Discourse on True Mother's Revelations - Lesson 3

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Okay, let's dive into Part 3, which is a presentation on God's First Attempt. We looked at the Principles of Creation, The Essence of God, God's Nature and God's Dream and The Purpose of Creation and God's Longing.

So, now we're going to look at history and 'What Was God's First Attempt?'. What happened to God's First Attempt, trying to give Birth to the True Parents of Humankind. Let's go.

God's Dream was to become the True Parent of Humanity. To do so, He Created All Principles and then Created The Universe For His Children to Live In.

The Plan was to Give Birth to the Representative Children, Who would be Given Time to Grow To Resemble God, such that They would become the substantial True Parents, The First, The Original True Parents to the Lineage of God on earth.

So, what happened? True Mother explained that God Created a Man and a Woman Who were to become the First Human Ancestors. God Gave Them time to grow in order to perfect.

The, the Invisible God Desired to Dwell Together with Them and Become the Parent of Humanity.

So, as I was discussing in the last presentation, this was God's Dream, God's Plan, God's Purpose. And in

this way God was setting up the conditions for these Two to become the First Human Ancestors. We call Them Adam and Eve, as True Parents of a happy and joyful humanity.

But we look at human history and we know, we don't even need to have our spiritual eyes open or be religious, we don't even need to believe in God to look at human history and know that something is uniquely wrong with us.

In all of Creation that we can see, we are the only Created Being, the only Being that purposely and vengefully creates conflict and destruction. We've suffered a lot, at our own hands. This was not God's Will or God's Plan, but it was obviously within our power to do so, because we did. But it wasn't God's Dream and neither was it our ultimate Destiny.

So, the entire Course of human history has been God trying to Guide us back Home, to get back to where everything can be restored to Begin Anew.

What God set out at the Beginning was for the First Man and the First Woman to become the First Human Ancestors, The First True Parents.

So, God Desired to Bless Adam and Eve as the True Parents of Humanity, and all Descendants would have been Born Blessed, Bless Them in Marriage. They would have become True Parents and all of Their Descendants would have been Blessed.

So, this was like the Original Formula for the Lineage of God. So, what I want to say here is that the Foundation for Success Existed at that time. I need to declare for anybody that's confused, 'They could have done it.'

It must be that, after all things that God had done, all things that God had Created, it must have been possible for Adam and Eve to have been able to be victorious, right? Because the Foundation for True Parents to Exist was Laid.

Heaven fulfilled Heaven's Responsibility. God Fulfilled God's Responsibility. And then it was up to Adam and Eve to take it the next step. However, the First Human Ancestors did not reach Perfection but 'fell' and were expelled from the Garden of Eden.

What's essential to understand here is that Adam and Eve fell, whatever They did, They fell before Resembling God's Character, right? They did not complete the entire growth period. They literally did something wrong before fulfilling Their Responsibility.

We can see by the fact that They covered Their Lower Parts with leaves, that the Fall had something to do with the sexual relationship and therefore, that sexual relationship gave birth to human lineage, from which we all come. But that sexual relationship happened after or as a result of the Fall.

The Fall was really Them deviating, Adam and Eve deviating from God's Commandment, from God's Love. It's as if, think of it this way, it's as if just before ... They made unjust decisions. They made decisions that were not part of God's Will. They were free to do so, but They were not supposed to do so. And by doing so, They created a lot of problems.

The point being, 'What was the first thing They did wrong?' If I reflect on the way our minds work as human beings, I imagine that the first thing they did wrong was to arrive at the conclusion that, whatever God was asking us to do was not really that important or essential, or rather it wasn't the whole picture.

And we learn if we read the story in the Bible, according to the Bible and the relationship with the serpent and all of this, the temptation and your eyes shall be opened and you shall understand more ... and you can go really into depth on studying all of this, but in simple terms the Fall was sort of teenage Adam and Eve thinking that they knew a little bit more than God maybe, or that God didn't have their best interests in mind, and that there might be some other things that They can do by Themselves that really isn't a problem and God's making too much of a deal of it, right?

And you can see this in parents and children relationships today. Assuming that parents have their children's best interests in mind, it's many times difficult for the parents when they see their children deviating from what their parents are asking because the children think they know better, they know more.

