children to be faithful to Father at the time of Blessing?

Here are excerpts from their testimonies.

Testimony by MRS. GIL JA SA EU

SINCE I JOINED THE UNIFICATION Church my goal has always been to follow the Principle with my actions. I know that I cannot live for my own benefit. All my life I have felt that my children and my possessions belong to God and True Parents. That's why I didn't have any personal feelings about my son's Blessing. I felt it was just a natural process. In one sense, I don't really consider him my son. He is True Parents' son. They gave him a spouse according to their desire. I know that True Parents are responsible for my son's love, eternally. Now I am just opening up my storage house to let him go. I don't have any attachment to my future grandchildren, either. I recognize that I don't need to devise my own plans for my life because I want to do whatever Father wants. I feel I have a very simple life now. I don't have any concepts.

I always taught my sons to obey and follow True Parents. They never asked why they should. The first generation always asks so many questions—why, why, why? But my children never asked why. Their obedience is solid. I told them, "Your

purpose in being born on earth is to obey Hyo Jin Nim and the True Parents and to work with them." I also think that spirit world guides them, so they don't have any excuse not to follow Father. When my son Jin Seung heard about the matching, he said, "Whoever Father chooses for my spouse is okay with me, because I believe in Father. I trust Father completely." Father has said that the most important thing in the blessed children's lives is for them to accept the Blessing without any excuses. That is why we have to teach our children to follow True Parents.

The parents' reflection

Whenever Father sees a blessed child, he always asks, "Who is your father and your mother?" Father doesn't really know the second generation very well, but he knows the first generation. He knows our results, our character, our faith—everything. Through our foundation Father can reach the second generation. Father used to say to us, "Your second generation is your reflection." When Father looks at our children he can see if their parents have been dedicated to their mission and if they love God and the True Family. Many times Father said to us, "You are working so hard now, and you have to sacrifice so much, but the second generation will reflect all your hard work." That's why I could never go against Father. If you want your children to have a

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wonderful marriage and a wonderful spouse, you should obey Father now.

When my son Jin Seung arrived in Korea, Father had already decided his spouse, Yoon Sook Kim [eldest daughter of Rev. Chan Kyun Kim]. Later, I asked him, "Do you like her? Do you love her?"

He said, "Yes, I like her very much."

Then Father asked me later, "Does your son love his wife?"

I am very honest so I said, "He didn't say 'I love her,' but he said, 'I like her.'"

Father laughed and said, "Good. If he doesn't say, 'I don't love her,' I think it means he loves her."

Of course, they don't even know each other. They never imagined they would be a couple. That's why Jin Seung cannot say, "I love her." It's too early for that.

One very important point I always emphasized to my children was: "Don't have any preconceived idea of a certain spouse. Even if Father should ask you, 'Who would you like to have?' you should never mention anyone's name. You should not even think of anyone. You should just think, 'I will accept the person Father chooses.' This is very crucial."

At the matching there weren't that many sons of the 36 Couples who were the same age as the daughters. Father matched many of the daughters of the 36 Couples with the sons of the 72 and 124 Couples. Almost half of those matched were children of the 124 Couples.

God is fair

Through this I recognized that God is fair. Most of the 124 Couples are from very poor families, and the reason for this is very important for our members to understand. At the time the Unification Church was established, Korea was a very poor country. There were many children of poor farmers who had very little education, because they had to help their family in the fields. Every day they had to go up the mountains to gather sticks for fuel and carry them back down on their backs.

In 1955 Ewha University and Yeon Se University started heavy persecu-

tion. Because of this the Korean government, all established churches, and all educated people started to persecute the Unification Church. People even wanted the government to stop the movement, to wipe it out. At that time we could not reach any high-level or educated people, so Father sent us out to the countryside to educate these poor farmers' children.

We couldn't say we were from the Unification Church because of our bad reputation, but we could teach them basic things, such as how to read and write Korean or Chinese or English. Through this they became connected to us and some of these

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Only through following the second generation can we enter Canaan. Father told us that they are now the heroes. Our children are our internal connection to True Parents.

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young people eventually joined. They went to 7-day workshop, 21-day workshop, and 40-day workshop. Then they left their parents and their farms and became pioneers for the church.

Of course, their parents were very angry with them because they needed their children to do the farm labor. The children more or less escaped from their families. As pioneers they were very poor, so sometimes they would try to go back to their parents and beg them for a little rice or some money, in order to be able to continue their mission on the front line. But often their parents wouldn't give them anything.

When other church members established companies these members could work there, but because of their lack of education and skill they could take positions only as unskilled

laborers at very low wages. Most have only a primary school education, and because of the urgency of the providence, they never had a chance to continue their schooling after they joined. All they had was faith in the Principle.

Because of their hardship and their pure faith, however, they could have wonderful children. That's why many of their sons could receive daughters of the 36 Couples as brides. At the matching, when Father looked around the room at the candidates, he saw the 124 Couples' children and said, "Very, very good children." I thought, "Oh, God is good. God knows their pure and humble faith."

Focus on Father's success

When most Western members start their families, they have many questions and complaints about how much money they can get. Most Korean members don't have such concepts. They feel, "Whatever I get is my heavenly destiny. I just want to follow." We should always feel, "If Father is successful, I will be successful. I must follow Father and focus on Father's success." We should pray that Father will be successful, then we can say, "This is my honor, my success." In that way we can feel connected and close to Father.

In today's society children cannot trust their parents. That's why young people today have many problems dealing with the opposite sex. They don't discuss this issue with their parents but only with their friends. If our children cannot discuss this issue with their parents, then their course of education is a total failure.

Jin Seung is now 22 years old. One time he got involved in a difficult situation. A girl in another class became attracted to him. She always waited at the bus stop for him to get out of class. When she saw him get into the bus, she would get in, sit next to him and say, "You don't know how much I have missed you."

My son had been strictly educated not to touch any girl. He came and told me about her, so I called her on the phone. I said, "You shouldn't touch my son. Our church is different

from any other church. You must not contact him; you must not try to attract him. Please study our Principle." She said, "Okay, I'll try," but she still continued to tempt him.

Finally my son said to me, "Please tell my homeroom teacher about this problem." So I told his homeroom teacher to talk to the girl's homeroom teacher, and the teacher scolded her severely. She became so ashamed that her secret was known, and she could no longer chase after my son. I appreciated my son reporting this to me very much. I was so happy he did that.

At the time of the fall Eve knew the contents of the commandment; but she still followed the archangel and his evil direction because she was very curious. That's why Father always taught us that this kind of situation in a young person's life is critical. We should educate our children to report as soon as they sense a problem. Because of the way my son handled this situation I knew that if there was a Blessing, he would completely unite with Father.

Love God first

First we should teach our children to love True Parents. They should long for their ideal spouse to be like True Father or True Mother, not their own physical parent. Blessed children should not love their parents too much. It's better to leave some distance. If the parents have a selfish love relationship with their children, that's like building a wall against the True Parents. The children are then prevented from directly receiving True Parents' love. We need a certain distance from our children because they are not our possession. They are True Parents' children.

We have to teach our children to love God first, True Parents second, and their physical parents third. We can teach them this by having the whole family get up early and say pledge every Sunday morning. From the time a child can walk he should attend pledge service. The children know their parents' good and bad points, but they can respect True Parents when they see how much their own parents love and obey and respect them. Through this tradition, they can learn to follow True Parents from the beginning of their life.

Some of the blessed children have

developed too close a connection with their physical parents. When they were matched, some of them hesitated and asked their mother or father, "Well, I got matched to this person. Do you know their family? What do you think?" But their parents should not evaluate their child's partner in matching. If they do, Satan can invade, and because of this, some of these children lost their position. We can see that the first generation is judged automatically by their children.

We, as the first generation who went through the wilderness course, have already failed many times. We complained, we resisted, we argued. In many cases our motivation came from Satan's side. That's why we have already been invaded by Satan. Of course we can always repent and change, but Father says that if you pound a nail into the wall and then take it out, the hole still remains. Satan knows about our complaining heart. Only through following the second generation can we enter Canaan. Father told us that they are now the heroes. Our children are our internal connection to True Parents.

Testimony by REV. CHAN KYUN KIM

SINCE MY DAUGHTER HAS BEEN married I believe I have become more mature. In my missions, I have always been in the position of a father. Since people trusted me in that position, I had to be careful not to be quick to judge others. Such judgment can be very strong sometimes. I really didn't have much of a father's feeling. My attitudes and actions still seemed like those of a young person. Mostly my focus was on being a good son, a child of True Parents, myself. I didn't even think about my own children very much. Since I've been in America I have had little opportunity to raise my children directly. But now that my daughter is blessed I can't think like a child any longer; I must think more like a father. And I actually do feel more like one. Soon I will even be a grandfather!

When my daughter Yoon Sook became a candidate for the Blessing, I wondered how much I could trust her. Could I guarantee my daughter to Father? Honestly speaking, I didn't worry about who would become my son-in-law; I only worried whether my own daughter would obey and follow Father 100 percent—no matter what kind of spouse she was given. This was my main concern. I had no confidence and just kept asking her if she was sure she would accept Father's choice.

About two years ago, just before Father went to Danbury, Father was preparing for a holy wedding for the blessed children, in the event that the courts decided in his favor. He asked the candidates living in Korea to send photographs. At that time I was traveling in Idaho. I was very nervous, so I called my wife and daughter in Korea. I asked my daughter, "Are you confident that you can obey and follow Father 100 percent?" She replied, "There's no other way for me to go. I am a member of the second generation, so I have no choice but to follow." Somehow I felt this answer was not good enough. I was worried that she had some idea of her own but knew she couldn't fulfill it. I did not feel reassured.

During the matching in Korea I sat in the back row while Father addressed the candidates. I couldn't bear to wait and see what would happen, and I had to keep going to the bathroom. Finally I just went home and waited there nervously. I cleaned the house, fixed a broken door, and did a lot of other physical work.

I had to repent

During this waiting period I did a great deal of reflecting, and I felt that in the past my heart and character had not been enough. When I was the director of the Blessed Family Department in Korea, I was always very concerned about the Blessing candidates. I tried my best to take care of them; I realized how much I needed to educate and guide them. Their engagement was a moment of serious judgment for me, and I was always nervous. Still, my feelings about them just did not compare to the anxiety that I felt about my own daughter's matching. For her I was so nervous that I couldn't sleep, I



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Jin Seung Eu and his bride Yoon Sook Kim with True Parents.

couldn't wait. I couldn't even sit down. This time I really discovered the reality of a parent's heart. I repented that all those sermons I had given in the past were just external. I thought, "My concern for others is not enough. I need to take care of Cain more than Abel. I have to have as much love and serious concern for other children as I do for my own physical children." Without doing this, I knew I would always remain anxious and would never accomplish my goals, so I made this my new determination. Then at midnight my wife and daughter returned home with the news that my daughter had just accepted Father's match—to Jin Seung Eu!

I was a little bit surprised that my daughter had been matched to Mrs. Eu's son. I had been President Eu's assistant before he died. He and Mrs. Eu were my elders and I was aware of the difficult situation of the Eu family after President Eu died, but I had focused on continuing my next mission rather than being concerned about them directly.

Although I have always felt confident that my four sons would remain connected to me, it was my nature to worry a great deal about my daughter. I was always so sad that she grew up while I was engaged in a public mission overseas; I just didn't have enough time with her to build a solid relationship or to convey my real heart to her. Sometimes I was afraid

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I was so nervous that I couldn't sleep, I couldn't wait. I couldn't even sit down. This time I really discovered the reality of a parent's heart.

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that if she got married she would just break off her connection to me. Then, amazingly, I received a son-in-law who had no father. I felt that he might be lonely and really need my help. Even his mother encouraged him to talk to me about everything and rely on me. This matching was the miraculous way True Parents connected our families and helped me restore my trust in my daughter.

The day after the matching I helped my new son-in-law prepare for the wedding while my wife was busy helping take care of Father's family. I took Jin Seung to a department store and bought him a suit and everything he needed. He wanted only one suit, but I bought him two. Suddenly I felt he was just like a son to me; I felt that I could trust him 100 percent and I wanted to give him everything I had. The feeling

between us was very natural right from the beginning.

Educational challenges

I haven't lived in Korea for six years. Even while I was there, I could usually spend only one night a week at home with my family. I lived the rest of the time at the headquarters building. My wife was also here in America at East Garden for a long time, so the children stayed a lot with their grandmother, one of the early members. I had very little opportunity to interact with my own children directly. Many of the other regional directors are in the same situation. Some of them have been away from their families for as long as ten years.

