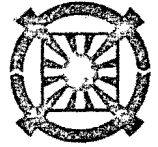




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We must be absolutely unchanging in our faith.

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Victory at Yankee Stadium

I NEVER WORRY ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF A PROJECT. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER I AM POURING OUT MY 100% EFFORT. THEN I KNOW GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF ME IN THE END.

FATHER

Mr. Sudo

40 Day Campaign

The period from now until Yankee Stadium will decide the destiny of mankind. This 40 day period will decide everything. Based on restoration of faith, we need rededication. Our devotion should be the greatest of our life, and even the greatest in the history of mankind, because the destiny of mankind will be decided in this period. Based on this foundation, rededication is so important.

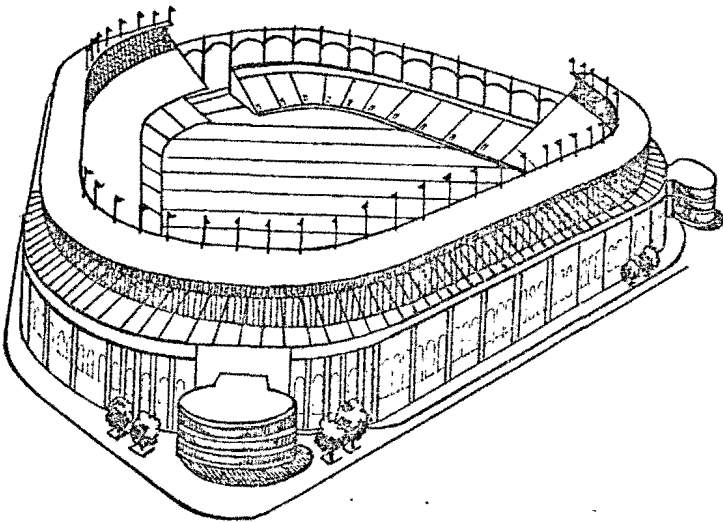
Therefore, we need faith and rededication, faith and devotion. We must have 100% faith and 100% devotion. Let's re-emphasize, "Am I doing all that I can do?" My eyes and ears, hands and legs, all belong to God. Through this 40-day period of faith and devotion, we will lay the foundation to separate from Satan. We cannot retreat even one inch. Don't budge an inch. Satan is desperate. If we retreat now, Satan will win.

THIS 40-DAY PERIOD IS A BATTLE OF FAITH. IF WE PENETRATE WITH FAITH, SATAN WILL RETREAT DURING THIS 40-DAY CONDITION AND THE FOUNDATION TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN YANKEE STADIUM WILL BE LAID.

The internal attitude created here in this period will be the foundation for the spirit of Yankee Stadium. If we lose faith, everything will be lost. If we have faith, everything will be restored. We need to renew our faith. We have to ask God again. Without this foundation, we cannot subjugate Satan at this time. We are now living in the most crucial moment.

I feel that my mission is to have faith. In this crucial moment, no one can believe that we will bring 5000 people to work at Yankee Stadium. I still believe. I was reassured last night in prayer. Therefore, this is the goal to be met. But at the same time, a minimum goal can be challenged and won also. The minimum goal is 3 people for each pioneer. Either a member living in the center or a member committed to move in or someone with a definite commitment to come and work in the campaign. Therefore, we have a minimum goal and a challenging goal.

Think only one thing day and night, night and day. Even in your dreams, think only one thing: to bring people to work in the Yankee Stadium campaign. This must be the most patriotic period in our lives, the most faithful period of our lives, the most devotional period of our lives. In this period let's strive to learn the true meaning of giving life to God, to mankind and to America.



Jonathan Slevin

Father's Faith

I was thinking about faith and I realized the difference in my faith now and in my past life, which was lived completely without faith. I used to do a lot of competitive running, and I probably would have killed anyone else in the race in order to win. I was that competitive. It's so hard to understand our motivations for doing things because we can never deny or distinguish our need for love: to love and to be loved. And if that love doesn't find expression in a normal way, it will find expression in a peculiar way. There is no doubt about it. It must find some expression.