You remember this as teenagers, right? At a certain point, you figure you know more than your parents, you know more than your elders. But really, do you? As you get older, you realize, 'That was kind of stupid.'

And so surely the Fall was also sexual in nature because They're hiding Their Lower Parts, They're

feeling ashamed, They've essentially started their family life, gotten married without a Marriage where God is Invited. God was not invited. They started that thing without God's Blessing or God's Permission, and without attending to God's Heart.

They were not filial to God. They deviated from Their Child's Responsibility to really Unite with Their Parent's Heart. 'Trust Me, Son, it's better that you don't run across that road with your eyes closed. You might get hit by a car.'

And so the Commandment that God called upon Them to keep was much deeper than not to cross the road when the cars were coming, right? It was really about Their Sense of Responsibility as God's Son and Daughter, that They needed to grow to perfection, to a perfected Character, before engaging in Their family life. That's what we're really getting to.

So, the Fall:

The First Ancestors could not perfect Their Relationship of Heart with God. They disregarded God's Word (to keep the Commandment) and formed a family without God's Blessing.



The fundamental aspect of the Fall is **that they let go of their loyalty to God's heart**. This brought about fallen people and the fallen world that have no relation to the Creator (Mother Says).

That is why, although human history has pursued peace and dreamed of a peaceful world - event for a day - we were never able to realize it for even a moment due to war, conflict and disease.

So, false parents were born. And God could not achieve the status as a Heavenly Parent at that time, even though God was God, God was the Creator, God was All-Knowing, All-Loving. And now having to be All-Patient, because God's Children had gone astray.

And God is going to do what God has to do, but what you have here with these first human ancestors is that they are still physical alive, but they are spiritually dead. They are seriously spiritually damage, and they've now formed a family.

They've become parents, but you can't say they're True Parents, because they're not a son and daughter that really followed The Parents themselves. So, they can't be True Parents themselves. And they formed a family and they formed a society of people that lost their Blessing, and a humanity that lost its Blessing...

And for thousands of years it has been traumatized by this original fall. So, war, conflict and disease ... Although we've known some good things throughout human history, some good things we've been able to do, but it's been a fight. It's been a fight. We haven't been able to experience peace even for a day.

Now, please understand that the peace that Mother is talking about is not just some idea of peace but actual, substantial world peace. That's what's She's fighting for here. That's what God's fighting for.

So, the first family became distant from God and bore a lineage of humankind that is longing, longing to return to the realm of God's Love, right? It's a history of fallen people that have had no relation to the

Creator, but we're longing to come Home, aren't we? We're longing.

"The Creator is omniscient and omnipotent. His Beginning and End are the same. Then what is He to do?"

His Beginning and End are the same. That means Mother is not here just bringing us a doomsday story, a tear-jerker of a failure story. God did not give up. God's Beginning and End are the same, Mother said. So, what is He to do? Mother asks. What is He to do?

So, that was God's First Attempt to set up the Foundation for True Parents, the Foundation Was Successful. The World Was Successful. The Creation, The Universe Was Successful. All the Laws that God built and brought forth on this amazing planet and universe, everything was successful.

But we, the First Human Ancestors, The First Man and Woman Who were created to establish A Royal Family, A Royal Sovereign Family of God's Lineage, They failed. They failed because They thought They had better ideas at the time.



And in some sense you could say, 'Well, They were immature.' **So, in some respects you might say, they, they,** kind of ... It was somewhat innocent you could say, right? Even though they fell, God didn't just cast them away completely. They were expelled from the Garden. In other words, they lost the Realm of God's Sovereignty.

They lost the Substantial Realm of God's Sovereignty, and God also, by the way, lost the opportunity to Live in Substance in The Garden. So, both God and our First Ancestors lost big ... big, big, big ...

But God doesn't give up. God's Beginning and End are the same. That means God will still make it happen. That was God's Will and He's never going to give up.

But that Foundation for True Parents was lost. And now there's going to be some work involved to recover that Foundation. So, that's what we're going to be looking at next. What did God do?

What did God have to do so that a new Son and a new Daughter could be Born? And eventually, what would that new Son and new Daughter have to do in order to save all of the ones that had already been born, all of the ones that were dead and gone from before and lingering in different realms of hell? Surely God would find a way to save us all. I believe that. That's what resonates with my heart, and that's the kind of world I want to live in. So, I believe that.

