

True Mother and the victorious Peace Starts With Me Clergy Rally in New Jersey

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I was going to speak for a couple of hours, but then I heard about pizza. He thinks I'm joking. He still thinks I'm joking. All right, no I am joking. Thank you. That's the main point I want to say. Just, thank you. Thank you, not just from me, but really from me. To many of you, I'm your younger brother, and we're all still learning. I know I am. [inaudible] hit on that point. It's so funny, I remember not entirely understanding... Awhile back, I couldn't quite reconcile completely when Dr. Kim would say things like, all that matters is if Mother's happy.

Right? I know many of our elders know that for years they can understand that, but I couldn't entirely reconcile it because I have in mind this... I know also how important it is to welcome and to relate to, and to be embracing to the other 7.6 billion people because True Parents care about those people. If we only worry about making True Parents happy, how can we make 7.6 billion people happy? You can't actually separate the two, and neither can you focus on 7.6 billion different needs, but Father and Mother hold 7.6, and growing, hearts in their heart.

Another thing that occurs to me to share is that sometimes we get confused about what it means for True Parents to be happy.

How we interpret Mother's smile, or Mother's tear, Mother's word and Father's smile, tear, or word. We know in theory that they love God, and we definitely, we wouldn't be here if we didn't know that, at least in theory. I'm sure many of you have a deeper experience than just theory, but it's easy to appreciate that they love God. At least I can speak for myself, because I only dip in and out at best, have a relational resonance with God consciously, it's easy for me to look through eyes that fail to capture the full spectrum of what True Parents must be going through. In other words, I'm convinced that there isn't a moment, there isn't one breath that they experience without thinking about God, not just conceptually, but resonating with God, feeling God.

Yeah, we know it from the principle, but if we don't know in our experience, then it's easy to forget to interpret, at least to make space or imagine what it might be like. For Mother to dry her tears, we know from reading her words that she holds back from conveying the heart of God. Father and Mother frequently, maybe every day, maybe every second actually, had to hold back from conveying what it was they knew with every heartbeat because it would be uncontrollable. Kleenex hasn't invented... Bounty hasn't invented a material absorbent enough to capture the waterfall that would ensue. Mother speaks of her bone marrow melting, if she were to fully go there. I just wanted to share that because I think that... and then this morning...

It's weird standing up in a room full of distinguished leaders who don't need to be lectured or updated on

where we're at in the Providence. If anything, they've all got a lot more to teach us, certainly me, but I wanted to share my words today about Mother, to Mother within the context of the 6000 years that she was tearing up about in her speech yesterday, and just to remind us, how precious the time that we are in, and how significant her existence is. When I say thank you, I really say thank you for everything that you contributed. In a week, there might be only a day that you contributed. In your heart, you might feel that, or you might feel you're seven days a week. In a week, there may be a minute or an hour, there may have only been one thought that you contributed, but it is my prayer that each one of those gems...

We know we can go on forever about how we're not worthy and how we're not enough, and that's clear, but how about putting together all those gems that each of us can muster? You'll hear it from year to year in the testimonies. As America continues to rise. You'll hear it. "Last year I thought this, but this year I experienced this." Last year, it may have only been a day a week, and this year, it was three days a week. I remember Madison Square Garden, the youth. We have to continue to refer to them as the youth. Don't worry, you're human beings. We recognize.



The youth were asked to put on a performance and learn to dance that was created in Japan, to a song that was Korean. It's all very beautiful, and it became very trendy to complain about this dance that we've got to learn. And we've got to show up, and we've got to come to [inaudible] They showed up. They came every time and then the youth leadership team would create other opportunities for the youth to get more value out of their mobilization than just being young people to fill seats, which is often what young people feel they're being called to do. My challenge to them was that they reflect more deeply because if that's how it feels, that you're being called to just show up because you're young, then you're not understanding something. It's not because the elders shouldn't be calling you to show up. It's because there's missing education, and deeper than education is transformational experience that they needed.

I've seen the biggest missing opportunity, or the biggest untapped opportunity of our movement is to tap into the God willed and God prepared and God longed for relationship between us and our Christian foundation. It's not something to be experienced as a museum piece. Madison Square Garden even, even still [inaudible] in terms of our experience here on the East Coast, but also all around the country. I've watched our own numbers, first and second gen alone alike, transition from looking at Christianity, and the experience with our Christian brothers and sisters like a museum piece like "Oh, we know that it's something important and so let's talk about it, or let's have a testimony from a Christian [inaudible]."