One particular concern I had about my children's education when they were young was that if I said, "You're special; you are the child of a blessed couple and you belong to Heavenly Father," they would misuse that idea and look down on others. I knew that Father was a perfect example of a faithful person, but I myself always experienced so much difficulty. How could I testify to myself? Because I was worried about that, I didn't educate them very strongly when they were young.

As they grew up, I knew they could learn about who they were at Sunday school. The church director taught them Bible stories and the Principle. Through such education they could learn clearly about the importance of True Parents, the nature of their parents' position as 36 Blessed Couples, and what we went through. On that foundation they could respect us. After a while my children had a lot of questions, and I could answer them. Later, when they attended junior high, high school, and college, I had no more opportunity to be with them.

My daughter went through many difficult challenges as a teenager. She was the best student in her class, and sometimes her classmates would invite her to parties or to go out camping with them. Because of our church schedule, however, she couldn't go. Besides, she couldn't drink any alcohol. The students would ask my children why they couldn't do these things, and they told them they were Unification Church members. Then they would receive a lot of persecution which

they had to overcome. Now they are fairly strong. When my daughter attended high school, very few of the students were church members; but now where my daughter goes to college there are many CARP members, so I don't think it will be so difficult for her.

If we as the first generation disobey Father at the matching, we can be forgiven. We do not belong to Father 100 percent; sometimes Satan can still dominate us through our bodies. However, Father has a strong expectation of and trust in the second generation. It is quite a different situation if one of them says, "I have my own idea." If we make a mistake, it's not so bad; but if our children make a mistake, then it becomes a grave historical problem.

Ready to follow Father

It is not very valuable for us to try to gain through prayer Heavenly Father's permission to pursue our own ideas. We should just obey God, and obey True Parents the same way. If Father asks us to do something, then we shouldn't pray to do something else. In the past my children would sometimes ask me questions, but I often could not answer because I myself had to ask Father. If they asked me when I was coming back to Korea I said I didn't know. "Everything depends on Father," I told them. In order to prepare for the Blessing we need many conditions, but the main one is to obey Father. In that way we can be ready to follow his suggestion at the matching. We follow True Parents eternally after the Blessing. If we find out later that our spouse has a particular problem, then we shouldn't mind or pay any attention to that. I was very surprised and proud that my daughter and almost every other blessed child totally accepted Father's match.

I had to search and suffer a lot before I could find the Principle and True Parents. For me it was very exciting to open myself to Father and follow him all my life. But the next generation became Moonies automatically; they grew up in a kind of spiritual greenhouse. Sometimes I wonder if they will be able to persevere when the storms come; but they have shown through this matching that they want to attend and obey Father and I am very glad about that.

Parents have to be a good example to their children and demonstrate their own faithfulness. Then the spirit world can help their children. Children observe their parents' attitudes. If I am a good central figure, then they will follow. For example, I have never even saved any money in an account for my own sons and daughter; instead, I use whatever money I have for the sake of the neighborhood and for the sake of the world. Then, even if the people who receive the money don't change and come to believe in God, a blessing will still come to my own children. They will have good health and become wealthy themselves. I believe in this formula.

Even though I have not been able to educate my children directly, they have learned from my example. If we sacrifice for the sake of others, then blessing will automatically come to the second generation. When my daughter was young, she had no idea of how I fought for her spiritually. Now I know she deeply understands the truth of the Principle and can protect herself. Honestly speaking, the Blessing has made her very happy, and she feels she has received a very good husband. She is always smiling these days.

Testimony by MRS. MAL SOOK LEE

WHEN I HEARD THAT A matching of the blessed children was going to take place in Korea, I was kind of worried. It was difficult for all the blessed children in America to get to Korea, so Father asked them if it would be all right if they were matched by picture. Amazingly, almost everybody said, "No problem. I will accept whomever Father chooses." When I witness such things, I can tell how prepared and how strong the blessed children are. I went to Korea on March 23 and brought with me pictures of most of the older blessed children living in America.

Only two days before her wedding, Un Jin Nim didn't know who her husband was going to be. No one

knew. Father announced her matching at the offering table on Parents' Day, and introduced her to Jin Hun Nim for the first time. I was present when Father matched her. Everyone assumed that whoever was to be Un Jin Nim's husband would have both a father and a mother living. When Tiger Park's son Jin Hun was chosen, everyone was surprised, and we all cried. We shed tears of repentance, realizing once again how deep and sincere Father's love is. It didn't even matter that Jin Hun Nim's family was poor. All that mattered was his faith. Jin Hun Nim is very humble and faithful. He invests himself greatly for the sake of God's will. Through this we felt a lot of hope: If we also work hard for the sake of God, we can receive God's blessing, no matter what our external circumstances may be.

On April 8 Father called all the blessed children in Korea to assemble, and he began the matching. Before Father started he said, "Anyone who did not attend the 40-day blessed children's workshop cannot stay here. Anyone who has not been involved in church or CARP activities in Korea cannot stay here. Anyone under 21 years of age cannot stay here." After those people went out there were not so many left, and everyone suddenly became serious. They realized that this was a historical moment and that something very significant was about to happen. At one point Father asked all the parents and other members to leave the room; then he spoke to the blessed children privately for a little while about the deep meaning of the Blessing of the second generation.

Father was very serious

Father was very serious about matching them; it took him a long time. He would match one couple and then he would think and pray for a long time before matching the next one. I could tell he was making a special offering before God through this Blessing. It didn't matter to Father which Blessing the children's parents were from; he only seemed to be making sure that each person received the best possible match for the sake of his or her descendents.

The matching was very tense for the parents. I felt much more nervous than I did at my own matching! This was the moment when, as a

mother for more than 20 years, I knew the desire within my heart was to be fulfilled. My daughter is 23 (Korean age) and my son is 22 (Korean age). I was hoping that my two eldest children could be blessed this time because being in America is very difficult for them. The Blessing is important for their protection. I only hoped that they could each be matched to a person of good faith.

My daughter Ye Sook was not present and didn't even know that the matching was taking place. Father asked me if she would mind being blessed to a child of the 124 Couples. I raised my hand and replied, "No, Father, she wouldn't mind." I had the confidence to say that she would accept anybody. Then Father asked for the list of brothers who were serving in the Korean Army, and Father picked Ye Sook's husband from them. She was the twenty-first to be matched; my son Jin Bok was the twenty-sixth.

The blessed children in America who had been matched had to come to Korea right away. Ye Sook arrived at the airport the very morning of Un Jin Nim's wedding, April 11, where she and I met her husband and his parents for the first time. His parents were very happy, and we had a chance to pray together.

The matching had been very sudden, and then we had to prepare everything for their wedding so quickly! The Korean members helped to make all the wedding dresses. Even though we had so little time, everything went very smoothly.

It was difficult for Ye Sook when she first met her husband, but she came to realize that Father had invested everything in this match. On the second day she said that she really appreciated Father. Father had explained many things about this Blessing, and she became determined to sacrifice herself for the sake of God's will.

Through this Blessing, the 36, 72, and 124 Couples became relatives. Up until now the relationship between these three Blessing levels has been hierarchical, and we haven't communicated much with each other. Now everybody is mixed together, and it doesn't really matter anymore which Blessing we are from. The parents of the new couples truly became close. We can relate with each other now



Mrs. Mal Sook Lee with her two children who participated in the Holy Wedding—Jin Bok and Ye Sook.

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Father's understanding of the Blessing is very deep; the Blessing is the seed of the next generation, so it is given for the sake of the future.

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much better than before. Through this Blessing everybody will be able to feel Father's love much more deeply. Now I appreciate True Parents even more.

Educating blessed children

From the moment of their child's conception both husband and wife should think about how that child can be raised to work for God and others with joy. Father's emphasis in educating blessed children is to teach them the Principle viewpoint in everything. Studying the Bible is also very basic. It is important to tell your children stories about God and to pray together with them. At some point you should tell them about the relationship between the True Parents and the True Children. In this way you can lead your children to naturally feel close to the True Family.

In our movement everybody is so busy, and often parents don't have time to talk with their children. Still, as parents, you must feel responsible to maintain a good relationship with them. If the husband is too busy, then the wife should fill in. You should not think, "Maybe someone else can take care of my children." That is not the best way. If you really must have another sister take care of the children, then you have to educate her well and create a bond of unity with her. It is her mission to testify to you in front of your children so that the children's feelings can always flow towards you. You should make sure she is doing well, and you should speak with her and your children often. As long as you show your love for your children in this way, they will feel secure.

I feel the parents' responsibility is to teach their children about faith—and never give up. As you raise your children there will be times when you feel that they are out of your control, but as long as you continue to talk to them and pray together with them joyfully, they will feel comfortable with you. Always make sure to express interest in your children—in what they are thinking and what they are doing, especially when they are teenagers. When they return home from school, you can ask, "How was school today?" Then they will feel, "My father and mother care about me," and they will report all about their experiences; they won't keep anything a secret. This is a very important point.

If you are always busy and you say over and over again, "I'm sorry, I'm too tired to talk with you," your children will feel, "Oh, my parents don't care about me. I don't want to talk to them anymore." This is a terrible situation, and it is also very dangerous. If you ever come to think, "My children are too wild! I can't control them anymore," and you give up, you will lose your entire foundation. In this case you have to pray much more and hold on to your children more tightly in the spiritual sense. If your love is true, you will overcome, but you have to make an effort.

When I was in Korea, a sister helped take care of my children; but when I moved to America, I took care of them myself. I knew clearly that I

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FATHER'S PRAYER *at the Holy Wedding of Un Jin Moon and Jin Hun Park*

Loving Father!

Today, April 11, 1986, the historical True Parents are conducting the Holy Wedding Ceremony of Un Jin Moon and Jin Hun Park in this place. Today is a day of commemoration.

We are not the only ones gathered here. Centering on God and with His assistance, a multitude of heavenly angels, countless saints, successive generations of our good ancestors, and especially members of the Unification Church who passed away are celebrating with us. The entire heavenly world is with us together in harmony to commemorate this day. I think that those of us gathered on earth and those gathered in the spirit world should be of one accord, and become one, at this time. I hope that by celebrating all together we can fulfill Heaven's blessing on earth. Father, I offer thanks to You for allowing us to celebrate this day.

I pray that the Unification Church with all its supporting groups can reach all throughout Korea and be connected to this place. I pray that the Unification Church members can be united into one heart all

around the world at this time and gratefully celebrate together everywhere. Today the spirit world is harmonized with the earthly world, successfully harmonizing the past and present, as well as the whole universe. I am thankful that all of us can prosper by celebrating this day obediently in front of You.

Many historical circumstances have been overcome in order to reach this day. Since the day of the fall of the first human ancestors, You have trod the path of restoration through indemnity with extraordinary sorrow. For the sake of restoration You established Judaism and promised to send the Messiah. Due to ignorance, however, Judaism could not receive him. It was later, through the foundation of Christianity, that You could establish the central point for spiritual salvation. For the last 2,000 years the blood of numerous faithful people has been shed upon this earth, as Christians longed for the Lord to return once again.

Today that foundation for victory is centered upon the American Christian cultural sphere. Immediately after World War II, if Unification members and Korea



had become one, the whole world could indeed have become one; the time was right. Due to ignorance again, mankind could not receive me. Therefore I was destined to go through a history of sorrow, suffering the 40-year course in the wilderness. I was driven from the individual to the family, clan, national, and world levels—even to the spirit world, where all evil spirits opposed me. Even though I was in such a difficult position and had to go through such a severe fight, I am so thankful that You guided me, Father, and that I was not ruined. Every time I faced difficulty You watched over me closely and advised me. I became a sacrifice over and over again, and now after 40 years You have given me everything.

Many people thought that Unification Church members were destined to be forsaken and thrown into the ditch in disrepute by society. Instead, we have accomplished the national and worldwide standard of indemnity and set up the condition for the whole world to be unified centering on the name of True Parents. We have come to this point in time.

All the powers of this world, both religious and political, have come to Korean soil. This nation can become one if we can change the opinion and position of the people, starting with the intellectuals living in Seoul and reaching out to every neighborhood in Korea. Through our IFVOC movement, which is restoring the world of Cain, the first-born, the way is already being prepared.

The goal to unite Korea can be accomplished on the foundation of every available church member doing his best, even for just 120 days. Without this preparation, mankind cannot become one. Amazingly, we have reached such a critical, historical turning point.

