

## Rhetoric vs. reality

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"When Eve fell, whom did she deceive? She deceived God. Without God knowing, without consulting God, she fell when she denied God on her own." CSG, p. 1164

"In order to accomplish your portion of responsibility, what should you do? What should you do to become people who can fulfill their portion of responsibility? You should stand in a position to deny everything that was born from the emotional connection to and

lineage of Satan." CSG, p. 563

Greetings!

Many brothers and sisters have told me that Hyung Jin Nim is violating what they think should be his highest priority, which is unity with Mother, and within the True Family and the Unification community. This has led me to reflect on the question, "what is Father's idea of unity?"



We all know how often Father spoke about the importance of the unification of North and South Korea. I recently heard an account of Father's meeting 14 years ago, in December 1991, with Kim Il Sung, the North Korean "absolute leader" who had imprisoned Father in the Hungnam death camp for nearly 3 years (1948-1950).

According to this testimony, Father stayed up all night before the meeting, agonizing about what God required him to do the next day. The first meeting was with high North Korean government officials. Father

did not take too long with initial greetings and pleasantries. **He suddenly began to tell them that if North Korea did not abandon its godless "juche" ideology and acknowledge the reality and authority of the living God, Kim Il Sung and his Communist regime would be judged and destroyed.** I'm told that several church leaders at the meeting were so scared about what would happen to all of them that some of them lost control of their bodily fluids, requiring a change of their underwear.



However, when Father did meet with Kim Il Sung, the man who had imprisoned him and caused [the deaths of millions](#), they warmly embraced. Soon thereafter several joint projects were launched between the Unification Movement and the North Korean government. My friend believes that the bloodthirsty dictator Kim Il Sung's direct experience with the living Christ and the spirit of God that day profoundly moved him.

What can we learn from this? Father's understanding of the path to unity has nothing to do with humanistic strategies in which people say pleasing things they think their opponent wants to hear. *His first concern was to tell the truth.* On this foundation of absolute faith,

love, and obedience, God was able to work and to bring about a unity which is truly centered on Him.

Hyung Jin Nim also speaks strongly. What else would you expect from a son of True Father who feels a deep obligation to protect his Father's words and legacy from a profound violation?



Some long-standing friends of mine, whom I have known for decades, have cut off all contact with me and other brothers and sisters who support Hyung Jin Nim. They have apparently been directed by the Family Federation to do so. One sister whose husband believes that Hyung Jin Nim is doing God's will recently gave him divorce papers. In Korea and Japan members have been kicked out of the Family Federation for attending Sanctuary events or showing insufficient enthusiasm for Mother's "innovations." In Japan, where liberating the required 210 generations of ancestors through

Chung Pyung cost more than \$180,000, they have now been directed by Mother to liberate another 210 generations.



Such hardball tactics belie the Family Federation's veneer of "benevolence," but they are backfiring. Last Sunday Hyung Jin Nim exercised his authority as the anointed heir and successor of True Parents to liberate 210 generations of ancestors of 1,000 families from Korea, Japan, America, and many other countries around the world. Brothers and sisters donated whatever they felt led to give, not an onerous "tax" that has led some families to bankruptcy and even suicide.

Even if you disagree with what you think Hyung Jin Nim is saying, I would urge you to take a deeper look, beyond the harsh words that may shock you. As with the example of Father's declaration in Pyeongyang, *God's words are not always sweet, and words that are sweet are not always from God.*

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### Spouting "True Family Values," ACLC Hides in the Closet

Rhetoric at the 20th Anniversary "True Family Values" banquets held last weekend in New York City and Chicago waxed eloquent about religious freedom and restoring America's families, but when ACLC had the chance earlier this year to support ministers in Houston who were being persecuted for standing up for religious freedom and natural marriage, *national ACLC covered in the closet.*



Leaders of the national ACLC and of its governing board were asked **three times** to publicly express their support for the religious freedom of clergy and citizens taking a stand to stop the gay rights activist mayor of Houston from **using government power to subpoena the sermons and emails of local pastors** and the rights of citizens to decide whether they want to allow a man to walk into a public women's bathroom just because he "identifies" as a woman. National ACLC "leaders" refused to give **ANY**

support to the local Houston clergy (including several local ACLC pastors) taking a stand for religious and civic freedom in the face of government actions to intimidate them.

True Father, who founded ACLC, was not known for being afraid to stand up for God's ideal, even when it meant risking his life. He must feel disheartened and betrayed watching what has become of the organization he founded to challenge America's clergy with their responsibility to restore the ideal of man-woman marriage centered on God.

Sincerely,

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