We talk about it, but part of the magic of showing up is you become one. You become one, and don't forget, they become one. They become one and you become one with a new one, with a new experience. If that isn't Cheon Il Guk, I don't know what is, where two become one. We find that in order to move the heart of anyone else, let alone a religious figure who is responsible for the spiritual lives of their flock, let alone a Christian religious figure who will be challenged more than any other religious figure, to unite with True Parents because of the providential forecast, you realize that in order to become one with them, it starts with you. It starts with you becoming humble. It starts with you showing up. It starts with you listening, it starts with you being grateful for what they're doing.

The same in my prayer [inaudible], is that instead of thinking about Christianity in decline, which the stats will show, we instead think of every Sunday, every Wednesday, Saturday. I can't get to my house sometimes because the Catholic Church down the street is chock a block full of cars and it causes block in the driveway. It's easy to complain about, "These guys are around," and get a bigger parking lot. "They're

Catholic," or... Isn't it great that in America we have so many people willing to pray, willing to sing, willing to worship? While we may know that they do not understand what you feel you understand, they might think the same thing, but can we not? In a similar heart with which you referenced part of my message this morning to Mother, can we not? Will we ask God? Can you? Can we together ask God, ask True Parents to receive their offering also?

It's God's foundation after all, isn't it, Tom? [That's right.]

Can we not... I'm not going to shy away from referencing significant historical turning points, such as 2000 years ago when the people who were prepared chose not to be a part of Jesus's victory. That's one way of putting it.

Right? I don't think of the foundation of Judaism as lost in that sense because we think of a Judeo-Christian foundation now. I don't know if Jews think about a Judeo-Christian Foundation. I'm pretty sure they don't.

I feel like it's our responsibility as Unificationist to think of a Judeo-Christian Unificationist foundation. You know what I mean? I think if what would have happened 2000 years ago, if the followers of Christ did more, tried more, beckoned more, willed more, humbled themselves more to retain the inheritance or to at least be friends with their forefathers in the faith. Why I ask that is because I've looked at us as a people, I've looked at the unification movement as a people and I've analyzed, not really academically, but I've analyzed quite intuitively and also relationally, a lot of the roots that give rise to our culture in the American church, and also the culture that we have and the relationship that we have with Christianity in our church.

Everybody has their own interpretation, experience and understanding, and I won't go into my interpretation, but clearly the church I joined wasn't a church that was encouraging, let's say. Referencing Jesus or going to visit churches, that was just through the ACLC outfits job, if anything, and that's only been for the last 20 years. We're not Christian, right? We're not thinking in those terms. We're propagating a division, but you'd be hard... You'd be really struggling to find our faith not rooted in Christianity, and if you study Father's prayers all the way up until his wedding, it was all in Christ's name, in the Lord's name, Jesus' name, amen.

On the day of the wedding, it turned to in True Parents' name, amen.

You see the prayer, the... You can study just the ending of the prayer, marks the progress of the Providence. The way I like to think of it is amen, is really let it be done. Aju is we will do it.

We make sure it's done. This is one of the biggest opportunities I see for our movement, and not just limited to Christianity, but I have to say that I am quite impressed with Mother's confidence to accentuate Christianity as a central, and that is the principle. We have many organizations, UTS, our own church, we proclaim to be interfaith, and we are, but we sometimes wash away the distinctions that are necessary to adhere to actually what God's trying to do. If we make interfaith too soon, then we just have different faiths with lots of different Christian denominations mixed in without necessarily becoming one among themselves. If we really asked what must have been the heart of Mohammed to feel the need, and to be called by God to raise up a new chosen people, and new religious people chosen to bring their flock to God's table, we understand that in fact a lot of... seeing the breakdown of the relationship... [inaudible], and not getting along, and actually not even really getting along amongst themselves.

Who in their right mind, who feels called by God would not be chosen to erect another opportunity for people to find God where other ... did not help? The prophets rise and religious groups rise. The Father prophesied the final religion will be the one that focused on the family.

One way I know how we are in the last day because God and Satan have two different characteristics. Satan takes what's best, first, for himself. God leaves what's best last for the sake of others. Satan took God's womb, took God's daughter, took the possibility away for God to be able to multiply his lineage. First, he took what was most beautiful first. The last thing created, the most coveted thing created, and the only thing we were told not to touch, he took first, but God waited and waited, and waited until finally he could deliver Mother through the womb through which each of us have been reborn.