Father, You are leading us and we are ready to dash forward, giving our very lives for the fulfillment of Your will. I pray that from this time on the capital city of Seoul will be bound to return to You by virtue of the results of Unification Church members.

Because of all the accomplishments of True Parents and True Parents' family, this couple can now be joined by Heaven's divine Blessing, and through this Holy Wedding Ceremony the second generation of blessed families can be established. Father, I am so thankful that it is Heaven's divine will and our historical destiny that Your Blessing be bequeathed. Father, thank you for bestowing Your grace on this Holy Wedding Ceremony.

Not only should Unification Church members remember this place; all of Korea must remember it. Even if South and North Korea and the democratic and communist worlds don't know this place now, they will all come to remember it in the future. Heaven and hell will become one in remembering this place. Most of all God and True Parents will remember this place. Father, I want to thank You from the bottom of my heart for Your assistance.

I know You feel so much regret that no one knows

how many blessings Heaven has bestowed upon this earth. Only Heaven's representatives can grow and harvest these blessings. Father, I have offered my dedication from the individual, family, and clan levels, and now I dedicate this nation to You. I feel it is my sacred duty today to dedicate everything totally to You. We should all feel that we must go this way.

Now, centering on this couple that is now receiving Your Blessing, a new foundation for the Blessing of the second generation is erected. We must rise to the standard of world unification. Until it is achieved, it is the destiny of the second generation as true sons and daughters to follow the tradition of loyalty and filial piety which their parents leave behind. It is our historical and divine calling to run to fulfill the course of world restoration. Because of the Blessing today, future generations will not have to endure persecution.

Even though South and North Korea are still divided at this time, we must progress centering on God in order to establish a realm of unification. We must be able to step over all evil and jump to victory. Through this ceremony we and God have connected the heavenly and earthly worlds. Father, we give all glory, praise, and

power to You. As heavenly soldiers we must march forward to achieve Your world. Father, I thank You for making this such a memorable day.

Through the Holy Wedding Ceremony this couple can become one. With their new title, a time of heavenly, historical duty worldwide comes to lie ahead of us. We must achieve the standard of the original family. I earnestly ask that You happily receive this Blessing of the third daughter of the True Parents' family. Please join this couple through the destiny of their eternal Blessing.

Father, please let Heaven's love and protection be upon this couple's life; please let them be central leaders on this earth so that You can receive joy through them and their descendents.

Father, I thank You for Your approval of this ceremony; thank You for blessing this place. I am forever thankful with Heaven's heart. All these words I pray in the name of True Parents.

Amen.

Translated by Gilbert Starr.

FATHER'S PRAYER

at the Holy Wedding of the 36 Couples

Dear Father!

Today, April 12, 1986, here at the Little Angels Center, I dedicate to You the first wedding of 36 Couples of the children of blessed families. Please accept it.

They have pledged before Heaven that now is the moment in which they, as good and eternal men and women of God's ideal world, will maintain an unchangeable determination to attend the will of Heaven and thereby guide their marriage relationship as true children of God. I know very well that their minds and bodies are not their own, but originated in Heaven. Therefore they were destined to be matched centered on love.

Since they have determined before Father to be man and wife eternally, please accept them as the center of proud families of the Heavenly Kingdom. Furthermore, in view of the completion of the 40-year wilderness course, they know that they now stand upon the foundation of restoration into Canaan, where they can establish the will of Heaven by knowing the will of the True Parents.

They have kept in mind that the organization of heavenly families, as well as the establishment of tradition for the heavenly clan, society, nation, and world



should be accomplished by the second generation. Please let each of these couples supplement the inadequacies of the previous blessed families, beginning with the first 36 Couples; please prepare them to become prestigious husbands and wives who can be completely accepted by Heaven with love and pride.

Now these proud, eternal families are beginning—families who will remember God's heartache and resentment, and resolve the resentment of True Parents who have been installed since the time of Jesus. Father, please take dominion over the minds and bodies of these children; please allow them to lay the foundation for themselves and for their families, and to be courageous, heavenly parents who can stand before all humankind. Father, I beseech you to lead and encourage them so

that they can harmonize their whole lives with heavenly tradition and walk on the right path of their missions for the sake of all the people of the world.

Now in Seoul the first stage of IFVOC activity—educating 120,000 neighborhood leaders—is already finished. The second stage, in which we will focus our entire energy on the rest of the Seoul population representing the people of Korea, will begin as soon as this wedding ceremony is over. Please allow Your work for a historical transformation to go forward together with these children; please allow this wedding ceremony to open the door for these unchanging, heavenly soldiers to bring the whole city and the whole Korean people into Your bosom, as the earth and the spiritual world become one.

Please allow these children to become proud families of the second generation who can run forward at the front line in order to connect the people to what the True Parents want to give them on the foundation of their worldwide progress. I sincerely hope that You will allow these children to restore the inadequacies of their

parents and be loved anew by Heaven. Let them become the proud 36 Couples who, by bringing many substantial results, can provide the way for their parents to be completely forgiven.

I eagerly desire that You connect this movement of heavenly destiny to the path of all the good spirit people in heaven and all the good descendants on earth so that all may walk together as one.

Beseeching You to let Your august power and glory be with these children, to let Your powerful teachings accompany them on their life course, and to let them become the families of hope You have always wanted, I dedicate these 36 Couples to You. The pride of the Unification Family at their wedding, which is the beginning of new families of the second generation, fills the entire universe.

Please accept all that I pledge with my very life, which I have proudly lived according to the call of You who are eternal. Thank you for accepting all this. I have prayed in the name of the parents of the 36 Couples.

Amen. □

MARRIAGE FOR THE SAKE OF GOD'S WILL

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had two missions—a public mission and a mother's mission. I was always exhausted by the end of the day, but I never complained or thought that it was too hard. I was very busy, and sometimes I didn't have enough time to spend with my children. Yet as much as possible I prayed for them. In that way, even if I sometimes had only a short time to be with them, I knew exactly what to talk with them about. Sometimes I would ask many questions which they wouldn't answer, but I didn't give up; I continued to try to preserve our unity.

Understanding God within

My son Jin Bok attended a workshop when he was very little, and through that workshop he learned the tradition of bowing before a picture of True Parents. Ever since then he has bowed every day before a picture of True Parents and a picture of his father, who is in spirit world. Sometimes while he was attending high school he would forget, and he would quickly run home to give a bow. I was very happy to see his devotion. That is the way it should be. I also encouraged Jin Bok to read the Divine Principle. As long as blessed children understand God within themselves, they can survive any difficulties which come from outside.

Ever since my children were young I reminded them about the matching and tried to educate them about it gradually. I prepared them for the Blessing by asking them what kind of spouse they desired. "What if you get a very ugly spouse?" I asked them. Through their response I could see if anything was wrong, and I could teach them in a natural way. Jin Bok told me, "It doesn't matter who Father gives me. If it's Father's Blessing, I will appreciate whomever I am given."

It was difficult for my daughter during her teenage years. She had many struggles at college, so I tried to love her even more. Although I was busy I tried as much as possible to make time to talk to her and find out what was happening. I had to maintain a relationship with her that was deeper than any she might have in the outside world. At first she couldn't understand very much about the significance of her own coming Blessing, but little by little I shared my testimony and tried to explain the difference between her Blessing level and mine. Fortunately, since I lived near East Garden, I could sometimes hear what Father said to his own children, and I could share those words with her. Through this, my children could feel connected to True Father and develop a strong faith.

Since blessed children are very clear spiritually, they frequently have meaningful dreams, through which

they can find the true way to go. In dreams they can quickly recognize Father's value. When I think about this I really feel hope for the blessed children. Sometimes our faith is changeable and weak, but their lineage is completely different from ours; once they get the point, their faith is pure and powerful. They know instinctively what is right and what is wrong. They watch their parents very closely and judge whether what they are doing is good or bad. Sometimes they even educate their own parents.

Many of us don't understand the meaning of the Blessing deeply enough, and that's why some members struggle. There is a big difference between Father's viewpoint and our viewpoint. In Father's way of thinking the Blessing is not only for us or our own couple; it is for the sake of God's will, to create a world of greater goodness.

Father's understanding of the Blessing is very deep; the Blessing is the seed of the next generation, so it is given for the sake of the future. Father can see so clearly who is the best match for each person. Father has incredible expectations for the new generation! If our children understand how important and precious the Blessing is, and receive it with gratitude, then Father's dream will quickly come true. □



SEEING THROUGH GOD'S EYES

by Rev. Ken Sudo

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves." (John 14:8-11)

EVERYONE WANTS TO BE A TRUE man or a true woman. What is a true man or woman? Since we are born from physical parents, this means first of all that we should be a true son or daughter to them. A true son must love his parents even more than they want him to. He must understand that he is alive on earth because of them. He must be able to love his parents more than his own life. In this sense, are we true sons and daughters? No.

Next, a true man must be able to love his brothers and sisters more than his own life. When he marries, he must be able to love his spouse with this kind of love, or else he is not qualified to be a true husband. He must also be a true friend. A true man, then, must be a man of true love.

How can we say we are true? Truth is eternal, so true love towards parents, brothers and sisters, spouse, and friends must be eternal. We have all wanted to be true people from the beginning of our lives, but we cannot say that we are true. If we are not true, then we must be false, at least in part; in other words, we are impure.

God is the only true being. Therefore, if we can meet God and become one with Him, then we can become true. To do this, we must understand God, feel God—touch God. Let me give you an example.

Starting with nothing

Many years ago I went out as a pioneer missionary to a small city in Japan where no one had ever taught the Principle before. In that city of

about 300,000 people I was all by myself, and I had no money. God lost everything He created because of Satan; He had nothing left when He began to save man. In order to understand God's heart, we must come to be in the same situation as God was at the time of the fall. Thus, when I began to work in this city, I had no place to sleep, so I slept on a bench; I had nothing to eat, so I fasted.

I preached on the street every night, but no one heard me. Everyone just walked by, weary and isolated. My leader had told me that by doing this we would understand how God must have felt when He lost contact with humankind. God shouted! He looked and looked for His children, but no one responded. Finally one righteous person responded—Noah. My leader said that if we could find one person after days and days of preaching, one person who could come to hear a lecture on the Principle and return to God, then we would be able to experience God's jubilant heart when He finally found Noah.

This was the advice my leader had given me, and I followed it. Fasting,

and without money or a place to stay, I witnessed every day; but still I couldn't feel God's heart. In fact, I couldn't understand God at all. My leader had told me about all the wonderful experiences we could have, but I just felt tired and depressed and frustrated. I thought that no matter how many days I witnessed, it would be impossible for me to understand God's heart.

Then one day a student wanted to hear a lecture. I gave him lectures every day for almost one week. My efforts seemed to be successful, because he was very happy and very positive. But after he had heard the entire Principle he just said, "It makes sense, but I'm into my own thing. Thanks anyway. Goodbye!"

"Oh, no!" I thought. "Why can't you understand?" I almost cried. In truth, however, my feeling of grief didn't last for more than two or three days. "Oh, well," I thought, "he wasn't so good. It was inevitable. Now I have to find someone else."

When I realized that I had forgotten him so soon, I became very sad. I had tried to love him every day; but when he turned away, I forgot my love very quickly. I was shocked by the realization that I had no true love, and I began to pray two or three hours every night. "Dear God, please show me why I can't love, why I can't understand Your heart. Why am I so distant from You? I thought I was a good man, but Heavenly Father, I am not a good man. I am a cruel, cold man. I have no real love. I am not qualified to be a missionary!"

"It was I who lost him"

I prayed and prayed every night for almost one week. Then suddenly one night an inspiration came. God's voice said, "It wasn't you, but I who witnessed to him, who loved him, and who lost him." In the very next moment, I felt that I understood everything, and I said, "Yes, Heavenly Father! It wasn't me, but You, God, who witnessed to him, who loved him, and who lost him. I thought it was me! I had only witnessed for a week; therefore, my love for him was not so great. When I lost him it didn't hurt me so deeply as it hurt You. It was just a scratch, because I didn't look for him as long as You have been looking for him."

Then I began to see through God's eyes. I had looked at that student through my own eyes, but Heavenly Father must have been looking at him with far different eyes. I had looked for him for only seven days, but God had been looking for him all his life. Heavenly Father must have been crying out to him, "My son, please come back to me!" every day, day and night, without rest for more than 20 years. In fact, since this young man was the fruit of human history, God must have been searching for him for 6,000 years—even in the darkness, even in the cold of winter. In that moment I could understand.