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Birth of the Only Begotten Son

And the loss of the Foundation for True Parents to emerge



Mother says:

It took 4,000 years for the Providence of Salvation through Indemnity to restore what had gone wrong in the Beginning.

So, things didn't go well here ... where there was the Fall, and it took 4,000 years to restore this Foundation where True Parents could be Born. As there was a Foundation in the Beginning, again that Foundation had been made after 4,000 years, finally.

"Finally after 4,000 years, God sent His Only Begotten Son, Jesus (Of Christ Mission), whom He could call His own"

(That deserves a round of applause. Even if you're just watching from your phone or watching at home.)

This was an amazing Work. This was God's Victory. Also, I'd like to give a shoutout to the people of Israel, for 4,000 years setting up the conditions such that the Only Begotten Son could be Born.

And not just the fact that He was Born, but the fact that he grew to such a fine man. A man who made Godly choices throughout his childhood, throughout his youth into his adulthood. And I'm not talking about what we know of his ministry later on. The point being that to be a son in whom God could be well pleased, it wasn't just that he was born and good looking, because Adam was probably good looking.

It wasn't just that God Gave Birth and Created a Foundation for Jesus to be Born, because God already did that with Adam. Adam was Born on a Foundation for Adam to be Born as a sinless and true, beautiful man.

But the fact of the matter is that Jesus succeeded not just in being Born. That wasn't really his responsibility. But he grew to a level of God's Characteristics. He resembled God in Nature.

He truly was the Son of God, unlike Adam in that he reached a level of maturation while following the Commandment. He didn't break the Commandment. He followed the Blessings. He didn't break the Blessings. He united with God. He didn't deviate from God, thinking he could do it his own way.

And so, you could say at this point that after 4,000 years a people became the Israelites were lineage by creating a Foundation for Jesus to be Born. And Mary you could say was successful in making sure he was Born.

But there were many complications and many stories around his Birth and his Life that we'll get to. But right now it's important just to celebrate the fact that for the first time in human history that God had a child He could call His own.

God had a Son. This means that Heavenly Father was Born also. This means that for the first time in human history, God can say, 'I am a Father, because I have a Son who Resembles Me. See, he Resembles

Me in his Masculine Nature. He Resembles Me in his Godly Masculine Nature.' Right?

Finally, you could say Heavenly Father was Born. The First True Son was Born and Matured such that God can claim him as His Son. This is another major breakthrough for human history.

Let forget everything else that happened up until this point. It's important to celebrate how significant this is. Heavenly Father was Born. So, in terms of becoming a Parent, you can see that half of the blueprint had been achieved to establish or to re-establish a True Parents.

Jesus introduced the concept of God as Father early in his ministry, particularly in the sermon on the mount. Matthew 5:16 - 6:9 - 10 says "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven." Jesus is revealing God as a Heavenly Father is his prayer.

However, one of the clearest introductions of this idea comes from The Lord's Prayer. In Matthew 6:9 we can read Jesus teaching his disciples to pray "Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name."

This marks a significant moment in his teaching and a significant moment in human history. He introduces a personal relationship, an intimate relationship with God as a Loving Father.

Is that the relationship that we have with God as a Father ... so Christians, many Christians sometimes get confused about Jesus. We think Jesus is God Himself. But Jesus is the Son of God in whom God is well pleased.

But also Jesus is God-like in his nature, because he's achieved a Divine status, his Spirit is of a Divine Nature, and so he's Godly. But there's a distinction between the Parent and child relationship here.

And Jesus is appealing to God as our Father and also appealing to the brothers and sisters in front of him to relate to God as our Father. Right? This was a major departure from the more formal views of God in Jewish Tradition at the time.

But perhaps the earliest mention of Jesus referring to God as our Father was when Jesus was just 9 or 10 years old ...

Luke 2:46

"After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. (talking about when Jesus was in the Temple and everyone was amazed)

When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

(So, obviously they didn't know where he was. They were confused about where he was and what he was doing. They felt like maybe they lost him at market. They were concerned about him. So, Mary was anxious. We were desperately, anxiously searching for him, 'Where did you go? Why did you treat us this way? But what did Jesus respond? He said:)

'Why were you searching for me?' he asked, 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?'"