We literally allow our lives, first, second, third gen in line, we owe our lives to True Parents, and with our True Mother, and think of no other had gone before her to pave the road. No other had gone through the forest through, the thicket, with the machete to clear the path. Not even Father could go ahead of her path. Her path is not Father's path. Her path is Mother's path, and the path she was chosen and called to beat down was the one that could erect the standard of a true Daughter, God's first Daughter, the only begotten Daughter, for the very first time with no predecessor. Think about it. I don't know if we can compare messianic roles, but I've often considered that that role may have been more difficult than Jesus's role, even the Father's role, because it was the most coveted thing. It was the first thing that was broken,

and it was God's last incredible victory to find, to raise, to proclaim and to protect True Mother.

That's why I know that True Father is the greatest man that ever lived because he found her. He protected her and he loved her. While he stood on this stage entertaining us with God's word, you were riveted on him, weren't you?

How many of those hours and hours of listening to Father were your eyes looking at Mother? Now anybody do magic tricks here? When you do a magic trick, the way you hide the thing that's... the secret is by keeping everybody focused on something as you keep the eyes focused somewhere else.



I don't want to blaspheme, but when I consider through the perspective of the greatness of Mother, when I just... and you think about how Mother is just speaking about her course, her birth, what God has... We'd think of it more of as an adjunct to Father's course, but she's been educating us about, no, there's equally prepared and unique course,[inaudible].

When you think about what God had to do in order to protect her, and here I was thinking I'd just be five minutes, what God had to do to protect her, could it not possibly have been that the charismatic Second Coming, the charismatic Reverend Moon, the charismatic True Father was, in fact, God's sleight of hand while all the while protecting the very place that depended upon your life. Your life depended on that womb, that sister. It'll bring a tear to your eyes if you think of Mother as a 9-year-old. Think of her as a nine-year-old, or an eight-year-old, or a 10-year-old, when she was growing and learning, and recognizing in her own heart that she had a calling that was something to do with totally dedicated to God for all of her life.

Then she recognized at a young age and accepted the marriage, the wedding with Father. She mentions it as a young girl, it's not 17-year-old girls, 16-year-old girls are not running around looking for 40-year-old guys. She was not looking for guys anyway, let alone 40-year-old guys.

Then the minute she was married to Father, oh boy, did she have some price to pay with all the sisters that thought they were in on that game. Father told Mother that 80-year-old sisters and plus, grandma's that thought they ... would be... Well, how can that be? It's only because we misunderstood what the messiah is. Yes, my wife had to be explained... The first time my wife was on a plane to go and meet Father, and a sister with her had to say, "Look, don't expect to see a bedsheet and then sandals, okay?" She laughed because she realized subconsciously, that's what she was expecting to see. We don't know what we're waiting for. That was the problem 2000 years ago. It can be the problem today. Even our own members, even our own precious members who knew True Father, loved True Father, or they sacrificed their entire life for True Father couldn't understand all of the decisions he made, including when and why he got married to who he got married to.

We're still trying to figure out who Mother is. Well, I say, Mother is only the only begotten Daughter, which if you think about it, means that her very existence and maturity, not just physical existence, but spiritual maturity and fulfillment of responsibility is what ultimately seals the deal on the only begotten thing, but it's that that allows God to be a heavenly parent, for without the womb to reproduce, without the Father and Mother to reproduce, how can God claim parenthood over his children? Imagine that. Father's got you here, and Mother is just sitting...

Now, you can tell me how tough it is to sit on the carpet for 14 hours or so... but how about sitting on stage? Remaining poised? Not distracting, but supporting. I'm just amazed by Mother. I'm really amazed by Mother.

I'm amazed by her leadership. With it, I look at all my sisters, and the mothers, and the daughters, I just feel, sisters, you guys are blossoming. You're beautiful and your time has come. Your time has come because God has made it so that you can lead and I can [inaudible] Yesterday, the YCLC [inaudible] inauguration, she said, "You know, I look at the leaders and I sometimes try and compare myself to what they do," and you know what she's actually referring to is male leaders, okay? She said something beautiful. She said, "But I realized that I don't need to lead in that way actually. I'm a woman, so yeah, it's going to come out different. The way I express will come out of different. The things I'm concerned about a different." Of course, you can see it between Father and Mother clearly. It's like the women have been given permission to be who God has destined you to be. It is your time to shine and lead. Don't lead according to what the guy thinks you need to lead. Yeah?