I had loved him, but God's love was far greater than mine. The depths of God's love must be unfathomable. For thousands of years God looked for him and loved him and called out to him. Finally God was able to speak

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to him through me. My words were not my words, but God's words. Yet even though God had such deep truth and love, He could only speak and love to the extent that I could speak and love.

It was I who limited God's love and truth, because my own capacity was so small. Since God couldn't give enough love through me, the student couldn't understand His words and couldn't receive His heart. I couldn't be a channel for God; so the student disappeared, and God lost a son. His son was taken away by Satan to be involved in all the misery of Satan's world. God couldn't do anything because I didn't do anything; I didn't chase after him. How miserable my Heavenly Father was!

Now I could understand God's heart. I couldn't keep from crying, and from that night on I cried every

night. I began to understand God's grief. I was becoming closer and closer to Him; I could feel His guidance and I knew that He was with me.

One day while I was witnessing door-to-door in the same city, I met a very negative woman. I told her why I had come, but she just said, "Get away," and slammed the door. I realized that she didn't slam the door in my face, but in God's face. It wasn't me whom she denied, but God. Still I was depressed and was about to go back to my little room when I thought, "If I retreat, God can't do anything. God will have to retreat." So instead of retreating, I began street preaching.

A righteous person

First however, I prayed to God: "Heavenly Father, please let me meet the most righteous person in this city." After I had been preaching for about half an hour, an old lady appeared in front of me. While she stood silently in front of me, I noticed that her left eye was blind. She was so shabby that I thought she must be infested with lice. I had already forgotten my prayer that I wanted to meet the most righteous person in the city. When I finished preaching, she put her hand in her pocket and took out a small envelope made from a folded newspaper clipping. She opened it and took out two bills, the equivalent of two dollars. It was all she had. She bowed and gave them to me; then she disappeared. After a moment I thought, I must thank her, and so I ran after her and said, "Thank you." That was all I said. It wasn't until I came back to my room and began to pray that I could understand deeply.

God knew I was the only person in that city who understood His new message of the Principle. God must have loved me the most, and yet I had been kicked out of somebody's house with the door slammed in my face; I had become sad and had asked my Father to let me meet the most righteous person in the city. God must have tried very hard to find that person. He must have searched from corner to corner of the city, from door to door, checking the people one by one. There must have been many beautiful girls, bright young students, scholars, presidents of compa-

Witnessing

1. Witnessing should be preceded by heart; to witness you should have so strong an emotion that you become a heartistic magnet who can draw the minds of all people.

2. Witnessing is like creating a second self. It would be no problem if you dedicate as much heart as a mother does to nourish and care for her newborn baby.

3. Have you ever heard the groaning and wailing of many people trapped in the tomb of Satan? And have you ever felt righteous indignation to liberate them?

4. There are many who want to save good people, but few who want to raise bad and pitiful people so that they may become good and happy people. Since sinful history has lasted for 6,000 years, you must spend at least six months dedicating your heart in raising each person you have found. □

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nies and universities, pious Christians, ministers, priests, bishops, governors, and administrators. Yet God couldn't find the most righteous person among any of these. Finally He found this shabby old lady who seemed to be an outcast. She was the only one whom God could approve of out of 300,000 people. What a miserable God He was, not to be able to find any righteous person in the city but this one!

At first it meant nothing to me—she was just a seedy old lady who came and gave me two dollars. I was not able to see her through God's eyes, from His point of view. Yet she offered all she had, and what a beautiful scene it was, really. God must have been consoled by the beauty of her heart and action. Then I began to understand how to love with true love. It is impossible to be true by myself; I need God. When I meet God and become one with God, then I can be true, because God is true.

Unless we see through God's eyes, however hard we may work, however much we may sacrifice, we won't have anything to do with God's heart. Only when we understand God's viewpoint and try to understand His heart through prayer and good works can we come close to Him. Then God can make us beautiful and pure.

If, when you listen to a Principle lecture, you think you are listening just to a lecturer, then you will have no connection with God. The lecturer is a channel for God. If you can sense God behind the lecturer, then you can realize that it is God who is speaking to you, and you can have a direct relationship with Him. If you pray deeply, then you can reach God's heart; and God will come down off the blackboard and become a living reality.

If you can't understand this point, then even if you meet the Messiah, you won't recognize him. When Jesus

came, many people gathered around him, but they didn't know who he was. None of them could change their point of view to God's point of view. Even Jesus' disciple Philip couldn't understand that God was with Jesus because he couldn't see through God's eyes. Yet if you can change your point of view, then your understanding, your feeling, and your view of life will change and become centered on God. When you meet the Messiah, you'll be able to understand who he is, and you won't have to say, "Show me the Father."

When we change from fallen man's point of view to God's point of view, we can understand God's heart. We may experience true grief, but we will also experience true hope, true love, and true happiness. Then we can become true men and women. □

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Below is an excerpt from Henri Blanchard's recently published autobiography *In the Name of True Love*. The passage we have chosen describes how Mr. Blanchard, who now is the head of CAUSA in France, became the first French church member. We include summaries of some of the preceding and succeeding chapters of the book.

Testimony of Henri Blanchard



JEAN-PAUL JACOB

IN THE NAME OF TRUE LOVE

On their wedding day, Louis and Amandine Blanchard determined to offer all their children to God. The seventh, Henri, born on April 22, 1943, was meant to actualize their pledge to the fullest.

Raised in a pious home in which "each day started and ended with prayer," Henri developed a great fondness for the rituals of the Catholic tradition. His deepest experiences with God occurred while vacationing in Brittany at his maternal grandmother's home. While wandering in nature or talking by the fireplace with his grandmother, he discovered the best qualities inside his heart: his love for God, for others, and for nature.

His happiness was suddenly shattered when his grandfather was murdered by a neighbor gone insane. His tragic discovery of the reality of evil reinforced Henri's desire to become a missionary and spread the love of Jesus.

In 1953, he entered a pre-seminary school. With the Fathers of the Sacred Heart of Picpus, he led an austere life of prayer, adoration of Jesus, and sacrifice for others, seeking to harmoniously merge contemplation with action. While reading "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas à Kempis, Jesus appeared to him and awakened his spirit.

Intellectually, Henri Blanchard was deeply impressed by the theologian Teilhard de Chardin, who inspired 20th-century consciousness with his vision of science and religion united in a civilization of love. Bible criticism led him to

discover another Jesus underneath the garments of glorious theology. Confronted by the political and religious environment of Israel at that time, he saw Jesus as a vulnerable man who had nothing substantial to work with but his bare hands. Two thousand years of Christian history made Henri understand that a total victory over evil had not been won in the physical realm. He saw Christianity losing ground in a non-religious world. The appearance of liberation theology and the theology of the death of God hastened his decision to leave the religious order in March 1967. He started to look for God in the world.

For one year, he was not able to find Him. For the first time in his life he struggled with mundane material problems and with the demons inside of himself. It was his period of trial in the spiritual desert of the world. He found that he was capable of doubt, anxiety, egoism, and revolt. In the depths of his despair, he thought about either getting married or committing suicide.

At the end of 1967, God led him to the top of a hill overlooking the city of Paris, and he saw the city spiritually engulfed by fire. He realized that God was calling him to help. He started to live again for God and for others. He decided to get rid of all his books and journals in order to start anew, and he determined to put his life and future into God's hands.

In March 1968, Henri Blanchard met a stranger who wanted to introduce him to a new philosophy from Korea. Henri

refused, tired of experimenting with so many intellectual dead ends. But the stranger offered to teach him German and English, so Henri finally made an appointment to meet him again.

WHEN REINER VINCENZ OPENED the door, his broad smile welcomed me. The German lesson didn't last for more than five minutes. My host invited me to study a series of diagrams on a large sheet of white paper. I read distinctly: God, Adam, Eve, children, Kingdom of God. It was only then that I discovered the true intention of Mr. Vincenz.

He knew how to put my mind at ease very quickly and initiated an exciting dialogue which lasted the whole afternoon. I challenged him with many questions which he always answered to my complete satisfaction. I was literally captivated by the perfect logic of the Principle. He told me: "God is our Heavenly Father; He is eternal, unchanging and absolute. He wants all humankind, both men and women, to become like Him. When God created Adam and Eve, He had a precise purpose for His beloved children, which was to bless them in marriage after they reached spiritual maturity. These first ancestors would have multiplied to become a divine society. In such a world no evil, no hell, no sin, no suffering, no conflict, and no murder would have

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existed. Churches, religions, philosophies, theologies, and dogmas would not have been necessary." My teacher repeatedly drew the same diagrams in his book, showing me clearly the stages of spiritual growth which our first ancestors should have passed through victoriously.

"Man is destined to reach perfection!" My newfound spiritual guide said this over and over again. Was my intense desire for purity and unity with God about to be satisfied by His new message? That was my sincere hope, as I listened to this truth I felt I knew already. Perhaps God's truth had rested on the bottom of my subconscious all along, awaiting the day of liberation.

A special emotion overcame me, a harmonious mixture of inner peace and gratitude for this enlightening revelation, a free gift which could only have come from heaven. There was a deep, peaceful feeling in my soul that did not leave me. When we had to part that evening, we were no longer teacher and pupil, but two new brothers united in God.

Power over Satan

On the following evening it took Reiner only a few minutes to tell me about the tragedy of the fall. He told me that Adam and Eve didn't reach the state of individual perfection but formed an illicit union without the permission and blessing of God. This brought about the multiplication of children of sin generation after generation, and the fallen history of the kingdom of hell on earth, with Satan as its ruler. Everything finally made sense to me! I realized that Satan was responsible, along with our first ancestors, for that wrong relationship which cut us off from God. Satan could accuse God and humanity without punishment as long as his crime was not discovered. Therefore, the knowledge of Satan's crime had to be a very powerful spir-

itual weapon. Reiner said that the Principle could give us the power to accuse Satan for his terrible crime, which has caused God and humanity the greatest suffering.

This understanding liberated a force within me that I knew would help me control "attacks" of evil much better. But by then Reiner had already introduced another topic: the mission of Jesus. One sentence caught my mind: "The cross was not the will of God." The winds of Pentecost started to blow in my numb soul. Something powerful had awakened me. I could hardly hear the voice of Reiner: "It was blindness and ignorance that killed Jesus Christ. Paul's testimony confirms this: 'None of the rulers of the age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.'"

I couldn't control my tears. Everything suddenly became clear. Our Heavenly Father had sent us His son Jesus in the position of the Second Adam, hoping to recreate His original dream here on earth—a perfect family, perfect children, and a perfect Kingdom centering on the love of God. My tears intensified when I realized that millions of men and women trapped by secular and false doctrines had remained orphans, unaware of the wonderful but broken heart of their Father. Actually, these were not my own tears but those of my Heavenly Father, who suffered incredibly, having been separated from His beloved children for such a long time without having had the chance to embrace them even once. They were also tears shed for the Father and His child, for this day of reunion.

I found this truth to be so obvious and so simple! How had it been possible that the belief that Jesus came to die on the cross had become the very foundation of Christianity? What great suffering it must have been for God and His Son to be misunderstood by Their own children for so long!

My prayer that evening was moving in its simplicity and sincerity: "Heavenly Father, Your heart is so big, overflowing with love for all of Your children. How could I have lived during all those years at the seminary in total ignorance of the reason for humankind's deep suffering? This evening, please receive the love of Your returning child."

A true revelation of God

This first experience with the personal love of God opened up to me the royal path leading to His heart. God was my father, a true father, invisible of course, yet very real, caring tenderly each moment for the small details of my internal and external life. Since He was my father, He ardently wished to reveal to me His main desire—to share His parental love with all His children in joy and freedom. I understood very quickly that the Principle was neither an abstract philosophical system nor another theology, but a true revelation of the living God.

When I saw Reiner for the third time, he invited me to dinner. I was overjoyed because I felt that God and Jesus would also be with us. After we had finished our simple meal, I waited impatiently for Reiner to share other secrets of God's heart. "Henri," he began, "I was very happy yesterday to see that you realized how much God has suffered and is still suffering due to the separation from His children. This time I would like to go over the history of salvation, to help you to understand the providential meaning of the time in which we are living."