So, you understand that this juxtaposed against Mary and Joseph as the parents, kind of scolding young Jesus, "Where did you go? You made us angry. We were worried about you. And contrary to that understanding of the parent and child relationship, Jesus was saying, 'Why are you confused? Why are you anxious? Didn't you know that I would be in my Father's House?'

(and that also means, 'This is my Father's House, not the house in which I live with you. This is my Father's House. This is our Father's House. And if you knew who I was and what I came here to do, if you understood my essence in what I'm here to do, you wouldn't be searching for me anxiously somewhere else, maybe in the marketplace or down by the riverside. You'd know that I'd be in my Father's House doing my Father's Work in my Father's House. And if anything, you should be helping me.'

Maybe all these things were felt in Jesus Heart and expressed through these few words. Because Jesus at even that age already understood the Essential Nature of God and the nature of humanity, and the relationship of humanity with God and his mission in relationship to God and humanity. And he understood also his mother's mission in relationship to God and humanity and himself Jesus. And he was actually scolding Mary back, you can say.

So, you need to really understand this deeply. So, True Mother said:

"Finally, after 4,000 years He sent His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ (of Christ Mission), whom He could call His own.

However, Mary, who gave birth to him, including those around him, the Jewish leaders and the people of Israel were not aware of Jesus' true nature and essence.

(Hand in glove with that ...)

Furthermore, they did not know the essence of the Creator either."

That means they didn't know the Nature of God, they didn't know the Essence of God, they didn't know the Dream of God. Therefore, they could not really understand what went wrong in human history, although they could clearly see that humanity was suffering.

How can you understand what we did wrong if you didn't clearly understand what we were supposed to do right in order to fulfill God's Dream. So we didn't know what we were supposed to do right, because we didn't know what we did wrong. Because at the very beginning we got off course with understanding Who God Is.

We didn't understand what God's Essence Is. We didn't understand our proper relationship with God. And we didn't understand our Purpose, because we didn't understand our place in God's Creation. We didn't understand God's Purpose. We didn't understand God's Dream.

And even though here you are just 2,000 years ago, after 4,000 Biblical years of preparation, Jesus has been born. Mary gave birth to him ... She should have known, it was revealed to her who he was. So, why was she confused about him doing his work in the Temple?

What was Mary not getting right? Why is Mother saying here that they did not know the Essence of Jesus and the Essence of the Creator? We're going to get to this. What is the Essence of the Creator? What is the Essence of Jesus?

Because if we understand the Essence of Jesus, then you're going to understand the Essence of Mother as well! and God's Dream.

"Think about it, (Mother says,) 'How did Mary help Jesus, whom she conceived and gave birth to by the Holy Spirit?'

(How did Mary help him. How did Mary help Jesus who was conceived through Divine intervention of the Holy Spirit. Mary at that point was fulfilling her responsibility to conceive Jesus, to give birth to Jesus. But how is it that even after receiving Revelation about her mission, and how is it that even after going to great lengths and risking her life to conceive and give birth to Jesus, how is it that she might be confused as to Jesus' Identity, Essence, Purpose?)

"In the end, it resulted in Jesus being nailed to the cross."

Mother states quite clearly without going into great detail, but I think you can understand that the result is Jesus' being nailed to the cross. This is the sad, sad aspect.

I know that we look to the cross for our salvation, but Christianity doesn't start with the failure of Jesus' family and the people of that time sending Jesus to the cross. Christianity starts really with the Resurrection. It starts from the idea that Jesus actually sacrificed his Life for humanity in exchange for the sins of humanity. And so, whoever believes in him can be saved.

So, we understand these things as Christians, but we as human beings, regardless of our faith background, we have to ask, 'How is it that after 4,000 years of preparation, Jesus would be given such a short Life with just a few years of ministry, and being questioned by his own mother and family members in ways that looked like clearly they did understand who he was and what his job was, because they weren't really helping.

The truth is Mother puts it very simply, 'How did they help him? How did Mary really help him? How did Jesus' family help him? How did the Israelites really help Jesus?' The result is that he was nailed to the cross.