According to God. God is now the heavenly parent, both male and female, and expressed through our True Parents, and now we know what we're doing. Thank God, thank True Parents, and thank all of you seriously for hanging on. I think in my letter, I expressed how this is like Back to the Future. Anybody seen Back to the Future?

You go back and just like, if you could change one thing. Well, if you could go back and change one thing in the Providence, you'd go all the way back to the Garden of Eden, so let's not go there. If you could go back just more recently, say... in our lifetime, in most of our lifetime, any of our lifetime, you might say, well, you wish that those who are prepared to receive True Father could have done so.

But I say, and I stand by what I say, that we are in that time. It's like we've come full circle. God's created this little time loop, where he's created you guys, blessed central families, tribal messiahs who have established enough condition united with True Parents to go through a time warp and give Christianity a second chance. That's what you get when you get a twofer. You got a twofer messiah. Now, we go and messiahs came early in the male form, and one at a time, but it turns out, they come as a pair. Just when everybody was crying and mourning over Father's passing, wondering what would happen, I'm telling you.

Let me just share very briefly what I actually wanted to say. I didn't prepare any of that. That was just what you asked me to share because I speak to your spirit.

First of all, just very quickly, it was interesting because, like I had mentioned in my letter about a week before the rally, international headquarters informed us that Mother would like to change the program. Now, just so you know, a two-hour show has about, I don't know, maybe like 300, 400 different moves, and each move has maybe 10 to 100 different people that are connected to it. There's a cue sheet with every second. Every second, every minute is allocated, what's happening on stage, what's happening backstage, what's happening with sound, with light, with video, what's the key? Everything organized. When you just go in there and go, "Let's do that and let's do that," it's like, 1000 people are connected to all of those decisions, and in a very short amount of time, you've got to change stuff.

It was interesting because Mother said, "I'm going to take out the blessing," because we were going to have a blessing, and we haven't yet done a stadium blessing, if you think about it, so this was going to be a new thing. We haven't done one in a while since Father... Mother said, "Take out the blessing. Instead, we're going to launch the World Clergy Leadership Conference on the 28th." We thought we were going to launch it on the 27th, but she said, "No, that's what I'm coming here to do it. We're going to do that in front of the world."

Now, I'll tell you the long story some other time, but we frantically... okay. Tell those 500 people that what they were preparing for, they don't need to worry about. Then we had to organize another team to get this World Clergy Conference. "How are we going to do this? How does it work? You're working with international headquarters?" "Don't worry. It'll be fine. We'll talk about it when we get there," which basically burns our window of rebuild time down to like a 36-hour time period. Dr. Myung, four people from the international headquarters, we had meeting. It was a great meeting, and we had prepared what we thought would work. They changed it a little bit more, but to get 40 clergy to line up on stage, to show up on time, and to line up on their spike, and to not argue about who gets to stand where, and to stay quiet... and just to stand there look pretty, like Mother's been practicing for decades, if you can do that, if you can get 40 clergy to unite and do that, then you can restore the world.

I asked some of the youth last night, what was their highlight of the show? A majority told me that that was the highlight of the show, the part that in fact many of us were worried, "Some people might not understand this. This is turning into a religious ceremony of some kind." They thought worship service with a keynote and a lot of great music, right? Some people come thinking like that. Will they stay in their seats? Will they be patient? Will they be attentive? Will they watch? I've got a lot of reports of people

saying saw spirit world. They saw Father. Somebody said they saw Bo Hi Pak behind me. That was interesting, but especially people were really impressed with the three gong hits.

Now, the production team was most concerned about that one. We're going to do a gong and then a cake cut. If you liked the cake... The cake, it was not as big as our usual cake, but you wouldn't know that that cake was not a real cake. It was actually some kind of a foam cake with whipped cream. I'm being told to go. Okay, with whipped cream. I was worried about when Mother would strike with the knife, it would go... Oh man, but had to fight for that cake because you're talking to people that don't do... "We need a cake." No, the first thing was, we need to do the Proclamation. Okay, we'll do the Proclamation. Well no, we don't just bring the Proclamation. We've got to carry the Proclamation, and we've got to stand there and do a pledge. A pledge? How long is it? Three minutes. And then we go to [inaudible] and then she's got to touch it.



