

## Letter to my beloved, and powerful, sisters

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"The grooms presumed that their brides would move in with them...Instead, they were sent out to the front line without informing their husbands. Of course I know there may have been repercussions arising from this, but I had no other choice. (CSG 38-29, 1971.1.1)

"After that, [Jesus] said, "I am the Groom and you are the brides." (CSG 156-224, 1966.5.25)

To my beloved sisters,

On this Easter weekend, all of us in the Unification Movement can reflect that it was built on the foundation of unspeakable offerings. The first quote is from when Father asked sisters from 777 Couples Blessing to leave their families to go out witnessing. To be honest, when I heard about such actions it was hard for me to accept that Father would ask for this kind of sacrifice, but it did help me to understand how serious he was in declaring war on Satan's world.

I remember the many times that Father spoke to you as his "brides," and told all of us brothers that we were "archangels" who should follow and support each of you as you followed the directions of your eternal "bridegroom." At the time I didn't like the idea of being called an "archangel" but then I saw how many of you were absolutely determined to go out and love the world, as Father was requesting.

Some of my elder sisters have gone out to the most dangerous countries in the world. Recently I spent several hours in a coffee shop listening spell-bound to a sister share about several months she spent in African prison cell, witnessing to a prison guard who later became the leader of his nation. After hearing such testimonies, I could agree with Father that your love for him was greater than mine.

I am sure that it must have been difficult, at the time, for True Mother to hear Father asking for this kind of sacrifice from you, and surely Father was asking her to make many such sacrifices every day.

Such times of offering are memories we should never forget. In that respect, all sisters and brothers, 'brides' and 'archangels' alike, were exalted when we gave ourselves, without reserve, to Father's direction.

Have a blessed Easter!

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