Reiner made me feel again the excitement and incredible hope of Heavenly Father in the Garden of Eden. Through his talk I discovered even more deeply the great despair of God after the fall of man. "Heavenly Father lost His children, whom He loved above all things," Reiner said. "When God lost Adam and Eve, He lost His ideal, His joy, His Kingdom, His creation. His heart was completely broken and inconsolable. There was no one with whom He could share such suffering."

Reiner stopped when he saw that I was deep in thought. Actually, I was beginning to understand the hidden meaning of the Bible. The Old Tes-

tament and the New Testament were actually the record of the long history of the blood, sweat, and tears of our Heavenly Father, searching for His lost children. When Reiner noticed that my internal meditation had finished, he said, "Jesus could not establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and God's heart was pierced once again. The resurrection of Jesus represented an alternative, chosen by God to open the way to spiritual salvation. Yet the body of humankind had to stay nailed to the cross and continue to suffer. Christians find meaning in actively preparing for the return of Christ, who is to bring the full salvation of both the body and spirit."

Meeting the Messiah

At this point Reiner put a chart in front of me showing the incredible parallels between Old and New Testament history. When I discovered that our time related perfectly to the time of Jesus, I felt an almost uncontrollable enthusiasm. We were living at the time of Christ's return! This fantastic discovery generated a radical transformation in me. My heart overflowed with extraordinary hope. I wanted to meet the Messiah!

As I was leaving Reiner that evening, I felt that I was flying over the city. When I came back to my little room, my Heavenly Father was waiting for me. Sitting on my brass bed I felt uplifted by the infinite love of Heavenly Father, as if He existed only for me. He called me by my first name. Then I felt that the almighty God—the creator of heaven and earth, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of Moses and Jesus, the God of all the saints—was my personal God. He had to go through thousands of years of suffering in order to reach me! There is no word to describe the infinite happiness of the little grain of sand that I felt I was, seemingly forgotten in the immense universe, suddenly becoming the center of all the attention and love of the Creator.

God and I found ourselves embracing each other. My being was transfigured and transported in ecstasy to the throne of God, my creator and father. I tasted infinite and perfect love fully from this living source. It was a glorious celebration of the

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1969: Father and Mother near the holy ground in Paris with Mr. and Mrs. Reiner Vincenz and Mrs. Won Pok Choi.

most intimate heart-to-heart relationship between Father and child!

The man of doubt had died and a new man was born, now filled with the absolute certainty that the love of God had the power to resurrect all of humankind. God Himself had anointed this new man for a mission: "Henri, go! Be a witness of My love to the world!" I felt that my whole life wouldn't be long enough to sing my gratitude for having received such a wonderful gift from God.

I also realized that God wasn't the only one responsible for this miraculous encounter. The author of the Principle also appeared to me in his providential and cosmic dimension—the visible incarnation of the invisible Parent. I realized that Sun Myung Moon had inherited the holy mission of Jesus to establish the dominion of God's love on earth. Heaven had come down to earth at last, and the realm of truth, goodness, and beauty had begun. That evening I fell asleep to the sound of heavenly music in the arms of God.

A gigantic task

Reiner didn't seem to be too impressed when I described my moving encounter of the night before. He was just happy. His spiritual child was born. I myself was convinced that I had just joined a very big family. I was overjoyed about the idea of meeting thousands of brothers and sisters, who I was sure were spread throughout the whole country of France. Within three days, the Principle had made me another person. I imagined with great excitement that the fire of God's love would convert the whole nation within a few months, or at the most a few years.

When Reiner then told me point-blank that I was the first and only disciple in France who had accepted the Principle, I almost fainted. I looked Reiner firmly in the eye, suddenly realizing that he was alone! Our destinies became all the more bound together as we found ourselves to be like two survivors on a raft in the midst of a rough ocean. Several feelings that seemed contradictory overcame me: the greatest happiness in having met the living God and His messenger, deep sadness over the small number of workers for this immense harvest, and paralyzing fear at the gigantic task in front of me.

Reiner looked concerned. He could guess my thoughts and feelings. "Henri, we shall go to Germany in two weeks," he said to encourage me. "A big family is waiting there for you already." The thought of meeting with other European brothers and sisters filled me with joy. We weren't alone after all. I *did* belong to a worldwide family.

Reiner knew how to prepare me with great care for that meeting. Each day I made new discoveries of the truth. Reiner encouraged me to keep my job so that I could take care of my personal needs, which were minimal. But for me my real day

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JEAN-PHILIPPE GONNET

1975: Father and Mother in Vaucresson, France, with Mr. Henri Blanchard and Mrs. Won Pok Choi.

started in the evening.

My spiritual father invested a great deal to give me an excellent education in the Principle. He didn't spare any time or effort in guiding the first steps of his spiritual child. He entrusted me quickly with the mission of teaching the Principle to guests. This always gave me the opportunity to experience a spiritual fire which completely took hold of me. God's spirit spoke through me. Overwhelming joy carried me to heaven while I explained with passion about God's original ideal.

Prayer in the evening was the highlight of each day. Reiner's relationship with Heavenly Father was so intimate; tears often ran from his eyes when he referred to the long path of solitude and suffering which God Himself had to go through to reach us. Every time he asked me to pray, I too could not withhold my tears. We felt God's love pouring down upon both of us.

One evening, Reiner invited me to go with him to a place near the Eiffel

Tower. Along the promenade he showed me a magnificent acacia tree and explained that our Father had blessed 120 places like this during his first world tour in 1965. Each of these "holy grounds" symbolized a fragment of creation that had been reclaimed and sanctified. I then realized very clearly the purpose of the Lord of the Second Advent: He is to bless the whole cosmos, physically and spiritually.

Faithful heroes on the path

Sometimes in the evening Reiner spent time with me looking at his photos of early pioneers of the church. He made many comments on each picture and helped me understand the incredible sacrifices which marked the beginning of the families in Korea, Japan, the United States, and Germany. The names of these pioneers of the "new age" became familiar to me: Mr. Hyo Won Eu, Mr. Won Pil Kim, Mr. Young Whi Kim, Mrs. Won Pok Choi, Mr. Osami

Kuboki, Miss Young Oon Kim, Mr. Peter Koch.

In France, Reiner's course was no different from these great pioneers. Repeated fasting and exhaustion had made him dangerously weak. One day he fainted in the middle of the street. I learned later that Reiner recovered in a miraculous way, thanks to the prayers of Father himself. A true missionary has to lead a life of prayer and sacrifice. Such was the lesson of my two first weeks with the first French pioneer.

Also during this time I read the Divine Principle book more than 10 times. Each reading was a source of inspiration for me that never dried up. Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses—all these champions of the living God became my intimate companions in the daily fight against the number one enemy: myself. My lack of courage and my selfishness disappeared when I became inspired by the saga of the faithful heroes who prepared the path on which I was walking.

When I first arrived in Essen, West Germany, I was intimidated. Mr. Peter Koch, the champion of God who was the first one to bring Europe the revolutionary message of the Principle, stood in front of me. But I was easily won over by his friendly attitude, full of simplicity and goodness. I was very attentive to the admirable lectures given by Peter during my first weekend with my German brothers and sisters.

We numbered about 20 all together, and I was very moved by the heavenly spirit around us. Everything was bright, beautiful, and harmonious. Peter explained several times that the original ideal of God, represented by the four position foundation of God, Adam, Eve, and children, was now for the first time substantially realized. Today, the original dream of God was living on the earth through a true man and woman, blessed in marriage by God as the True Parents of the great human family.

The German family was only a nucleus, but still representative of the ideal world. Going back on the train I had only one thought on my mind: I wanted to create in France a family as beautifully united, as dedicated to the mission, and as prayerful as the one that I had just met.

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The training center in Varese.

OUR CHURCH IN ITALY

Its history and today's reality

by Antonio Ciacchiarelli



THE HISTORY OF THE Unification Church in Italy began in May 1965, when an American woman, Doris Walder (who was to become Mrs. Doris Orme in the 43 Couple Blessing in 1969) arrived in Rome as the first missionary. She had a difficult time at first: She had no money, no knowledge of the Italian language, and many problems with her visa. However, her faith was very deep. By the time True Parents came to Italy for the first time in August of that same year, she had already established a group of four families who accepted and followed the Principle.

On August 19, 1965, Father established a holy ground in a large park in Rome. We can imagine how overjoyed those first few members must have felt, seeing Father for the first time, and receiving his power and love. The following day he established another holy ground for the Vatican. It was impossible to perform such an elaborate ceremony within St. Peter's Basilica, so Father blessed the ground in the center of the huge plaza in front of the Basilica, near the famous obelisk.

In 1966 Doris opened the first church center in Rome. It was actually just a small, cheap apartment.

The early members had economic troubles, but now they can recall the many wonderful ways in which God revealed Himself and was able to help them through difficult situations. During that time they undertook the translation of the first Divine Principle text, written by Dr. Young Oon Kim and published for the first time in 1968.

Father returned to Rome in 1969. The number of people who had accepted the Principle by then numbered about 60, but very few were actually living in the center. In the same year a center was opened in the city of Milan, and one of the Italian members was even sent to Syria as a missionary. He stayed there only a short time, though, because he was deported on account of his religious activities. In 1970 the first Italian member was blessed in the 777 Couple Blessing in Korea.

New period of development

In 1971 Doris Orme went to England, and Rev. Martin Porter became the new leader of the Italian church. It was a new beginning—the end of a period of pioneering and the beginning of our period of development. The second Divine Principle



Street preaching.

text by Dr. Kim was translated and printed. We began trying out different methods of fundraising, and we inaugurated weekend workshops in a house in the countryside.

On April 2-4, 1972, Father came to Rome yet another time. He spoke to all the members and visited the cities of Pompeii and Naples. It was a time of great enthusiasm and dedication. We began an intensive witnessing campaign, and some members joined the first IOWC in Germany. As a result, 1973 became a year of accelerated growth for the Italian church. We gained many new members, and some went overseas to work with the IOWC in America. The first mobile witnessing team in Italy was formed, which traveled between our centers in Rome, Milan, Genoa, and Bergamo, giving support to

the local members.

In 1973 our tradition of summer fundraising began. We followed the migration of Italians to the beaches and the mountains and offered them booklets with an introduction to the Principle for donations. In 1975 Tongil Trading Company was founded in Italy and ginseng tea was sold.

In the meantime, centers opened in Turin and Naples in 1974, and in Florence and Bologna in 1975. We held the first workshop for the parents of members in 1974. We wanted to dispel all the rumors about our church and let the parents know what their sons and daughters were really doing. These workshops were a great success. Missionaries and members alike gave their prayer and their support for all these new undertakings.

A very special event occurred in 1974: The Lit-

the Angels came to Rome and were very well received at the Roma Theatre. They sang on the Vatican radio and also had an audience with the president of Italy! For our little church, this was really exciting. We were given the opportunity to grow on the foundation of one of Father's finest accomplishments.

The impact of the IOWC

In 1976 the European IOWC arrived in Italy; its 300 members divided themselves among all the centers and launched an intensive witnessing campaign, lasting from April to July. At Easter the IOWC choir was invited to sing for Pope Paul VI in St. Peter's Basilica! They also sang in the Cathedral of Milan, and on the Vatican radio. They were much appreciated everywhere they went.

The impact of the IOWC in Italy was great. Many important changes took place on a spiritual level. Thanks to the work of the IOWC, many more people came to know us, and many new members joined our church. We were able to open still more centers; by that time we had centers in 12 cities. Some of these centers had to be closed down in 1978, however, when we sent 70 members to work in Great Britain.

The first International Parents' Meeting took place in Mauny, France, in 1978. Forty Italian parents participated. We opened two new training centers, a large one in Varese serving northern Italy which replaced a smaller one we had had previously, and another one near Rome, serving central and southern Italy. We published a



Some magazines published by the Italian family.

translation of *Unification Theology*, which was sent to our New ERA contacts, theologians, bishops, and important libraries. CARP also established its first center and began the publication of a monthly CARP magazine.

Most important of all, however, was the spiritual revolution Father brought to Europe in 1978 through the initiation of home church activity. Overnight we changed not only the pattern but also the spirit of our witnessing, leaving the streets and public places to approach people in their homes. That year we worked very hard to strengthen our foundation throughout Italy.

