

## Forgive, Love, and Unite

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Dear fellow members.

I believe we are still in a time of truly grasping how much of a responsibility and immense burden Mother had been carrying.

Today, I have a testimony I'd like to share with you all. I speak with hope that through my testimony, we may take a moment to reflect on our lives.

Meeting a brother in front of the courthouse, struggling with his faith

I was with Mother from the moment she entered the courthouse the day of her hearing, until she was taken to the detention center.

I imagine all of us watched that scene with genuine concern. I'm sure those who were not there only had Mother in their thoughts, while those present must have wondered how she endured that period.

Incidentally as the wait was growing longer, I met a second-generation friend I hadn't seen in a while. He was (emotionally) hurt about a year ago at church and told me that he wanted to think over his faith (take some distance).

Since I knew him personally, I naturally respected his choice and said I'd respect his decision. However, I ended up meeting that friend - who hadn't contacted me for a year - right in front of the courthouse where Mother was facing the detention hearing. Honestly, I never would have imagined it.

I remembered how he had said he was struggling with his faith as I went over to greet him. I said, "Is that you? Long time," and asked him why he had come.

"What do you mean," he answered.

"Well, you told me a year ago you were 'struggling with your faith,' and I haven't heard anything about you since then. So why did you come?" I asked.

He then said to me: "Faith is faith, and Mother is Mother."

That friend lives in Busan, (but he had come to Seoul and) he said, "Sorry I'm late."

That made me look inward (toward myself). I had been judging that friend's faith and his feelings toward Mother by my own standards.

### **The incident that triggered my anger towards second-generation in Europe**

I have been reflecting deeply (since then).

In fact, this may be news to many of the Korean members, but at the very end of my European tour this January, something happened that triggered me.

While touring Europe, I gained a deeper understanding of the situation there. I learned of a significant second-generation group, which was run by core second-generation members from the UK and Germany, and these individuals are now publicly criticizing the Chambumoron, they're criticizing True Mother, and they're criticizing the providential truth that Mother is striving to establish.

I was furious at that time. Why do they still not understand True Mother? I hear there are about 100 (members with that group). While confirmation is needed, many second-generation members in the UK and Germany have deep ties with them and listen to their teachings.

In a sense, it was a providential interpretation similar to what some senior members held toward True Mother: "True Mother was chosen; she has original sin; she attained the position of True Mother through True Father."

I couldn't understand this, and at the time, I publicly criticized them. (I said,) "How could such a thing be possible? How could you deny True Parents, who showed only love to us and bore witness throughout their lives?"

But today, I am repenting. Just as I had judged the faith of my second-generation friend I met at the courthouse, perhaps my words actually blocked their (the European second-generation's) path to Mother. As a brother, what I should have done was try to understand them and give them the space to meet Mother in their own time.

Can I truly judge and criticize someone else's faith, someone else's beliefs? And above all, what must the Heavenly Parent (God) be feeling?

### **The True Mother, who cannot hold anyone responsible**

I thought about Judas Iscariot in the Bible. Judas was the sinner who drove Jesus to the cross, right? All of humanity believes this, and I think all Christians around the world see him this way. But I thought to myself, "What does the Heavenly Parent think of Judas?"

And we learned from Father, from True Parents. The Heavenly Parent desired to forgive even someone like Judas Iscariot, who's actions drove Jesus to the cross. True Parents desired to bless even people like Hitler and Stalin, who inflicted immense suffering upon humanity.

I thought, "True Parents always keep the path to themselves open for everyone. So how could I possibly judge someone's faith or stand in their way?"

We are currently facing real confusion. Many members are feeling legitimate pain and anger. I cannot criticize their anger as being wrong because I too have felt that anger.

However, we must think. Mother was detained. Mother was the only one that was detained. Yet, when I met Mother today, she did not blame anyone. What Mother told us was that the Four-Position Foundation and the Three Directors of International HQ must move forward together.

However, I must confess that I am yet to be a vessel capable of enduring the members' anger. Seeing your statement of declaration fills me with a sense of dread.

But as you all know, the world is watching. According to that, I felt we would be placing Mother on the judgment seat yet again. She is already in such a difficult situation physically, and this would deeply trouble Mother's heart if she received such a report.

Mother said that the Four Position Foundation (Hyo Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim's families) and the Three Directors must become one. She said this while being confined alone. You all know this. Mother is profoundly wise. She is not swayed by anyone.

Yet, even in that moment of solitary confinement, the instruction she gave us was for the Unification Family members to become one with the Four Position Foundation and one with the Three Directors to

push forward in this critical time.

### **Let us show the world we are one**

I understand the anger and concern you all feel. However, I repented yesterday.

What was the core of the Unification Family faith I learned? What was the core of the Unification faith I learned through True Parents' lives?

"Love your enemies. Forgive them. Embrace them."

Father helped the Japanese police, even though they had criticized him, and helped them to Japan. He even embraced communist leaders who threatened Father and True Parents multiple times.

Mother still does not hold anyone responsible. Yet, no matter how much we may be angered, no matter how much our hearts ache, how can we possibly judge anyone in place of True Parents?

Through the senior members, I have learned about life-and-death decisions and to give my all. As Pure Water, I took that first step as the future generation Mother sought to establish with that same heart.

Yet I repent that I could not contain all this anger and resentment, nor fully convey Mother's will. Mother said, "The Four Position Foundation and the Three Directors of International HQ must become one." It must be frustrating. It must be concerning. It feels like we are driven to the edge of a cliff right now. But Mother is telling us: "Forgive, love, and believe."

Even in her situation where she's in prison, Mother says to forgive, love, and become one.

Senior members, I truly ask this of you. If the moment that we are in right now, is the moment that opens a new era - the era of Pure Water that Mother cultivated - and if there is a choice, I believe the first button to be pressed should be forgiveness and love, which is what we learned through True Parents' lives. (Applause)

I thought about (the Israelites). From their perspective, Moses striking the rock at Kadesh Barnea twice was utterly incomprehensible. They must have doubted, "Can we truly defeat the Canaanites? Is going there the right thing to do?" Yet Heaven's will was for them to enter the land of Canaan.

We must examine ourselves. Does this feeling I have in my heart come while thinking of True Parents, or not? And if not, is the foundation of my faith currently True Mother, or not...?

I would like to ask this of you. Even if it is difficult, rather, because she is not here with us, I want everyone to believe in Mother even more.

Please. Let us show Mother: we are one. And let us show the world too. (Applause) We are one. We will not waver.