So much about running was good, but also so much was unhealthy because of my desire to
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Jonathan cont.

be victorious. There was one county meet in which I came dashing across the finish line, won the race, passed out, and woke up completely dissatisfied because I hadn't run five seconds faster.

My blackest moment was during an indoor track meet. I was the favorite to win, but before the race, this other fellow psyched me out so completely that with only a couple of laps left to go, I wasn't so confident I could win. So I took a dive. I pretended I tripped and stumbled out of the race. And all these people came and gave me sympathy. It was terrible. But I couldn't stand not to win. Even if I had come in second, my team would have gained some points and done better, but I didn't care. I just wanted to win.

So I was thinking about how people say Father is so competitive, but Father's kind of competitiveness must be far different from the competitiveness I experienced when I used to run. Father's competitiveness is not a desperation for love or for recognition. This is what it isn't. The competitiveness that Father encourages is one by which everyone grows, one by which everyone realizes how wonderful it is to live and grow together as a family.

Father knows God's consistency. He knows God is reliable and eternal. And he is confident of God's love. He has already captured God's love and doesn't need to continue running after it. And because of this, Father is stable. Father is consistent.

Father said: "I never worry about the result. I only set the goal and give 100% effort, my complete effort. Then I know that the result will come. God will take care of the result." So Father's relationship with God is a relationship of faith based on doing all that he can do. I know that this is far from how I used to live in the past, but it is more and more how I am striving to live in the present.

With this attitude of faith, based on our own trust in ourselves and on doing all that we can do, the result and the victory will come. Whether we have the goal of baking a cake, bringing 3 spiritual children or saving the world, with this attitude, victory will come.

Achieve 1-1-3! Challenge 5000!

Yankee Stadium Contract Signed

On March 8, 1976, the contract for our use of Yankee Stadium was signed. The Bicentennial God Bless America Festival will be held on Tuesday, June 1.

Mr. Sudo Visits the Orient

Mr. Sudo went to Korea and met with Father a few days ago. He gave Father a thorough report on the activities and results of the Pioneer Program. He spoke of struggles and breakthroughs, of slow results and great results. Father was very encouraging, and very pleased to hear about the Heartbeat System. He said that it will work and that people can have confidence in it.

Mr. Sudo reported that Father is very confident and always smiling. Father said that "individual growth is the foundation for victory".

Mr. Sudo will return soon from Japan. He sends his love to everyone.

Barrytown MFT Conference

Heavenly Father was really working in Barrytown last week at the fundraisers conference. During the month of February, fundraising was so difficult. All of the teams had the hardest time they have had all year. Almost none of the teams were breaking through. Last Tuesday all of the fundraising captains traveled to Barrytown for a one-day conference.

Mr. Sudo warmly welcomed them and then began speaking very deeply about the internal aspect of fundraising. The members became very inspired when he spoke about our triumphant drive toward Yankee Stadium.

Then John Hessel shared many internal and practical points about fundraising. He spoke about how we can win the heart and respect of people in the communities where we fundraise. People will welcome us back again and again. We must help people develop confidence in our work so that they will appreciate us.

After lunch, Mr. Sudo spoke to team captains, IW's and team mothers. He asked them to take full responsibility for their members and, based on unity, prayer, and a deep relationship with God, to work to love and raise up their members.

In the afternoon there were two and a half hours of prayer and discussion. The subjects for discussion were: What are our main problems in the field? What are some of the good things we can do to breakthrough? What is some positive planning we can begin? There was one hour for prayer and another for discussion. Then, at the general meeting that followed, team captains gave reports on the findings of their teams. Many gave tremendous testimonies, pinpointing actual problems and solutions. New direction, new plans, new determination and new spirit were found.

The teams prepared skits and had a wonderful time singing and sharing at family night. The evening closed with a wonderful feeling of unity.

The teams' results and breakthroughs since returning to the field have been incredible. This weekend there was a 30%-33% improvement.