Today the leader of the Italian Church is Franco Ravaglioli, who succeeded Rev. Porter when he left to take charge of the Canadian Church in 1977. Two regional directors assist

him, one who is responsible for northern Italy and the other for central and southern Italy. Our church is more developed in the north. Milan is the largest northern center, with the workshop site at Varese nearby. A printing shop run by members, the headquarters of Tongil, and another center are in Bergamo, which is near Milan. SAEILO also has its headquarters near Bergamo, and there are two other church centers in the north—in Turin and Padua. In central and southern Italy we now have centers in Bologna, Florence, and Rome, and there are workshop locations in Colle Mattia and Latina. Seven hundred members in Italy have accepted True Parents and assist the church; 115 of them are center members. There are many more Italian members working for the church throughout Europe and in America.

Two centers per city

Currently, we have completed our efforts to establish two centers in each city—one where members live, and the other where public activities are held. In the public centers we have video set-ups with tapes about our national and international activities, and we hope to have the videotapes of the Principle in Italian very soon. Also, because the education of members is one of our main concerns, we organize 21-day Principle workshops from time to time which are based on those taught by Rev. Sudo in America.

For those who have leadership or other special responsibilities, we organize two-day seminars two or three times a year. Professors and theologians representing different reli-

gions are invited in and asked to make presentations on such topics as, "Protestant Reform and Counterreform," "The Sacraments in the Catholic Church," "The Coming of the Messiah in the Jewish Tradition," and so on.

Once a month we hold separate meetings for blessed brothers, for the foreign blessed sisters living in Italy, and for all the blessed couples living in the same area. Each of these groups has different problems, needs, and goals to realize, and such meetings seem to be the best way to help the members meet them.

Following the advice of Rev. Young Whi Kim [He was recently transferred to Korea; Rev. Won Pil Kim has now taken his position as director of Europe], we have planned for 1986 three witnessing campaigns of 40 days each. For each one a theme is decided upon and we hold lectures on that theme, as well as on the Principle itself. The first campaign we held, which ended this April, was entitled, "The Path to True Peace." Each center held meetings and invited speakers from outside the church to address this topic.

In past years we organized similar campaigns centering on such themes as, "The Hope of Youth," and "Towards the Unification Era." In 1983 and 1984 we invited the European IOWC band to play in Italy during two of our campaigns. We would rent a theater in cities where we had centers and invite people on the street to come and listen. Afterward the center leader would give a short speech on the theme of the campaign and introduce our church. The response to these campaigns was very good; over

1,200 people attended. Later many of them came to visit the local centers.

We still witness in public areas on the streets or at the universities, and we attend local meetings on spiritual or religious topics where we can find people who might be interested in our ideas. We also street-preach; those who stop to listen often browse at our book table which we always have nearby, where we can invite them to come to the center.

More concern for witnessing

Through Faith Jones, Heung Jin Nim gave us a suggestion a few months ago to witness in a more direct way: He said we should stop people and ask them if they believe in God, and if they believe that this is the time of the Second Coming. We also started a condition of blessing the area where we plan to witness on the following day, in order to create a good atmosphere and encourage good spirit world to work with us there. Our results have improved and we've become even more concerned about witnessing now.

Heung Jin Nim also asked us to organize a witnessing team of blessed wives to work for 40 days in the city of Turin. Most blessed couples are now pursuing home church activities and working with ministers.

Our centers are open from 5:00 p.m. for lectures, and most weekends we have two-day workshops for newcomers. Of course we also have seven- and 21-day workshops. Those who want to join the church after the 21-day workshop are invited to live and work in a center

for a period of three months and then return to training in a special, more internal 21-day program. Seven months after joining, new members attend still one more special 21-day program.

We have an alternate program of evening meetings at the center for those who are interested but cannot attend training. This course has the same content as the 21-day workshop. Once or twice a week we also have meetings for home members, during which we study Father's speeches and the Principle and help them prepare for the Blessing.

Sunday service, held every Sunday afternoon at the center, is also an important part of our witnessing activity. A few months ago we decided to have two different sermons—one for members, and one for newcomers who do not yet know the conclusion of the Principle. This way the sermon for members can provide more inspiration by dealing freely with deep points of our life of faith.

Contacting clergy

Italy is a Catholic country. There are 56 million Catholics, 27,000 priests, and 40,000 monks and nuns living there. Italy has only 225,000 Protestants, as well as 45,000 Muslims, 39,000 Jews, 300,000 Jehovah's Witnesses, and smaller numbers belonging to other churches; but these comprise a very small percentage of the overall population. This means that "contacting ministers" is a virtually meaningless phrase; what it means for us is "contacting priests."

The center members and some home members dedicate Sundays to visiting priests. Since we have centers in only eight cities, we

Some CARP members with a poster.



A Tongil Trading Company stand during an exhibition.



A view of the printing shop.



The Go World Brass Band during a concert.



1200 people attend our band concert in Milan.



A PWPA conference in Rome.

Prayer during an ARVAS conference.



Sunday service in Milan.

A parents' meetings in Varese.



Lunchtime at the kindergarten in Varese.

felt the need to organize a mobile team composed of four members who could visit priests in other cities. We found this to be a good plan. The team is now meeting priests who are very open and who desire to understand more about us. Often one of our members, after having established a good relationship, is asked into a parish to help the local priest. These priests know our affiliation, and they like us and understand our spirit.

When meeting a priest for the first time, a member usually gives him a copy of our newsletter, which we have prepared especially for them, containing certain speeches by Father, articles on the value of the family, our counterproposal to Marxism, and pieces on the revival of Christianity. We continue to send the newsletter to our contacts once a month. We have learned that some of the priests are using Father's words in their Sunday sermons! Others write to us, thanking us for the publication and expressing their appre-

ciation for its contents. We are, of course, very happy with these results.

Also, according to Father's request, we have printed 15,000 copies of the pocket-size *Principle Level 4* book and 15,000 copies of *God's Warning to the World*. We are going to send them to all the priests we have contacted.

The purpose of our ecumenical activities is to reach leaders of different churches and help them work together for common ideals. Besides collaborating with New ERA at the international level, we have created a new foundation in Italy called ARVAS (Academy for the Research of Spiritual Values). ARVAS has organized many conferences in which important theologians, professors of religion, and philosophers have taken part. Some of the conferences were entitled, "The Influence on Society of New Religious Movements," attended by 50 participants, "The New Religious Movements: A Challenge to Catholic Theology," attended by 60

participants, "Religious Proposals for Today's Family," attended by 50 participants, and "Religious Freedom Today," with 8 speakers and 110 participants. ARVAS has gained a good reputation among Italian theologians for its professionalism, and they like to take part in its activities.

The ARVAS program for 1986 has been designed to address the problem that very few people in Italy make effort to educate youth seriously about—the importance and value of marriage. Since we know how great the value of the family is to the individual and to society, we decided to organize a round table discussion on family issues, to invite experts in to speak on this topic, and to follow this up with a conference in which we can share the Principle viewpoint of the value of the family and our own personal experiences as husbands, wives, and parents. □

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Back in Paris, Henri was comforted by the idea that the spirit world was working to bring new spiritual children. Reiner had testified that dreams and inner voices had often guided him to people.

A few days later, a voice awakened Henri from his sleep and informed him that his brother Remi was "awaiting." Reiner went to visit him in Brittany, and a week later Remi joined Reiner and Henri in Paris. Later on one of Remi's friends, Therese Lebreton, became the first French sister to join.

The four of them moved into a new apartment in Boulogne, a suburb of Paris. On November 12, 1968, the Association pour l'Unification du Christianisme Mondial was officially created.

Almost a year after Henri met Reiner, True Parents came to visit the European family in West Germany. Henri went

with 120 brothers and sisters to welcome them at the Dusseldorf airport in Germany. Henri was overwhelmed with joy when Father shook his hand and called him by his first name. Suddenly he recognized the voice that he had first heard in his sleep, and he considered this as a sign that God was speaking through Rev. Moon.

During True Parents' visit, on March 28, 1969, eight European couples were blessed. Among them were Reiner and Barbara Vincenz. The joyful and simple ceremony recalled one of Henri's most vivid dreams: a vision of men and women dressed in white walking toward a beautiful royal couple.

The gentle presence of Mother, the spiritual strength of Father, the love they shared with each other, their parental concern for the members—all this kindled in Henri the burning desire to

witness every day for God's new message and to create the restored family of mankind.

Two great events determined Henri's future: his Blessing in Korea in October 1970 to his wife Hilde, and the leaders' workshop he attended at Belvedere in the spring of 1973. At the end of that workshop, Henri was asked to accept the leadership of the French church. Father told him that he was to become the Jacob of his nation and win over millions of Esaus with total humility, service, and unconditional love. He also urged him to love every nation as his own nation, and every man and woman as his own brother and sister, in order to build a united world. □

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THE OCEAN that gives new life

by Chris Schultz

FOR ME, THE OCEAN HAS BEEN A place to learn many new things about myself. Personal experiences on the ocean have brought me to a very real and intimate understanding of Father's heart and tradition.

To go out on the ocean, you first of all have to put yourself into a small world—a boat about 28 feet by 8 feet. Then, there you are, floating on top of a vast, watery entity; and your life depends on how well you've taken care of your boat, your engine, and the crew with whom you share this small world.

Many times Father said that you have to love your engine more than you love your spouse. When you're out at sea, you can see why. You may love your husband or wife quite deeply, but if your engine fails you may not see each other again. You must prepare to go out to sea with at least as much care as you have for your spouse.

Your boat is your home

When you start to practice such conscientiousness every day, you begin to realize the value of things. Your boat is like your home, and you learn how to take care of your "home" in

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every detail. Your life may depend on having everything neatly in place and knowing exactly where everything is. For example, you may have only a few seconds to get out a flare gun and notify another boat passing in the fog that you're in trouble.

The same principles can be applied everywhere, whether you are concerned with one thing or a whole inventory of things. If you expand your thinking in this area, you begin to realize that taking care of a boat is excellent training for taking care of the world.

Even more important than your relationship with your boat is your relationship with your crew

members. Once you are out on the ocean, you cannot deal with problems by walking out the back door. There is no such thing on a boat: You have to make the relationships work. Sometimes it happens that you cannot even bear to look at each other because you've spent so much time together. At such times you have to find a way to break through to a higher level.

This can only be done by bringing Heavenly Father onto the boat. When two or three people can remain centered on God, their relationships can develop in a healthy way. Somehow, with God in the middle of everything, there is room enough for everyone. It is very much like a marriage. The captain has to develop patience, and the crew has to become sensitive to the guidance and direction of the captain. When this balance is worked out, a beautiful harmony emerges and quite often successful fishing comes as a result.

Many well-to-do people own nice vessels and go out for pleasure cruises on their free weekends. However, this is not at all the reality for commercial fishermen. We fish long, hard hours when we go to Gloucester for the tuna season. Even so, we usu-

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ally fish during the better weather of the year, so most brothers and sisters have yet to taste the real "salt spirit" of the old sea captains.

Daily discipline

However, we try to keep the standard of Father's tradition, especially in the area of spiritual life and daily discipline. For the most part, our boats are the first ones out on the tuna grounds and the last ones to leave. Also, during the day we don't sleep but seriously try to fish and keep a good atmosphere on the boats.

Often, commercial fishermen just think of "going for the tuna"—for the money and the sport of it. Yet this lessens the real value of the tuna. The tuna can be called the "king" of the sea. It is a strong and beautiful fish, and by the time it reaches the size of 700 or 800 pounds it has lived longer than most of the people fishing for it. The ocean is no easy place to survive; it has many dangerous predators. You have to respect such an intelligent fish.

If you expand your thinking, you begin to realize that taking care of a boat is excellent training for taking care of the world.

Father's method stresses safety first because this fish is so powerful. If we are careless we can endanger our lives. Our fleet has an impressive record of only one accident in over 11 years of intensive fishing. Such a record is kept by maintaining a prayerful attitude, clear unity between members, a clean boat, and constant attention to the quality of the gear. And beyond all of that, we must have patience and faith.

For the future Father envisions using the tuna to feed large populations. Research is now being done on how to farm large numbers of young

tunas so that more can be fished out of the oceans. (Tunas roam great distances all over the world.) Many other kinds of fish can be farmed as well, and this is also part of Father's plan.

Father has spent a great deal of time out on the ocean, beginning first in Korea and then continuing for more than 10 seasons in America. The ocean plays a large part in his vision for the future world. Most importantly, however, Father has uncovered a way for us to develop a fresh and dynamic relationship with God through the ocean.