When Heavenly Parent saw His Only Begotten Son, Mother says, whom He could call His own having he go the path of the cross after only 33 years on earth, and the unimaginable situation of being crucified, right? Knock, knock, those nails being driven through the bones in his hands (wrists?) through the bones in his feet, through the wood of that Blood-soaked cross.

After only 33 years of Life, having been denied by his people, even ultimately denied by his own disciples, denied by his family and now being nailed to the cross. What was he guilty of? What was he guilty of?

Yes, in those moments he begged God to forgive us for we did not know what we were doing. But clearly from his own Word, we did not know what we were doing. That was not a victorious moment. That was not God's Will in that moment.

Jesus had to clutch, Jesus had to save the situation in order to use that opportunity to exchange his Life, to offering it up kicking and screaming, but willingly offering his Life in exchange for our sin.

But can you imagine, Mother is asking us to imagine for a moment the unimaginable situation of being crucified with thieves on both sides. He's being crucified among thieves who are guilty. They are maybe paying some debt for whatever they did (I'm not sure I would agree with the crucifixion. I don't know what they did necessarily, but they were paying a price for something that they were guilty of doing).

What was Jesus guilty of doing? According to God, the only thing he was guilty of was being a Son in whom God was well pleased. The only thing that Jesus did was to be the first in human history to perfect his internal nature and to become a Godly Person. So, I guess the demons hated him. I guess the dark spirits hated him. I guess the devil hated him.

And I guess there were powers at play both spiritual and demonic and substantial in nature that made his life pretty miserable, such that he would only live for 30 years and then go the way of the cross ...

"...what would have been in the Heart of our Heavenly Parents?"

One of the recent meetings I had with Mother, She put it this way, She said, 'This doesn't make sense. It's illogical.' All of the incredible, incredible, painful effort that they made to successfully establish the foundation for both True Parents to be Born, why is it that when the Son is Born, we sent him to the cross. It doesn't make sense.

So what would have been in the Heart of the Heavenly Parent at that time?

So, as things progressed getting closer to the cross, Mother reminds us of this very important point: Jesus didn't want it to happen, right?

"Despite his pain over losing the chance to complete his responsibilities, Jesus prayed, 'Yet not my will, but Yours be done."

So, Jesus was blocked from really being able to fulfill his responsibilities and was longing for a way in which the foundation could be recovered somehow, some way, somehow ... But ultimately it's about God's Will being done.

This prayer at this moment wasn't a moment of weakness! as many Christians seem to conclude. It was not a moment of weakness! It was another moment of Divine Awareness Jesus had and was trying to negotiate with God, looking for a way (to remain on earth and fulfill his Mission).

Meanwhile, he's asking the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane to pray with him without sleeping. And he does so three times, and they failed three times. So, what was Jesus doing there ... trying to recover some foundation that the mission could continue in some way (as it needed to with him on earth).

But the fact is that the whole world now has come against him ... the whole world has come against him. So, you know the Bible mentions the thieves crucified on the left and right, and the thief on the right. And the thief on the left mocked Jesus, while the thief on the right spoke out, saying that Jesus had committed no sin. What did Jesus say to that man when he said that?

He said, "Today, you will be with me in paradise." Jesus did not refer to the kingdom of heaven, but rather to paradise. And he said that he would return.

So, don't think that this is just semantics. We may often refer to paradise as Heaven, but there is a distinction, or we're using these words to define that there is a distinction between the two. There is a distinction between the two.

Why did Jesus invite that man into paradise? Or let's put it this way first of all ... Okay, so the thief on the left mocked Jesus. Okay, fine, he's a bad guy, but the thief on the right protected (or testified) that Jesus has no sin. 'We have sin. But this man, who they say is the Messiah, this man has no sin.'

So, it's interesting. How did that thief know that this man had no sin? How did that thief know that Jesus

had no sin? There must have been many who understood the fact of the matter was that Jesus was innocent. So, why were they killing him? He had no sin. And in those few words, he really won Jesus' Heart.



Because as he was already bleeding on the cross, Jesus had at least one man (and remember by this time even the disciples had denied him, denied knowing him out of fear of losing their own life ... So, Jesus had to go the way of the cross, and there was no other way open for him.

But there was one man, a thief, who recognized him, and honored and protected him with those few words. And Jesus was moved by those words and promised him that after they die, they would find each other in paradise. It's interesting to me that they would be the first two men in paradise.

