

## **Unite and Restore the lost Heart of Brothers and Sisters**

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My dear brothers and sisters,

I would like to offer you my reflection concerning Father's words: *"We must become like children by entering God's realm of heart. You must unite and restore the lost heart of brothers and sisters, the lost heart of husband and wife, the lost heart of parents and the lost heart of children."*

Jesus told us that there is no way to enter the kingdom of heaven unless we become like children. Do we feel the necessity to have the heart of a child beating in ourselves?

What are the main characteristics of the heart of a child? Personally I see the ability to trust completely one's parents and the desire to follow their example as an essential aspect. It is implanted in the heart of a child from a very early age, expressed also in the sadness of a young child if it can not do what the parents are doing.

Of course I understand that some may see such behaviour rather as emulating one's parents but as it this aspect has been given by our Heavenly Father I regard it as a crucial one to preserve during the development of a child towards adulthood.

We are all grown up people with many experiences in life. Did we loose the desire and ability to trust others deeply due to all the pain we may have had to go through?

Let me put it in simple terms: If we would trust our True Parents more we would follow them in a better way than we have been doing until now and they would not have to be so disappointed in us.

Father encourages us that we all must enter God's realm of heart, which is primarily centered on an unconditionally loving parental heart. How much of the heart of a true parent have we restored in ourselves? This is a most, most important question concerning the fulfilment of our mission as tribal or national messiahs because messiahship stands for parenthood as Father told us.

What about the lost realm of brothers and sisters? To which extent did each one of us restore this precious realm during the many years of membership in our church. How does our reality look like now in respect to our relationships as brothers and sisters who share the same destiny and responsibility for the the restoration of this world?

Personally I do feel responsible for our relationships and therefore I am reaching out to you, day by day. There may be those among you who feel that I am preaching but why not take my lines for what they are? They are simply my personal reflection on the words of True Father and of True Children for the sake of deepening our understanding of God's Will for us.

It is no secret that we are lacking greatly in the task of restoring the Four Great Realms of Heart, especially in relating to one another as true brothers and sisters and in manifesting an unconditionally loving parental heart in order to be successful in taking care well of the people for whose inner development we are responsible.

We are challenged to internalize our True Parents' spirit of absolute sacrifice and service more deeply and to apply it in our respective missions just as well as in our relationships with one another.

Father tells us: *"Unless we connect the disconnected heart relationship and realize the realm of restoration, we cannot escape the fallen realm."* This means that overcoming the reality of disconnected heart relationships is a prerequisite in order to escape the fallen realm and must therefore be our priority.

Let us ask ourselves honestly: *"To whom am I really connected in heart?"*

Heart to heart relationships are the most valuable asset which we take with us into the spirit world and for this reason they should be the top priority during our life here on earth.

Let us be wise and really invest more of our hearts internally rather than just in external areas for the sake of building bonds of heart among us, especially as true brothers and sisters of a worldwide family, which we advocate to establish in this new era where modern technology enables us to freely connect with people all over the world directly through the internet.

True Parents have the following expectation of us: *"With God's love as the core, you should become a person who maintains the law of love, whom no one can break or destroy, and you should become a substantial being of love by serving God. You serve God by harmoniously interacting with everyone in the world and becoming united with all things."*

Father emphasized in these words that interacting harmoniously with everyone shows our service to God. Why then do we have many serious problems in our relationships with one another be it on a local level or as a worldwide movement?

Heung Jin Nim is offering us some valuable hints which can help us to become more aware of our internal reality when he says: ***"Don't think you believe just because you believe the concepts of Divine Principle. The Divine Principle is in your heart, in each and every heart. And it needs to be open."***

All of us did not only study the DP, we have it in our hearts, but the problem lies in our not being open enough. Heung Jin Nim reminds us that the truth of God is within us and that Satan tries hard to keep us away from such awareness: ***"Satan would love to keep you from that truth. He knows he can't keep you from reading books. He knows he can't keep you from reading pamphlets and hearing lectures, but he knows that he can lock up the door to your heart and write all kinds of evil phrases on it and keep you away from it, make you afraid, make you lose your hope."***

I am very certain that here lies a core problem which we are facing in one way or another even if we don't talk about it. It is clear that Heung Jin Nim is addressing a very important point which needs to be taken seriously. It represents also another answer to the questions concerning the reason for my approaching you in the form of extensive letters through which I have been sharing my heart and experiences.