When you go out on the ocean, you learn how to have a constant attitude of faith in all kinds of situations. The ocean is always beautiful, but not always nice. Sometimes you are out there in bad weather; you don't feel very strong then, and you may even think about giving up. At other times, you may be out in the fog and need the help of the other boats in order to keep going in the right direction. In this way, you discover the power of unity, and why a unified

OCEAN CHALLENGE '86

by Karen Judd Smith, Director of Education, Ocean Church

THIS SUMMER, OCEAN CHALLENGE IN Gloucester, Massachusetts, is offering a variety of programs for members, as well as for their friends and contacts. For all participants the daily schedule begins at 4:00 a.m. and closing time is generally at 9:00 p.m. The activities of each day vary depending on the program.

The most elementary program is Guest Fishing. We encourage guests to come anytime during the summer to fish for one or a few days. They should be aware of the schedule and arrive early the night before their intended first day of activity.

From mid-July and throughout August we offer 7-day Ocean Challenge Workshops designed for either members or guests. Each workshop must be coordinated in advance with the Ocean Church director of education.

The 21-day One Hope Training Program is a preparatory course for those members assigned by their

state leader to learn how to handle the One Hope boat, which each state will acquire for use in witnessing. Registration for this course begins on June 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Finally, the 80-day Ocean Challenge Summer Program is the most comprehensive program offered and is designed for mature members of the Unification Church. Detailed, practical instruction is given, including state-of-the-art fishing techniques. Comprehensive spiritual instruction is offered, with special emphasis on ways of inheriting the true ocean-going tradition.

Instruction varies in depth and detail according to the program level. Practical topics include: basic navigation, rules of the road, boat handling and maintenance, water safety and life-saving, and the theory and practice of tuna fishing. Spiritual topics include: an overview of the Principle and our course of restoration, the significance of our present time, and



individual and group guidance for reflection and prayer.

The Ocean Challenge staff can help you to design programs which are uniquely suited to your own witnessing programs. Please join our dynamic outreach program! Remember that Father has spent a great deal of precious time on the ocean, because it has been such an important source of his vision for the future.

For information on schedules, fees, and requirements, contact
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spirit is so important in our daily life of faith.

Classroom and cathedral

The crews that get the best results are invariably the ones that look out for the other boats the most and the ones that follow Father's tradition the closest, using his methods and keeping his standards. On the boat it becomes clear to us that spiritual principles are also practical principles. Not only do we have deep encounters with Heavenly Father through the ocean, but we also learn principles that are valuable for our lives in every situation. This is why we often say that the ocean is both our classroom and our cathedral.

On the ocean I experienced many changes in the attitudes that I had towards life in general. In the time that I had to reflect, I could find deeper meaning in the past events of my life, and I could think about the areas in which I still had conflicts and was unsure of myself. Through this I could gain a sense of direction about my future and even about God's



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vision for mankind. I could find myself in harmony with the creation and thus see myself more from God's point of view.

I believe this is the experience that Father wants all of us to have. It is one reason why, in so many speeches, he has encouraged members, and especially the leaders, to spend at least two weeks every year on the ocean. It will not only toughen your spirit; it will provide you with time to reflect and plan more deeply for the

accomplishment of your mission.

I am always grateful to share my experiences. However, my hope is to share them with you on my boat, out on the ocean. That is how Father shared with us, and so it becomes my privilege to share in the same way, for the sake of our members, as well as for the sake of the American people. Bring yourself, and bring your ministers and guests. The ocean is waiting. □

WORDS THAT CHANGED MY LIFE

Testimony by Yoshiaki Kinoshita

A FEW YEARS AGO I HAD THE opportunity to get to know an elder Korean member. One day he told me, "You only think about your mission, and you forget to love your wife from the bottom of your heart." I was shocked by his words. They clearly pointed out the fact that I did not have love in my heart. I thought that I had been loving my wife, but now I could see that my love was very superficial from God's point of view.

Therefore, I made a condition to pray every night together with my wife in order to find out the standard of love that God desired. We had started family life three and half years earlier, but we had not been blessed with a child. Because of this I was lonely and I keenly felt my limitations. In my mission I had many opportunities to travel to foreign countries and different parts of Japan. As the result of my travels I had lived separately from my wife for about two of those years. I had tended to ascribe my childlessness to external

circumstances, always thinking that we would soon be given a child. As time went by, however, I became very impatient to be a father.

My wife and I kept our prayer condition and finally we received word from Heaven: "The more love you give, the more love expands beyond itself; thus, eternity comes about only through love. You must have such deep love that it melts every cell in your body." Up until that time I had understood love only with my head! And I was far from being the kind of person whose entire body could be melted with love. I did not realize that I was even losing love, as well as my faith, by driving myself too hard in fulfilling my external responsibilities alone.

Father once said, "We must part in the morning with joy and meet in the evening with joy again." In other words, we should care for our spouse with a warm and kind heart all the time. I realized that in this respect, I had to repent.

From that time on, I made a continuous effort to repent about this serious shortcoming in my nature. After about six months my wife conceived, and nine months later she was safely delivered of a son. Heaven had given us a child! But I knew it was a conditional gift only, since I was still lacking in love, judging from the pure standard of Heaven. It was not until after our child was born that I began to comprehend in actuality just how big and how deep heavenly love is.

I recognize that I still have a tendency to forget to love others, and I must always strive to overcome that. It is because I myself am lacking in love that I know I must be obedient to God, the essence of love, until the end. □

Mr. Kinoshita, an 1800 Couple, was in charge of Sekai Nippo in America until last year, and is currently residing and working for the newspaper in West Germany. He and his wife Fumie now have one son.

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The fourth ICC seminar in Korea/Japan for American clergy, May 6-16, 1986



ONE STEP CLOSER TO EAST/WEST UNITY

by James L. Stephens

THIS SPRING ONCE AGAIN American Christian ministers were invited to Korea and Japan for an advanced seminar on Unificationism sponsored by the Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy (ICC). The conference theme was, as last year, "Rev. Moon and Korea in the Providence of God." It was held from May 6-9 in Japan at the Tokyo Hilton International Hotel and from May 9-16 at the Sheraton Walker Hill in Seoul. In all, 143 ministers and spouses attended.

This was the fourth in a series of conferences that started in April 1985, and was by far the largest, with more than double the number of participants of any previous conference. Each minister paid his or her own travel expenses, although in some cases they received support from local Unification members.

The convenor of the seminar was Dr. Charles Carpenter from Atlanta, a long-time friend of both ICC and CAUSA. The director was James Stephens and the assistant director Rev. Levy Daugherty, city leader of Nor-

folk, VA. Also on the staff as assistant group leaders and resource people were: Rev. Reiner Vincenz (Minneapolis), Tom McDevitt (Washington DC), Kevin McCarthy (New York), Matthew Morrison (Seattle), Tom Cutts (Atlanta), Henri Schaufli (Philadelphia), Carl Swearson (St. Louis), Peter Brown (Richmond), Lorman Lykes (Brooklyn), Jim Boothby (Charleston, WV), Stan Felton (Charleston, SC), and Betsy Orman (Washington DC).

Firsthand testimonies

We were also fortunate to have Rev. Chong Young Ryu, regional director of the Washington DC area, at the conference. He came as a special advisor because 75 of the participants were from his region. He was especially helpful in providing the ministers with first hand testimonies from his own experiences at many of our church's historical sites.

Unlike the previous three conferences, this time the first stop was Japan. As in the past, the participants were deeply impressed by the rapid

development of our church in that country. Several multi-vision presentations covered Father's life, the Principle, the history of the Unification Church in Japan, and the many exciting projects of our movement. Especially impressive and mind-boggling to them was viewing the site of the International Highway Project now underway.

One spiritual high point of our stay in Japan was the singing and prayer at the Headquarters Church in Tokyo. Another was the Youth Rally, where over 1000 new members aged 18 to 24 gathered, cheering the ministers as if they were royalty. Dr. Billy Johnson, president of the CAUSA Ministerial Alliance of New York, addressed the gathering. The participants were moved by the vitality and potential of our movement, seeing that it has the power to attract bright and energetic young people who can dedicate their lives to serving God.

In Korea, True Father expressed two special desires for this conference. First, he inspired the ministers

PROCLAMATION

As participants of the Fourth American Christian Ministers' Conference on Unificationism, we have come to Korea to explore the roots of Rev. Moon and the Unification movement. Our theme is "Rev. Moon and Korea in the Providence of God."

We have found that the Unification Church is a God-centered movement which practices Christian love, and that Rev. Moon is a man inspired by God. We have examined the Divine Principle and recognize its transforming power in the lives of its followers.

Although we are of many different denominations, we recognize that the Unification movement is fulfilling a need around the world and we commend Rev. Moon for his efforts.

Because of misunderstanding, we feel the Unification Church has suffered unjustly in many respects. We call on all Christian leaders to rise above racism, prejudice, and narrow-mindedness.

In spite of our differences, let us learn to work together in the spirit of Christian love and reconciliation. The true love of Christ is the only solution to the problems of atheistic communism, immorality, and the division of the church.

In the name of Jesus Christ

to write a proclamation to testify to their faith in our movement and to encourage understanding among all Christians, especially those in Korea. A proclamation was drawn up and over 120 of the participants signed. It has made an impact all over Korea.

Secondly, Father suggested that the American ministers establish sister-church relationships with Korean Christian churches. To fulfill this, a beautiful signature ceremony was held centered on one long central table decorated with flags of both countries. About 34 pastors representing their congregations entered into relationships with Protestant churches in Korea. Each American minister received a special certificate signed by the pastor of his sister-church in Korea to take back home. It felt like a historical moment and the beginning of the accomplishment of Father's vision for uniting Eastern and Western Christianity.

Emotional discussions

The ministers had an intense 7-day experience discovering the roots of

our movement in Pusan and Seoul and getting a taste of the Korean culture. Each day had its own deep and moving events. The Principle study sessions proved to be very emotionally charged. Many of the ministers had met our movement through CAUSA and had not studied the Principle deeply until now. There was a wide spectrum of denominations represented. Although Protestant ministers were in the majority, several Catholics, a Jewish rabbi, and two Muslims were in attendance, and this mixture added fire to the discussions.

On the final evening, after a touching performance by the Little Angels, Father spoke to the participants very deeply about the love of God and the perfection of love in men and women. Even ministers who had been somewhat distant during the conference were opened up by Father's spirit and testimony. Many did not know what to expect after 10 days of seeing his amazing projects. By the end of dinner and his speech, Father's warm-hearted charisma had won them over.



James Stephens speaking to the ICC participants.



In an unprecedented historic moment, American ministers shake hands with the pastors of their Korean sister churches over the conference table at the Sheraton Walker Hill Hotel.

The conclusion to the evening was a performance by the Universal Ballet, with Hoon Sook Nim as lead ballerina. The Universal Ballet has been chosen as the best in Korea and will be the national representative at the Asian Games in September 1986 and the Olympic Games in 1988.

Before departing for home, each participant received gifts to take back with them, including a box of ginseng tea from True Parents, another gracious touch of the generous hospitality that had been extended to them for 10 days.

Another ICC conference is being planned for August. We encourage everyone to invite your minister friends to sign up. It is sure to make a great difference in their relationship to you and to our movement.

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HOW TO BECOME ONE WITH THE ALMIGHTY

FATHER'S BANQUET SPEECH AT THE ICC
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EACH ONE OF YOU HERE IS AN EXPERIENCED PREACHER, and as you know, a public speech is not that easy. It is sometimes uncomfortable, not because of the audience, but because of many pressures such as time. You all know that very well, so I am addressing a very sympathetic audience.

I am Rev. Moon. Here I am, standing before you; you can examine me very carefully. I am the point of controversy in the media and in many arenas of public debate. I am sure when you were invited to Korea by this Unification movement you thought, "Oh no, now I'm being drafted into a brainwashing course." Well, let me ask you honestly: As you're nearing graduation, what do you think? Was your experience very valuable? Have you benefited from the tour? (*Much applause.*)

We are all ministers of God. We are dealing with two cosmic worlds: One is the spiritual world; the other is the physical world. We are the ones whose job it is to harmonize spiritual matter and earthly matter and bring the two together into the reality of life.

How can we truly bring two such universes into one workable harmony? What would be the key factor? Would money bring the two worlds together? (*No!*) Would knowledge bring them together? (*No!*) What about power and authority? (*No!*) What power can bring these two worlds together? (*Love!*) (*God!*) You answered correctly; you're A+ students.

Through experience I know in my very bones that no ordinary love, but only true love—which is God's love—can bring these two worlds together. That is the reality. For whom does such love exist? It exists for the sake of man and for the sake of God. Then the ultimate question is: How can we become one with almighty God?