David Hose

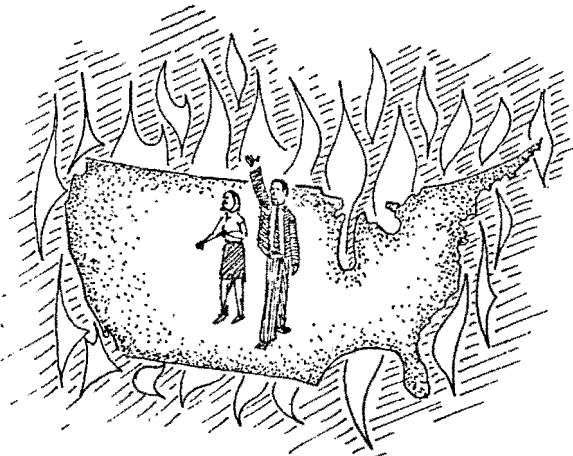
Individual Faith in God

The keypoint to the deepening growth of the pioneers is their internal individual faith. There is no development in the pioneer missions unless the individuals can develop faith in God. Unless there can be the foundation of a strong faith in God, unity is lost and resentment arises. If you can't go to God to understand His love coming through your life, where do you go? You go to brothers and sisters. But brothers' and sisters' love is imperfect. It's not the perfect love of God. Therefore, whenever brothers and sisters show imperfection, resentment arises.

Lack of unity doesn't just come from a lack of unity. Even though we cry out that we have to be united, the main problem is individual faith in God. The people who really exhibit that faith in God and live with strong faith in themselves are the ones who are really serving Heavenly Father. This is the kind of spirit that really needs to build. We have to be the person who has made a strong individual commitment. The keypoint is the subjective faith in God of the individual.

In January we had a powerful boost throughout the nation with the evangelical meetings. In February a lot of pioneers went down. But they had to realize, right from the pits of hell, that it was up to them to pull themselves back up. They were the ones who made the difference. So now it's going to be that individual inner growth, that living seed of faith, that mustard seed of faith that is going to make the difference to bring those pioneers up. And to really bring those 5000 people.

We always say that we are not individualistic in this movement. We think as a group. We're strong collective. Yes, it's important. But what is the collective? It's nothing but a group of individuals. If those individuals are on fire, they have a living faith in their lives. Then their relationship with God is very much alive and not a bit conceptual. But moment to moment they are working in the presence of God and are aware of that, and are giving their lives in that way. Then their lives become so valuable.



If nobody is living that way, then who ignites the spark? Somebody has to live that way. And if 1,2,5,10 can do that, we have tremendous hope. We all have to become the ignitors. If brothers and sisters were gone and we were 10,000 miles from anywhere, we would still have to be firing out the message. That's the kind of life we need to live.

Our main challenge is to build this within ourselves. It's not an easy process. We have to go beyond the norm to be able to bring that alive in ourselves. But that is the crucial factor in a living faith or a dead faith that is going to make a living America or a dead America.

Warren Deming

The Rising Sun

We did an hour and a half documentary on one of the radio shows. The title was "The Rising Sun". There was a taped portion of accusations against the church with our answers. Then there were 40 minutes of phone calls. Mrs. Verheyen was there with me. It was really wonderful because the first person who called said: "There were also people against Jesus, you know. If they are with God, they will stay. If they are not of God, they will disappear."

Then another called in and said: "Doesn't the Catholic Church brainwash? Don't we brainwash kids all their lives according to our own religion?"

Just about everyone who called was really positive. There was one negative call, but they just asked what we believe and we told them. One woman called up and said that when she closed her eyes and listened to us, it was listening to God speak. She said that she tries to share God with other people but they don't listen, and asked what we do in a case like that. It was very wonderful. I think overall it had a very good effect. We met a lot of people who were really impressed.

Freedom of Speech

Jonathan Wells put the ad "The Truth About Rev. Sun Myung Moon" in the college newspaper. The next day there was no copy of the newspaper on campus. Someone had stolen all the newspapers, because of our ad. Now the newspaper is very angry and has called the police, and the potentially volatile issue of freedom of speech is arising.

Jonathan says: "The free speech issue on campus could blow up into something big. It may be pentecost. This might be the spark. Promise me this: if I get arrested, send someone to replace me".

The man who had been primarily responsible for persecution against Father in the Day of Hope tour two years ago, recently said: "I think it is terrible that the Unification Church is persecuted. If they can have you thrown out of the state, they can have any religious organization thrown out."

