

The best day of my life was forty-three years ago, on the 21st of February 1977

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Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han sit in front of Deitrich and Elisabeth Seidel at the Holy Wedding of 74 couples in New York City, February 21, 1977

Forty-three years ago, on the 21st of February 1977, in the Grand Ballroom of the New Yorker Hotel in New York City, this very day became the best day of my life.

Dietrich and I made the most crazy, out of this world, commitment to love each other not just for better or for worse, in health and sickness, but to love each other not only during our lifetime but for all eternity; not just that, but also to bring harmony to our extended families. As it is not enough that the husband and wife love each other well, but all the relatives will finally love each other also. We made this commitment together with 74 other couples.

It was the best day of my life, where I could have a glimpse of God, Our Heavenly Parent's love. I met my husband, the love of my life, for the first time only 3 days before we were blessed into the Holy Marriage Blessing ceremony.

Today as I look upon my

journey through Heaven and Hell, trying to love my enemies in difficult scenarios, I am grateful. I am so deeply grateful.

Now, as I am flying to Seoul, South Korea to celebrate Reverend Sun Myung Moon's 100th birthday and the 77th birthday of his wife, Dr Hal Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, I am reminded of my meaningful life, of my commitment to my pledge 43 years ago, that a peaceful loving marriage brings a peaceful world.

I am reminded of this unforgettable love, going all the way vertically to our 430 ancestors, and horizontally to our 430 couples and families who pledged to be faithful to each other and to God, and to attain during our lifetime this highest, most honorable blue print. I am grateful to all those with whom we could share our vision of hope, of love, of family and tribe.

To know more about the Holy Marriage Blessing go to the section "[Holy Marriage Blessing](#)" on this website where you can watch the documentary "Married to the Moonies."

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Let's make marriage great again! I want to invite you all to celebrate our anniversary of Holy Marriage Blessing this month.

With God's blessings, your friend, Elisabeth Seidel