So, paradise is a realm of the spirit world, a beautiful realm of the spirit world. But it's not the highest realm. It's not Heaven. And that's what Mother is expressing here. Jesus told him you will be with me in paradise. Jesus did not refer to the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus had referred before to the Kingdom of Heaven. But he didn't mention it here, he mentioned Paradise. And he also said that he would return.

So, what this means is that there were conditions that were not yet met to enter Heaven. Even Jesus couldn't enter Heaven. Do you know why? We're going to be getting to that.

"Jesus", Mother said, 'who lost everything had no choice but to go to the cross. The 2,000-year history began with the waiting for Christ to come again. Isn't that interesting? right?

So, here you have Jesus being Born after 4,000 years. And he matured to the realm of being a True Son. And because of that, he could establish for the first time in human history the standard of an Only Begotten Son, which is simply The First Son.

He did what was God's Original Idea, the Blueprint to become a True Son, and then he would marry and become the True Parents, right? So, he did what Adam failed to do. Adam didn't get that far, but Jesus did.

And although Mary played some role, and some of these characters played some role in establishing Jesus' Birth, Mother repeatedly says that after the 4,000-year history of Israel, through indemnity preparing the foundation for TPs to exist finally ... for Jesus to be Born, his own family did not understand who he was.

These are the main characters among the people of Israel, these are the first characters (Elizabeth, Zachariah, Joseph, Mary, John The Baptist) that failed to understand who Jesus was. And that's why Jesus had to go to the cross.

Jesus did his responsibility, but that was it. He would go the way of the cross. And Mother's saying, 'Because he lost everything (of conditional foundation), he went the way of the cross and Christianity began ... this 2,000-year period waiting for Christ to come again, waiting for Christ to come again.

This was the story of Jesus' Birth. This was the story of God's Second Attempt, God's Second Attempt to Establish the Foundation for True Parents. It was lost the First Time at the time of Adam and Eve, but

here again sadly, after 4,000 years.

Yes, Jesus was Born, but that's not all that God had Planned. And so, True Parents didn't emerge at that time. You can see. True Parents didn't emerge at that time. A New Adam and Eve didn't emerge at that time. A Foundation of Restoring all the world's problems was not completed. If it was completed, Jesus wouldn't have spoken about coming again.

Jesus wouldn't have mentioned The Marriage Supper of The Lamb. Jesus wouldn't have mentioned The Son of Man Returning, right? He wouldn't have mentioned the Second Coming.

So, I think at this point, before we finish this Session, it's important to understand that, as Christians, we have had such an amazing experience over the last 2,000 years. I mean, the world has changed, thanks to Jesus, thanks to the Teachings that he left us, but especially thanks to the incredible offering that he made of giving his Life in exchange for our sins, such that if we believe in him and unite with him, we can be 'saved' ... We can be elevated to quite some degree.

This has is a reality. This has been our experience. This has been our subjective experience as Christians for 2,000 years. And yes, we did a lot of things wrong, and we're going to touch on those things. We've gotten things plenty wrong and we continue to get things wrong, but the foundation of Christianity that stands on the previous foundation of 4,000 years, this Judeo/Christian Foundation, which is really a central work to be studying if you want to know what is the Work that God has been doing to restore humanity.

And amazing work has occurred through Christianity. It's not the only religion that God's been working through, of course. But this central role with a

Figure Head of God's Son, God's Only Begotten Son, God's Son in whom God is well pleased, having achieved maturity. It's incredible.

But Mother reminds us that he (Jesus) lost everything and was sent the way of the cross. And that's when a new era was born centering on Christianity, which we're going to take a look at next.

So, the Old Testament came to an end and the New Testament would begin. So, we're going to get to that next. In the meantime, just reflect on looking at the stories you understand of Jesus' Life, with a new light. What would have happened if he didn't have to go to the cross, if he didn't have to die so young.

What would have happened if Mary and Joseph and his family members understood him, even when he was off as a kid, teaching in the Temple. What other stories that we don't read in the Bible, but surely other things that must have occurred in his young life.