Challenge Satan

The evangelical meeting in Kansas wasn't going very well at all until, at 3 AM, Werner Seubert stood up and spoke very strongly about the persecution in that state. He told the pioneers about a deprogrammed member who was making speeches against our family, and would give one the following Tuesday at the state university. Werner said they must go that speech and stand up in the middle of it and challenge Satan. Everyone perked up. At 4 AM the spirit completely changed. The pioneers decided to go to the speech with the attitude that they would promote God's work. Based on prayer and an explosion of inspiration, they decided to speak at the meeting.

The day of the speech they held a press conference. The city newspaper, college newspaper and a radio station came. Werner said that the media must stop aiding the deprogrammers. The media people were very surprised when Werner told them that the deprogrammers consider church members "rehabilitated" when they testify publicly against the church. It is irresponsible, he said, for the media to report such statements, unless they explain how the statement was made.

Following the press conference, the members went to the university and positioned themselves in the four position foundation at the auditorium. Spirit world interfered with the speech in many ways. The whole talk was very tame. He stayed pretty much with the truth, although looking at it from a slanted point of view because he had to justify himself. He told the audience not to be emotionally captured by the church. He basically crusaded for individualism.

After he spoke, there was a question and answer period. Galen Brooks stood up and said he has been a member of the Unification Church for 12 years. People were really impressed. Most of the people in the audience were fundamentalist Christians, and asked doctrinal questions of the speaker they would not have asked church members. He answered honestly and to our advantage.

Tom McKee asked him if he was willing to take responsibility for what he said or if a year from now, he would claim to be brainwashed when he said what he is saying now, just as he now claims he was brainwashed a year ago. Tom said how much he loves this brother and his attitude was very moving to the audience. At one point, the deprogrammed brother said that he had to actively resist the love of the Unification Church or he might go back.

People were generally very surprised. We just turned the whole event in our favor. One woman said that we were such wonderful people, she didn't see how the Unification Church could be what people said it was. By being there and speaking, we won a great victory. Many people who had a totally wrong impression of us from the media, came up and spoke to us afterwards. One woman said that she still doesn't agree with us, but now she can respect us.

Mary Moriarty

Unity First

I was in the main center and wanted to go back to my pioneer center, but first I knew I had to do what my Japanese sister told me to do. The night before I went, I had had a very deep experience with Setsuko. Before that, there had been many Cain/Abel problems. Nothing dramatic, just no deep heartistic unity. But she spent one night telling me how to love Father and to be resurrected through him, and I was reborn just listening to her. She said that the most important thing of all is to read about Father's life, become united with him everyday and really love him. So I said I would do that.

On the way back to my pioneer center I had all of this in my mind. As we were driving up, I read Father's speech on "Heart" five times. It said that the most important thing of all is unity first and then comes love. For an hour I must have repeated: unity, unity, unity, over and over. Unity with Setsuko. Unity with Father's word. Setsuko had told me I had to bring three people back with me, and I knew I just had to do that.

I planned to visit all my people, but did not have time. Even so, three people came back with me. I know it had nothing to do with my own self, but with being united with Setsuko, and with Heavenly Father's words because these people had exams, and all I said was: you must come, and they came.

Divine Presence

While driving to a catholic church, one brother who had heard principle saw a presence with him in the car. He started crying because he knew that it was Jesus. The spirit said to him: "I will be with you. Don't worry. Everything is okay. I will guide you." He went to church, received communion and felt so depressed. The spirit was still with him on the way home and he asked it how he could make a pure offering with his life. Jesus told him: "Join the Unification Church".

Greg Hoebel

It's a Miracle

"Like to hear a miracle? On Tuesday I finished a seven day fast for state unity and spiritual children. Before my fast ended, I hung about 30 pioneer posters around town. Then I made a small meal to break my fast. At about 12:45 AM my phone rang. A man asked if this was the Unification Church. I replied, "Yes", and he asked if I was the elder. I said that I was. He then asked me to come over to his house right then and teach him some of our theology. For two hours we discussed our movement and he is very pleased and wants to be taught all of Principle soon."