A REAL HUMAN BEING

Limited as we are, we must find out how we can become one with the Almighty. Certainly a true or real human

being can become one with Him. Then what is the definition of that real human being? It is the man or woman who embodies true love. I don't think any one of you in this audience can raise any question or doubt about that. Beyond your color, creed, or religious persuasion, I'm sure you can agree with me that true love is what brings us together with the Almighty.

Another key question today is this: Can human beings be perfected? Can we become perfect men and women? If the answer ultimately is no, that is tragic. If we believe that no matter how much we try we will always end up in tragedy, because there is no room for perfection, then we cannot have true hope.

What is the Kingdom of Heaven? The Kingdom of Heaven is the place where the men and women of perfection shall dwell for eternity. When we talk about perfection, we are talking about the perfection of love between men and women.

It must be God's plan to realize His ideal upon the face of the earth. I do believe that men and women are endowed with the potential for perfection. Men and women are going to be His almighty instrument. I didn't say we are all perfect, but we're given the potential for perfection; and God is trying to help us realize that potential so we can all become one with Him.

As a custom we shake hands when we meet and when we part; but do we truly meet each other with perfected love, and part with that same love? Do we practice the kind of true love at home that was God's vision from day one, when He created men and women? Has such an example ever existed? This is a question that needs to be addressed.

GOD NEEDS A CIRCUIT

I do know one thing: God needs nothing other than love. He does not need power; He does not need money; He does not need knowledge; He's got them all. He has the power and the resources and the knowledge to create and



Father speaks to the American clergymen at the Little Angels School on May 15, with Dr. Bo Hi Pak translating.

maintain the universe. Yet I do know that God has been seeking that single, critical element that can perfect everything else—true love. He has not yet obtained that true love. This is not because of any lack in Himself, but because of the imperfection of man. You cannot consume love by yourself; love needs a circuit. It can only impart its power when you have someone to love and rely upon. And just like love, happiness and peace require a circuit of give and take between two. It is the same with God. God has been looking for a partnership of love. God needs someone to relate to in love; He wants to be glorified by an object so He can feel joy. That object is man.

What I am relating to you tonight is not merely a theory; it comes directly from my experience. I have had many incredible spiritual encounters. I myself entered into the spirit world. Do you know what you breathe in the spirit world? It is not air. You breathe the atmosphere of love. You breathe love for the rest of your life, for eternity. However, the atmosphere of love we are talking about is an atmosphere of true, pure love.

In the earthly world today there exist many kinds of love. Perverted love, filthy love, dirty love, selfish love—all kinds of love that do not at all resemble the love of God. Yet in the highest spirit world there is only pure love, true love. This is what we call the perfection of love.

Are you sure you will go to the highest heaven of all? I know every one of you feels confident, but this is a very serious question facing humanity.

God created men and women for a reason. In order for a man to perfect his love he needs a woman, and for a

woman to perfect her love she needs a man. We need each other. We should remember, though, that we have not yet accomplished the goal of becoming the temples of God. Because of the fall, mankind is now in what we call the fallen state, which is deviated from the original ideal. We need to return to our original state. Once we return we will become the most holy creatures under the sun, beautiful men and women—the perfected temples of God.

LIVING TEMPLES

Since men and women lost that perfect state they have tried to raise up for themselves the symbol of a perfected temple of God. As you know, when the Israelites entered into the land of Canaan, they brought with them the tabernacle, which was a symbolic temple. Actually, God did not intend a material object but rather human beings to be the perfection of the temple of God. Men and women are to be elevated to the holy place where people can love and honor each other instead of a physical temple. Human beings shall become living temples of God; that is their ultimate goal. I may be saying these things too bluntly for want of enough time to explain in depth; furthermore, you may already know this and practice this since you are all ministers of God, but this is my testimony.

We all know that mankind needs a savior. However, what is the definition of a savior? We as men and women don't love each other with the true love of God. Therefore, the ultimate salvation of mankind is to restore true love to men and women. The man who comes to restore that true

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love is the savior, the Messiah.

Jesus Christ was the Messiah. Jesus Christ was the personification of the spirit and true love of God. For that reason he was the savior. However—and what I am about to say will probably affect you, and because of it I have been persecuted my entire life—Jesus Christ was a man. God's ideal, as we know, is perfect love, and therefore Jesus needed a partnership of love. Jesus was a man of perfection, a true man, and his mission was to restore a true woman; in his time there *was* the possibility of such a great partnership. That was the same as what God had intended in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve.

Think about it. Jesus was physically and spiritually a perfect man as God had originally intended in the Garden of Eden. Suppose he had been in a position to become a bridegroom, not symbolically but truly a bridegroom; and suppose he had taken a bride and together they had created a new lineage of their own, a new bloodline of humanity. Do you think God would have been displeased because of that? I don't think so. What if Jesus' descendants had multiplied like the stars in the heavens and the sands on the beach? Do you think God would have been displeased? In the sight of God, one true descendent of Jesus would be of far greater value than all the multitudes of people here on earth combined. God was delighted to see his true son Jesus. Didn't He also want to see His true grandchildren and His true great-grandchildren? Think about it.

LOVE MAKES US EQUAL

True love makes us all equal. In love there is no higher or lower, there is no greater or lesser. Everyone will participate in the same glory in the name of true love. Once we participate in true love we all become great. Take President Reagan for example. The First Lady has come to be honored and respected and loved by the multitudes worldwide and treated on an equal level with President Reagan. By what power has she accomplished that? By the power of love. Love unites her with her husband and for that reason they are treated equally. Therefore, love makes us equal.

Also, love can be inherited and passed on from generation to generation. In accordance with this principle I can say that once we unite with the true love of God, once we become one with the Almighty, we can participate in His glory. Furthermore, we are in a position to inherit His Kingdom because we become His children. His children shall have the power to rule His Kingdom. We are endowed in our hearts with ambition to seek the greatest things in life. Each one of us strives for something higher and our ambition never ends. We want to strive further and further without stopping until we reach the ultimate—the true love of God. For that reason each one of you here on earth lives with that aspiration, to reach

the highest level possible.

Furthermore, in order to find eternal life we must become one with the eternal being, which is God. We can have everlasting life and achieve immortality but only by uniting with immortality. We must become the objects of God. God is the subject of love. We are the objects of the love of God. These two can never be separated.

You may still ask, "Who is Rev. Moon? He's a mystery to me." Actually, I'm absolutely nobody. I don't know much, but one thing I do know is that every cell in my body, every drop of my blood, every drop of my sweat, and every ounce of my energy is exclaiming and crying out with joy over one thing—I know God and His true love. I experience His love to my bone.

Love is infinite. True love is engendered by giving love. True love means that you give and give and give, and you do not ask for anything in return, and still you want to give; and even if you go on like this for eternity you will never run out of love.

POTENTIAL FOR PERFECTION

I would like to draw to a conclusion. It is within the realm of possibility that we can achieve oneness with God and the perfection of love; otherwise God cannot be almighty. There is a potential for perfection within us. All we have to worry about is how to perfect our love. In true love you don't have to worry about inviting God in; He will be with you already. Where is heaven? Jesus said heaven is in the midst of you. Once you become a person with the love of Jesus, heaven is already there.

Jesus taught us to love our enemies. I am not only preaching that particular message from Jesus but I'm trying to live up to that statement. I'm even trying to love entire countries who are my enemies.

I want to thank you for standing up for me when I was in Danbury. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I want you to know that I do not hate the United States of America, the country that prosecuted me and put me in jail without any reason. I still love America. I created so many organizations in order to save America. Today I'm in Korea but most of my work is still being done in the United States. I am trying to save that great nation of America for the sake of all humanity.

In this seminar for American clergy you may have listened to many lectures and testimonies. You can forget them all, but there is one thing you should not forget: Rev. Moon is trying to build a nation of true love so that the Kingdom of Heaven can be built in our society and in our world. Then your church will prosper, your nation will be blessed, and the world will become the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

This is my greeting and my message to you today. Thank you very much. □

Letter from the Publisher

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right now. But Father continues to sacrifice himself and pay indemnity.

We are often amazed at God's grace. The greatest grace of all, however, is that True Parents have forgiven our mistakes, and that Father has decided to fulfill our responsibility in our place. Through this Blessing the era of the second generation of the Unification Church has officially begun—and we, the blessed couples of the first generation as well as all unbled members of the Unification Church, have received the benefit of this grace.

I suppose that many of you sometimes wonder: Compared with the high ideals, the dignity, and the elevated lifestyle we are called to achieve, the reality of our daily life and our past failures show that we are not enough. We have not fulfilled our responsibility and we are still too distant from True Parents. However, one way or another we must overcome, and right now we need to make a new determination and a new start.

The second generation of Israelites could only pass over the Jordan by centering on Joshua and completely uniting with God's word, represented by the ark of the covenant. Before them lay the fortress of Jericho and the seven tribes of Canaan. Because they were centering on Joshua, they had the strength and power to overcome all obstacles. Today, our dominion of Canaan will be accomplished by uniting completely with Father's guidance and Father's words both physically and spiritually. We should recognize what kind of Jericho lies ahead of the Unification movement and be able to tackle it.

Although we have dispensationally entered the age of the second generation's settlement in Canaan, every individual is at a different stage in the journey from Egypt to Canaan. Since by the term "first generation" we mean all the people who will eventually follow True Parents, we can see that many of the first generation are still in Egypt. Some of us in the

church are still trying to cross the Red Sea. Some of us are in the midst of the desert; and some of us have crossed the Jordan River and are already fighting the enemy.

How can we know whether we have spiritually crossed the Jordan? If we are being aggressively attacked by Satan then we are still in the desert. If Satan's attacks in our lives appear more as a desperate, defensive measure, then we can say that we are nearer to Canaan, or God's territory. We can check ourselves in this way.

Our wilderness course is different from that of the Israelites because it is not confined to any particular geographical area. In our era, the whole satanic world surrounding the Unification movement is our Egypt and our wilderness; the ideal world is our Canaan. Korea, America, and Japan are like different Jerichos, or different fortresses of Canaan's satanic regime that have to be challenged.

Unlike Joshua's generation, we are not following a linear, geographical course. Because our territory is spiritual, we can make any kind of decision and go in any kind of direction through 360 degrees. To link carefully with True Parents and go in *their* direction is our responsibility. What is most important for us is to follow the mainstream of the movement, to continue marching in line with our True Parents. Whether Father is in Korea, Africa, or America doesn't matter; we have to join and stay connected with Father's main direction, internally and externally.

All of us are deeply ashamed in front of True Parents many times, especially myself. Do you know the reason? I am usually quite close to Father physically—during breakfast, lunch, and dinner and throughout almost every day; but internally, in my mind, I am often too distant from him. Father always has such a busy schedule, holding important meetings and continually receiving guests; but internally he keeps a perfect standard and is always going the true, heavenly way. Even though we try over

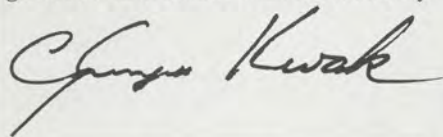
and over again, we do not follow his way exactly.

We need to reflect on Father's seriousness. For more than 60 years, Father has been under tremendous pressure. Even though he has established the condition of victory worldwide through his course in Danbury and the conditions he made by tirelessly reaching out to the Korean people, he still does not take time to relax. This is because he is concerned about expanding the foundation for salvation to all humankind.

At East Garden on May 19, 1984, the day before the first Day of the Love of God, Father asked all leaders and members to pledge to become second Rev. Moons. He asked us to follow his own way of responding to difficulties. Under any circumstance, no matter how difficult, Father never asked, "What shall I do?" Never. Instead he asked, "What would God do? What would Jesus do? What is their attitude and desire?"

At minimum then, I want to urge brothers and sisters to adopt this aspect of Father's lifestyle. When you are faced with serious difficulty or an uncomfortable environment, don't ask, "Oh, what shall I do?" Instead, ask what True Father or True Mother would do. Try to assess what their determination and their direction would be.

If we keep this one principled goal, we will not fail. Don't forget that Heavenly Father's and True Parents' amazing grace is big enough to completely surround us and support us. If we recognize this, we will be able to remain within the sphere of Father's guidance and follow him successfully.



Errata

We regret that two errors appeared in the June '86 issue. In the article on page 38, the interviewer's name is Tania Redmond. Mrs. Evola's first name is Teresa.

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