Okay, she touches it fine, and then you got to put it on the thing. Okay, then we got to put it on the thing. "Okay, then we'll be done?" "No, that's... No. Then we're going to do a medal ceremony, and that's..." "Okay, a medal ceremony. Okay, that's going to take... Okay, how many people?? "13 people." "Can we do...? Okay, so 13 people." It's not just a medal, it's a plaque. "Okay, so who's going to carry that?" "Well, you need a trolley." "We need a trolley and train." "You need two [inaudible] "Mother will decide." "Okay, and then it's done?" "No. Then, we go to take the photo [inaudible] ... take the photo." "Okay, then it's done?"

"No. Then we did a gong [inaudible]" "Where do we get a gong?" "I don't know. We've got to make one. We've got to make the frame, and we're going to [inaudible]" "Who's going to bring the gong?" "I don't know. Your people can bring on the gong. They're dressed nice, but that's too heavy. It's going to be a [inaudible]." "I was going to... okay. What side of the stage? When are we going to...?" "Okay, move the flowers over here so we'll set that up on the side, so it'll distract everybody, slight of hand with the flowers. Aren't the kids cute?" "Yes." Meanwhile, we're bringing all this stuff onto the stage, up a little spindly staircase. It's not over with the gong, and the cake. "There's a cake, too?" "Yeah, there's a cake."

There's no space left on this stage, right? We have the cake. We can't have a cake. Then we finally get all this, understand about the ... "[inaudible] and remember the candles." Now, they're pulling their hair out. Because they're you need candles. You need a permit two weeks ahead to light one flame in the stadium, a fire hazard. We can't have any candle [inaudible]. Somehow, they ended up finally allowing that one little flame, those two tiny little candles. Okay, they take the candle, "Cut the candle and then we'll go," and then it's like, well, okay, cut the cake. Light the candle, all right, blow the candle. ... "Okay, then we can go?"

"No. Then we have to do a gift." "A gift? What gift? Who's going to bring the gift?" "I don't know who's going to bring the gift. We need Christianity to bring the gift." "Well, who's going to represent Christianity? Who's going to be this?" "No, John's going to..." "No, John's got to catch a flight." "Is he going to be able to make the time?" "We don't know." I mean, five minutes before, John said, "I've got to go. I'm not going to..." ... "Okay, who's got [inaudible]?" "You've got to go in," and it's like [inaudible], okay? Getting 40 ministers to comply, getting the Curtis Farrow and Simon, and Prudential Center, which by the way, they look at the entire cue sheet and they vet every single person that's getting up on stage.

They research everybody before you're allowed up there because their brand is at stake. It's their stadium.

It's not our stadium. I would like to build our own stadium. Anyway, these guys are awesome because you're bringing in... and then, who's emceeding? When I was up there, I've got to pull all these different parts of the universe to make it make sense for everyone as much as possible at the same time. But I was clear that this was the most important part of... even more than the speech. Sealing the deal, signing the word. That's the end of not just the seven-year Mother's course. This is really the completion of all the work that Father and Mother have been doing with you guys for decades. I really hope you understand that.

This is the family foundation at stake. That is what we were asked to do, and it wasn't just an American event. What was required was worldwide Christianity, so that's why you had American and worldwide Christianity. Don't worry, I'm coming to a close. I just want to share a couple of tidbits this morning. This morning, I don't know if you remember, I shared one time that we had lunch with Mother and she was having steak. It was the 39th [inaudible] for the New York in the sky lounge, and it's this long table. She's at the end of the table, and she's cutting into a steak. She says, "Can I have some horseradish?" It takes about 10 minutes for the horseradish to come from the kitchen, which is all the way down... all the way up. These guys come up with a horseradish. Now, anybody eat horseradish? You know what horseradish is?



It's like British wasabi. In a way, that's basically what it is. Right? It's white. It's a condiment, it's a sauce, right? And so this guy... You only need a little tray of it. I mean, this stuff is hot. This guy comes up with like two juggernauts. He brought up two portions of soup, and he put it right next to Mother, and Mother just cracked up laughing. Why? Because nobody else at the table, apart from myself and maybe one other slightly sophisticated person I wouldn't want to say, knew what it was. Right? Even Dr. Kim was right there. "What's horseradish?" He didn't know what it was. There was this little give and take between Father and, between Mother and Dr. Kim about what horseradish is. Now, Mother's like laughing, then pouring horseradish onto her plate. Anyway, there's a little bit of a backstory about horseradish. That's my point.