Whether we like to hear it or not, the doors to our hearts are rather locked up, otherwise we would share much more freely with one another. I suppose not only I am aware of serious internal problems about which I learned through personally communicating with brothers and sisters in many countries.

The ones amongst you, who may not agree with me on this point, are very welcome to show that such concerns do not apply in their case. Please let others know what is going on inside of yourselves by opening your hearts so that you may share with others freely.

The essence of our internal situation shows us that if we were more open to one another, heartistically, then we would be able to receive one another on a deeper level. But as it stands, our hearts have not opened enough to commune in this way where the amount of love which is flowing from our hearts to others would be more substantial. We may not have too many problems to teach words of truth, but do we have enough foundation when it comes to being a pure channel of God' love in our daily life?

It is clear that Satan does not want us to experience our true value. Therefore we need to try hard to restore our dignity as God's children. We are challenged to have open hearts towards one another in order to enable our Heavenly Father can express His love deeply through us so that our hearts can be revived and renewed, enabling us to receive and to express His love freely to one another.

I emphasize the parent child relationship because I see this central heart to heart connection as essentially important in order for God's love to be alive in our horizontal relationships, as a foundation for us to do well in leading others to new spiritual life.

For the purpose of bringing spiritual revival and rebirth or internal resurrection a deeply loving parental heart is inevitably necessary. It is our task to accompany the people for whom we are responsible on an internal level through sharing their hopes and despairs, by helping them through the challenges that they are coming against, etc. Therefore it is a most essential question for each one of us to reflect upon how much we are real and true representatives of God - who is the Parent of Humanity?

How do we practice this challenging task to suffer together with the children of God whom He has entrusted to us? This question is - in my understanding of what witnessing is all about - more important than all the others related to it when it comes to raising people internally. A lack of such an attitude led to the many problems we find in our church today.

In the book *The Victory of Love* we can find many kinds of encouragement for our heartistic development by our True Parents' most exemplary son Heung Jin Nim, like the following: "*Brothers and sisters, don't be frustrated - because this is the day of victory.*"

Heung Jin Nim who is concerned that we have the right attitude said for example when talking about Noah's course: "***If you can not inherit the Heart of God and True Parents, you will be like Ham. When you see a problem or encounter a difficulty, you must take that as a sign of hope that victory is coming your way. It is an indication that you are heading towards true restoration, recreation and resurrection.***

***Noah followed the path of victory by obeying God's Word and centering on God's heart. You need to have a broad mind like Father. You must not allow yourselves to become disillusioned. Just build your ark of goodness. Where is your ark? It is found where you are being responsible centering on God's Will.***

My dear brothers and sisters, we have each our personal area of responsibility and do our best to fulfill it well, but how much are we actually investing when it comes to higher levels which are more difficult to accomplish?

The development of the internet opened up the way for us to connect with one another beyond external distances which is at the same time a great opportunity for us to show that we are truly brothers and sisters who share with one another freely. Such sharing is for example manifested in the iunificationist community where more than 2400 brothers and sisters joined together.

I suppose most of you are well familiar with Facebook and the possibilities it provides to share with friends, to tell them about things that we like. I have a couple of hundred friends on Facebook and along with it many opportunities to read what members of our church share with one another.

There are seemingly endless possibilities to share via the internet, to express oneself and to let others know how we feel and what moves us. I appreciate these possibilities greatly but still the question remains concerning the quality of the relationships that are being established.

Let us make sure that we deepen our relationships as true brothers and sisters.

Sincerely yours,

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