

Love your enemy. Forgive. Embrace.

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We have learned from True Parents. Heavenly Parent wishes to forgive even Judas. True Parents wanted to extend the Blessing even to those who inflicted great suffering upon humanity - people such as Hitler and Stalin. They never blocked the way for anyone to come to them. How then can I judge another's faith or block someone's path?

Right now, we are experiencing legitimate confusion. Many members are feeling genuine pain and anger. I have felt that anger as well. I cannot say that such feelings of anger are wrong. Yet we must think.

Mother has been detained. She has been placed in detention by herself. Yet even in these circumstances, she has not demanded accountability from anyone. She told me, "The [True Family] Four-Position Foundation and the leaders of the three key organizations [World Mission HQ, Central Administrative Council and Human Resources Development Institute] must work as one."

I confess I am not a large enough vessel to contain all our members' anger. Reading your statements, I too feel fear. At the same time, the world is watching us, and I fear that, through such actions, we may once again be placing True Mother on trial.

Mother is already in a physically difficult situation - how heartbreaking it would be for her to see these reports. And yet, even now, True Mother says: "The [True Family] Four-Position Foundation and the leaders of the three key organizations must become one."

True Mother, confined alone, has spoken. As you all know, she is remarkably insightful and not swayed by anyone. Even in this time of isolation, her words to us is that the Unification community must move forward as one with the True Family Four-Position Foundation and the leaders of the three key organizations, and navigate the current crisis together. I understand the anger and concern many of you feel. Yet yesterday, I repented. I asked myself, what is the root of our Unification faith that I have learned throughout my life and through the lives of True Parents?

Love your enemy. Forgive. Embrace. Father once helped a Japanese police officer who had mistreated him, even sending him back to Japan. He even embraced leaders from communist nations who had threatened True Parents on many occasions. Even now, True Mother is not looking for who is at fault. So how could we - no matter how outraged or heartbroken we may be - stand in judgment of someone on behalf of True Parents? I have learned this through the lives of our elders.

If True Parents stood us at the edge of a cliff and told us to jump - saying there was water below - even if we couldn't see it, we would stake our lives and leap. I have learned to give everything with life-or-death resolve. As the Pure Waters, representing the new generation that True Mother longs to raise, we should have taken our first steps with that same mindset. Yet I repent for having failed to fully embrace all the pain and resentment around me, and for not properly conveying True Mother's heart.

True Mother has said, "Make unity with the True Family Four-Position Foundation and the leaders of the three central organizations." Yes, we may feel wronged. Yes, we may feel anxious. Right now, it may seem as if we have been pushed to the very edge of a cliff. Yet Mother calls us to forgive, to love, and to believe. Even in her current situation of being detained, she continues to urge us: forgive, love, unite.

Today, I want to make a heartfelt request to our members. I too had a deeply confusing day. I truly don't know whom to believe. But in moments like these, I will remember that True Mother told us to believe. True Mother told us to love. And even if at the end there is a precipice, I will hold onto my faith - even if it means falling to my death. That is my determination.

I understand. I know the hearts of our leaders and members. Even the young leaders have voiced their sorrow. Yet in the end they told me they share the same heart. I earnestly appeal to our elders: if this moment we are facing marks the beginning of a new era - the era of Pure Waters that True Mother has nurtured - and if I have any choice in the matter, I believe our first step must be the forgiveness and love we have learned through the lives of True Parents.

When the Israelites stood before the rock at Kadesh-Barnea with Moses, they doubted: "Can we truly enter the land of Canaan? Can we prevail?" Yet Heaven's will was for them to enter that land, even though it seemed as precarious as the edge of a cliff. We must reflect: are the emotions in our hearts born from thinking of True Parents - or not? Is the foundation of my faith truly rooted in True Mother - or not? It is difficult. But precisely because Mother is not with us now, I want to believe in Mother even more.

The words "for life" seem inadequate before you, my elders. However, I pledged to follow True Parents with my very life. I cannot allow myself to waver after only two days. So I will believe. And if our members cannot understand this - then truly... I do not even want to contemplate such a possibility. I appeal to you all: let us show True Mother that we are one. And let us show the world that we are one. We will not be shaken.

I ask this of you.