This morning, at the victory celebration, we had steak. I know that's the first thing you will want to wake up and eat. When you wake up at 4:30 to go to breakfast and you get the steak. Getting steak with a messiah. That's how you roll, [Kaneesha inaudible]. We're sitting there. I was lucky enough to be able to sit at the head table, which I won't go into it, but that's a whole universe and a whole thing.

Some of you might think that's not where you would want to sit, right? It was beautiful though, sitting with Mother, and by the way, she reached for my glass first when it was the victory toast. That was you guys, because you guys. Just saying, I love you guys. I love America. America first. America first in giving, America first in sacrifice. Where's the cheers now? Alright, just to conclude... what was my confusion? Yeah. Actually, I have a little more to say, but [crosstalk] About my horseradish story, and so I'm sitting at the breakfast table this morning and we're all chopping into our steak. Usually Dr. Kim is the one that breaks, if we call it ice. It's like, how do you do this, right, just sitting at the table with a messiah. I was trained [inaudible]. I've gone through all this before.

Yeah, this is something one does every day. Who's going to say what to do? What if she asks me to do something I'm not ready to do? You have two children. I noticed this little tray next to the Mother's plate, and she's dipping her steak into the thing. I leaned over, because Dr. Kim's right here, and so I lean over and say, "Dr. Kim, I didn't know..." Look, God told me, "Ask her. Go on, ask her what's in it? Ask her

what's in it. What you got to lose?" Your work is it protocol?" "I don't know. Does one... let me check her. Does one ask unsolicited questions? Are they permitted? Are they permitted at the head table regarding the culinary... Unsolicited culinary questions, permitted or not?" "Don't know. Check." And Tom can you text her."

All right, so... But I leaned into Dr. Kim a little bit, and I said quietly, "Dr. Kim, what's in Mother's little dish?" Would you ask that? [crosstalk] No one is every... I just know you're very bold. Remember, half my youth, I was raised in Europe. We're reserved. We're cautious. Sorry, but I learned how to throw my words into the wind and my head into the wind, thanks to the America. I'm bold, and I said, "Dr. Kim, what's in the..." This is my final point, if you're worried about the pizza, getting cold, which maybe that already happened. Maybe that ship sailed. Anyway -



No. Okay, so I lean into Dr. Kim. Okay, I'm there, right. It's a little white dish. You want to be [inaudible] There is a beautiful flower arrangement in the middle. There's gold serviettes. It's like you're in the Royal table, and the Mother's there looking beautiful in pink. She's got some dark dress with a bright pink floral [inaudible]. Yeah, and her hair's done a little differently, yeah, a little longer. It's beautiful. She's got beautiful [inaudible] maybe green. [inaudible] ... in wiping this case. I'm sitting there. Dr. Rouse is there. It was funny. I'm live, right? Dr. Jenkins is... anyway, that's later, another time. Dr. Rouse is whispering other things into my ear. Dr. Jenkins... anyway, it's fine. Back behind the scenes. You buy the book. "Dr. [inaudible] what's Mother... what's that [inaudible]?" Before he could even translate, Mother didn't... I believe, and this is immediate. I knew it like that. Mother wasn't listening to my English.

She knew, and she was waiting to see if I would ask. Because when I leaned in and I looked, and I asked, she smiled and she said, before I finished, "Horseradish." Not just horseradish. She picked it up with a smile and gave it over to me. Isn't that beautiful? Being served horseradish by Mother.

You think that's great, right, but now you have another predicament. What do I do? Do I accept it? Is this is a [inaudible] Is this an Asian thing. [crosstalk] That might be what we do in Japan, but that's not how they roll in Korea. Man, when you offer someone something Korea, they'll take the whole thing and share it with others. That's a very different spirit than, well, no, it's okay. Right? You've got to... but sometimes there's a time... so I think, do I take it? Now what do I do? What am I going to do, dip my steak in where she dipped her steak? I had all these other things going on now. She's still smiling and I know she's still watching. What do I do? I know. I'll take some out and put on my plate. That's a refined thing to do. There's no spoon. Well, my finger. That's how we roll in Chinatown, but so, I'm like, okay, I'll use a utensil, but both my knife and fork are already used.