And just from these few stories we can see those indicators that Mary did not know who he was. So, yes, we acknowledge and honor Mary for giving Birth to Jesus, but Mother is pulling out this Truth, this Revelation that the fact of the matter is that she didn't understand Jesus' Essence and Mission and neither did Joseph, Zachariah, Elizabeth, John the Baptist or the other key Israelites at the time, even the disciples. They only knew so much.

And even as he goes the way of the cross, their faith was limited to following him only to that point. And one wonders if they really felt that the purpose of his ministry was to die on the cross. Then why didn't they die with him? Many lesser people who never got a chance to meet Jesus died in the Name of Jesus for hundreds of years after that.

Many people in the Name of Jesus, in the Name of Christianity had been willing to offer their lives a thousand times to not deny Jesus. Then why did those living disciples who knew on a skin-touch basis, knew him, why did they not go to the cross with him, I ask? If that was the purpose of his ministry, then why didn't they join him there, joyfully?

Please be new people. Mother wants us to be new people in this Era. We're being invited to offer our prayer in the Cheon Won Gung as new people, as newly Blessed families, as new Family members, as sons and daughters of God.

And, hey, our understandings until now have gotten us to this point. So if you think you know everything already, then fine. But Mothe is the only Person I know praying for 8 billion people and taking responsibility for 8 billion people.

And the reason I unite with Her and follow Her is, apart from my own experiences with Her even having tea in the same room with Her, I can see from a thousand miles away that this is an incredible Woman that as a Living True Parents has a Vision of bringing all of humanity back as one Family Under God.

Other people might have that in their mission statement in some sense, but I don't see anyone else taking responsibility like Her and embracing everybody like Her and working across every divide like Her, and committing every living minute of Life like Her to realizing it. But She needs us.

She needs us to understand this new Truth and She needs us to stand with Her in this new Truth and take responsibility in our own lives. So, wherever you are, wherever any of us are in our own understanding, we have to accept that our understanding has gotten us this far.

So, if we think we've learned everything we need, then fine. Good luck. But we need to be people ... I want to be the kind of person who remains continuously curious about what it is that God wants to put on my heart today. So, I really ask that you pray about it and invite God into your heart to ask what the Living God is really speaking to you, wanting to speak to you in your heart, my heart?

The old wine and the old wineskin that carried the old wine that helped me survive through the wilderness until this time, that helped me walk through the dusty wilderness desert course until this time, it quenched my thirst until this time. So fine, is that it though? Or is there more for me to learn? Is there more for me to do?

Is there more for us to solve on this planet? Surely there is. And there's no way for us to do it, unless we're centered on God. And surely that God must be the God of everyone, the God of every man, woman and child, the God of every faith.

That's the God I believe in, that's the God I serve and that's the God I feel. And that's the God I see True Mother Guiding us to. And that's the God that Mother has invited back Home for us to attend in Person and in Substance.

We are in a New Era, and we should therefore frame the old wine skin that kept us alive until now, and keep what's left of our old wine and wineskin and maybe frame it. Because while it may not serve us in the future, it's a memory perhaps of what kept us alive in the past. So we can mount it in a frame and put in our museum.

But honestly, there's so much of human history, there's so much of the past that carries the echo of suffering, the echo of mistake, the echoes of Ungodly choices, Ungodly words, Ungodly thoughts and practices that have no place in CIG, that have no place in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in Heaven, and that have no place at God's Table.

And God is setting a table for us, setting a banquet for us and longing for us to join Him there. And so, while we may frame those things that kept us alive such that we can keep it as a keepsake in our museum, that which will keep us alive today and into the future is different. I tell you, it's true for me. It's true for my family. It's true for the people I live and work with. And it's a beautiful thing.

Think of it this way, and I may say this again ... Every God experience that I've had, every realization that I've had, every revelation that I've received, every Word of God that has entered into a deeper realm of my heart than it did yesterday, every Godly experience that I've had was preceded by a certain sense of surrender.

It was preceded by a certain sense of letting go that which I know, letting go of something for a moment even. You know what I mean? I'm sure you've had this kind of experience too. Every stage of growth, every moment of new awakening, for me at least was preceded by some kind of surrender or letting go 'allowing' ... some kind of allowing.

