

## We were eyewitnesses to True Parents' dedication to the ocean providence

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On Aug 31, 1989, True Parents held a ceremony, Pal Jong Shik, in Kodiak, Alaska. Due to True Parents' victory, we received the grace that we could participate with them. At the end of the ceremony, True Parents posed for pictures with Japanese sisters in groups of three or four at a time.

After my opportunity to go fishing with True Father, he decided that he would take twelve sisters to go fishing with him, one at a time. He held a lottery to pick the twelve. One Sunday morning, we were listening to True Father's speech after Pledge Service. That day, one of those twelve sisters was going out to fishing with True Father. Somehow, I wanted to go fishing again with True Father that morning. I felt bad because I thought I was greedy to want to go again. Then, True Father said, "OK today, Japanese sisters, have a fishing tournament. Go to the river and catch two silver salmon. I will give a prize to the sister who catches two silver salmon and has the biggest one." I thought he knew my heart and let us have a fishing tournament. I was happy.

Fortunately, that day I did not have work, so from the morning I was very enthusiastic about fishing and decided to go to the Buskin River. I went there by van with the other sisters. I was planning to fish in the river, so I wore hip boots. But soon I found my hip boots had a hole in them and I had to go back to the bunk house to change my clothes. I returned to the Buskin River, and around 2:00 pm, I finally caught my first fish. After that I tried and tried, but I could not catch a second one. I desperately wanted to catch two silver salmon, because True Father said so. I went to different spots on the river, but I still could not catch my second fish. It became dark and the moon rose over the river. Now they told us that the last van to go back to the bunk house was leaving soon. I was walking along the river, carrying my fishing pole on my shoulder, somehow still hoping. Then I heard the splashing sound of fish coming up the river. OK, this was my last chance. I cast my line. I got a fish on and I caught my second one at the very last moment as

True Father had instructed. It turned out that one of my two salmon was the biggest one. So, I received the prize from True Father at midnight a few days later. Through this experience, I was taught that when we give 100 percent to follow True Parent's directions without giving up, Heaven helps us and we can bring the victory.

Recently, I found out from the sister who went fishing with True Father that day that he himself invested so much effort to catch two silver salmon. When True Mother sent Mr. Yoshihisa Inoue [who ultimately was vice-president of ISA] to ask True Father to come back to North Garden by midnight, he did not move an inch and just continued fishing. I now understand that because of True Parents' most sincere dedication, I could catch two salmon. My effort was 5 percent and True Parents had already prepared everything else in order to give grace to their child. I repent now that I did not understand True Parents' hearts very well.

During True Parents' last visit in 1989, True Father gave us money to help us to go our mission countries. True Parents' parental heart toward the sisters was incredible and amazing. To my wonder, I felt True Father's love coming like heat from a stove or direct from the sun onto my skin. The more I recall, the more I remember that our True Parents came into contact with each one of the sisters very personally and spiritually to bond with us as parent and child.

We were eye-witnesses to True Parents' dedication to the ocean providence, and we received an ocean providence mission from them. Therefore, wherever we go, we have been interested in the ocean. I feel now that even though True Parents poured abundant love upon me, I had such a small container to receive it. I am still striving to grow.

We are truly grateful and eternally indebted to True Parents who have brought all the victories. And thank you, True Father for having True Mother remain with us right now on earth.

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