What'd I get? I used the knife. It was the least used of the two. Hadn't been in my mouth at least. I take some, I put it on there and then I'm like, okay, should I pass it around the table? Yeah, okay, I'll give it to Dr. Rouse, right, representing Christianity. [crosstalk] Dr. Rouse is like, "No, it's okay." I guess, he's not actually allowed to eat steak anyway. He's not supposed to be eating steak, just FYI. He's not allowed to eat steak, but Mother keeps making him eat steak, including the time in Las Vegas when she literally cut half her steak and dolloped it on his plate, and he ate it. Somehow, he didn't get sick. The spirit covered that, but I did... so I pass it back to Dr. Kim, and then Dr. Kim takes some because he's still learning about horseradish.

This is our horseradish testimony, and I find that many times brothers and sisters like to hear those little

detailed anecdotes, right?

I won't bother telling you about the very private secret lunch meeting we had the day before, and what she said because we don't have time. Sorry. Leadership says, including my wife... I got to get to Clifton. I still got to go Clifton. You think I'm doing this on purpose, right, to just hear people say, "Don't stop, don't stop." I know how you're thinking [inaudible]. I know how you're thinking. Besides, this is my house and I've got lunch on the table. Anyway...

I got to... let me do a sermon on it, but we got to figure this out. Mother... [crosstalk]

Yeah, I know, [inaudible]. I know. Wasting time. Apparently, Mother wants to change the world.

She's sitting... I want to go for the details, but I'm not going through the details, right?

No, we don't have time. I got to go to Clifton.

She's sitting down on the couch, and this is like three little children, Meeny, Miny, Moe, sitting on the floor and Mother's there sitting on the couch, cross legged, pillow at the side, Dr. Kim, myself and Dr. Jenkins. This is during the World Clergy Leadership Conference, conference. We literally snuck out for... and we drove up, and we... I didn't know what it was. It could be anything. Every year something changes for me. It's like Tanzania. Curtis Farrow is in Rio de Janeiro right now.

Last night, Curtis Farrow says, "Okay, I'm off." "Where you going?" "Rio de Janeiro." Just like after gospel fest, showing off about it, and I go, "Why didn't you invite me and you?" He said, "You want to come? You can come. You want to come?" I said, "Well, that's not how we celebrate." After a major victory, what we like to do is get it really extra early the next day and put on that last pressed shirt that you probably don't have anyone left because you've been working all week, and you get up real early to go to have a victory celebration, and then you get reassigned somewhere. Then you got to go home and explain something really weird to your kids.

We can [inaudible] Anyway, so that was yesterday, but so I'm sitting there on the floor with Dr. Kim, myself, Dr. Jenkins and Mother's right there, and I'll share more about it later. Mother is going to change the culture, especially about Christmas. She was talking about Christmas. She's saying, "Christmas has become commercialized. We're not really understanding the spirit and purpose of Christmas." She's also said, "Nobody even knows when Jesus was born accurately anyway." Actually, we chose that day because of the, what was it, the winter... [Solstice.] solstice. Was it the Solstice? Why we have a tree is because that was even pre... right, Tom [McDevitt]? [You're right.]

Because with each transition in the Providence, there's some give and take with... It's not like you're wrong. Get out of here. We're going to do it my way. I mean, you're not going to make many friends. We adopted a lot of stuff. Anyway, point is, Mother says nobody understands where we're going about Christmas. We're going to change Christmas. Christmas from now on, will start on God's Day, according to the heavenly calendar, and it will end with True Parents' birthday. We will not just celebrate one day or two days, or three days, but every day in between, which is an entire week.

Because True Parent's birthday is January 6th, and if we throw in our six days of creation, if we throw in a boxing day with a bit of that old English tradition, then you've got seven days. We've got a week. That's where we're going. It's up to you how long you want to take to go there. I've already totally messed up Christmas for my kids. I think it's been five years I've been having to make up a new story every year. Last year, it was like, "Kids, you know what? Nobody really knows when Jesus was born anyway." We celebrated Christmas on December 23, so I could go to Korea. That's been two, three times already.

I realized we've already totally broken the tradition of Christmas in our family. It's like our kids have given up on it, but we should not transition honey. That means we've got a second chance this year because Christmas is still coming, and we're going to bring the foundation of the faith to be established here, hosted in America, but really claimed by the world to the summit in Korea in February, and we're going to bring that substantial foundation for the messiah on a cosmic level. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Because of you, we could do this. Know that. Every prayer, every day, every fast, every church visitation, everything each one of you have done contributed to that. You deserve to share the entire blessing, and let us bring the rest of the world with us. Amen?