And we know that the teachings of the past are precious because they brought us into a closer relationship with God, our understanding of the past brought us into a closer relationship with God. We became better people because of it. We don't want to forget those things. But those things need to be given a new perspective. We need to see them in fresh light. So, we need to just let them down for a moment, surrender for a moment, such that God can pour new wine, that we can taste new wine. So that God can give us new revelation, new awareness, new awakening.

You know, it's not enough to just watch the video or read the book or believe in it or sign membership or post your little diatribe on FB or social media about what you believe. That's all fine. But none of us are here to prove anything to anyone else.

We're here to have a real experience. And in my experience, real growth and real experience with God isn't just from clutching onto something I believe. It's an ever evolving, ever awakening growth. And before every step, I have to surrender ... And there's a little bit of a struggle.

With each step one foot has to let go and rise up, and the other put has to struggle if just for a moment ... a little bit more ... carry the extra weight of the moment. There's a little bit of struggle. There's a little bit of

letting go. And my higher foot presses down and shares the weight to pull up the other part of me.

It's a process. It's a process. And I believe every human being, no matter what pathway of faith has led you to this moment, you are being invited by God to honor the victory of the foundation that you stand on, the victory of whatever path of faith and understanding that has brought you to this point. But you are being invited to surrender now, if but for a moment to receive anew, to be awakened anew, to be born anew.

That's my experience. It's what Mother is asking me to tell you, but it's also my experience. It's really my experience. And it's not like something that happened and now it's done. In my journey with Mother as I've deepened my understanding of what's She's revealing, I really ... so much has changed in my life, my relationship with my wife and my relationship with my children and others.

Some of you I don't know ... some of you who know me may see some differences ... and yet I'm still the same person. I am a bit of a goof ball, sometimes really intense and serious ... but ... Some see me as just a 'rah, rah guy', right? just towing the party line or something like that. I've even once been accused of sounding like a used car salesman ... (he smiles) ... Okay, I get it.

I'm definitely inspired to try to share with you what I feel God doing through Mother at this time. And I do find that a sense that I have of things is very deep and accurate. So, what I'm doing here is pulling in Mother's Words ... You could take any Speech and do the same thing, right? ... but I've pulled a few Speeches and experiences and Scripture, just to ... put it all in the same trajectory ... the same narrative that Mother usually shares ... whether it's a five minute message or a twenty minute message ...

An I'm seeking to convey this to you in a way that's really sincere and honest. And because I know this may be a very wide audience of viewership, I'm also trying to touch on the various stages where people are at, yet the truth is that it really doesn't matter.

Whether you're a non-believer, whether you're a Muslim or a Catholic, Christian of any denomination, and there are many, whether you're a Unificationist, whether you're in the Old Testament Age, New Testament Age or the Completed Testament Age of thinking, or even pre-Old Testament Age ... We have some of those too ... Wherever you're at, you're being invited to step into the CIG Era, which really has no relationship with any of those Ages ...

We can put all the old things in a museum and honor it as the history we stand on, but we're being asked to do something new. And I'm into that. I want to do something new. I'm honestly, by nature, not really a conformist-type person or a really serious religious-practice type person, or much less a just leader-type person, I thought. But somehow, I find myself in this relationship with God and in this relationship with Mother.

And I introduce myself in the first video as the Regional President of Family Federation in America. That's not really my identity though. My identity is that I'm Mother's son. I'm Mother's son, I'm God's son. I'm really, truly grateful to God and to every saint and sage that has sacrificed to make the world a better place over the course of human history.

So grateful to Jesus, so grateful to True Father. And here we have True Mother still with us leading the way. And I really just feel like a son. And I'd be doing this kind of thing one way or the other regardless of my public role.

Public roles are just temporary. They just come and go. But what I'm sharing with you is timeless. And yet, I'm sure if we speak again in a year or ten, it will become even better or deeper. But in the meantime, let's catch up.

Let's catch up with where Mother is at. She's guiding us into a New Era that's exciting and that's why we're going through the past. And we're going to look at 'What did God do Next?' What did God do next after sending Jesus, after we had to send Jesus to the cross, what did God do next?

The Old Testament is done and now a New Testament is beginning. This is language True Parents use to describe the religious formation of restoration over the course of history ... And it might not mean something to some of you, but it's language that we're using. And so, until the next one, have a fantastic time. God Bless you and peace ...