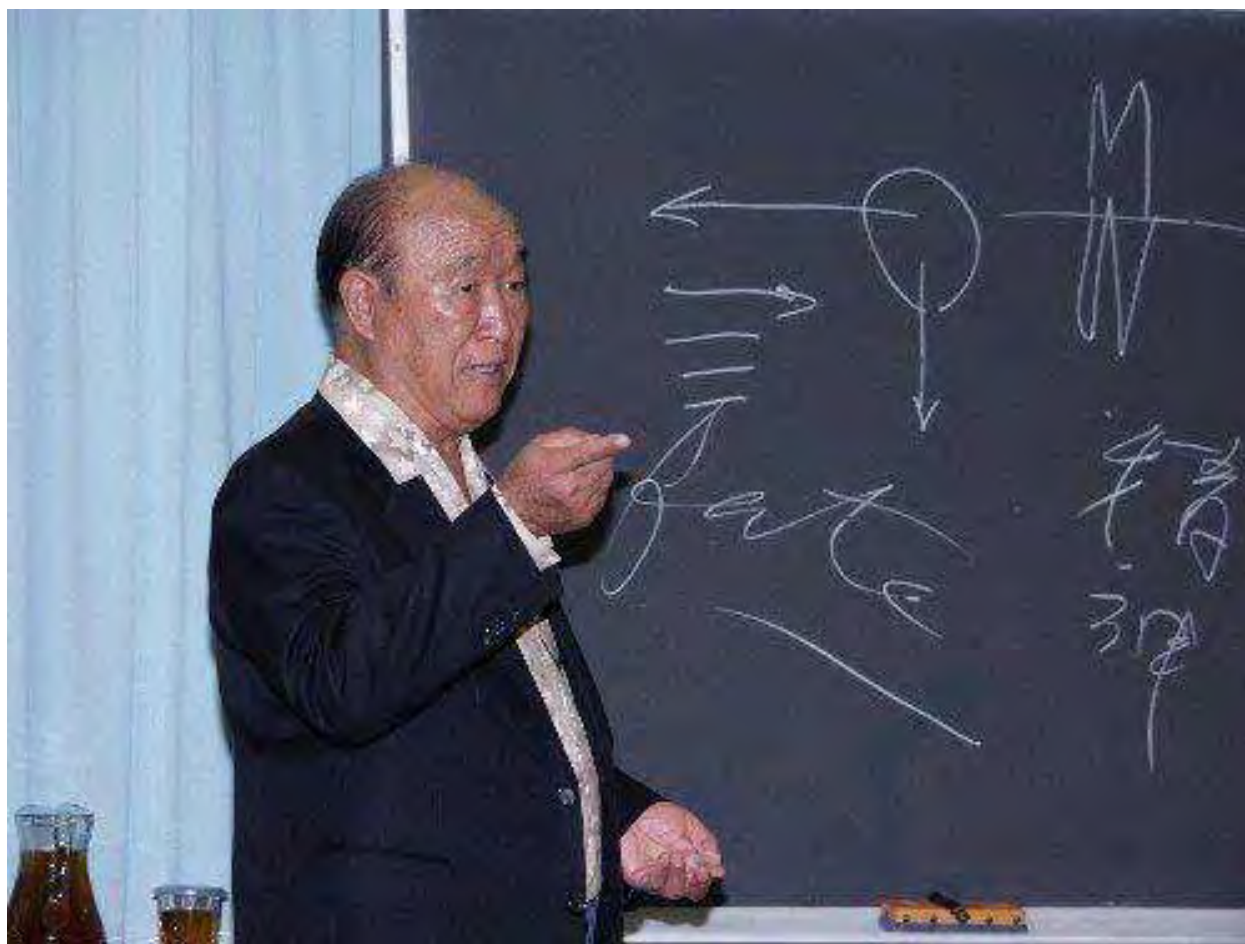


## Public Purpose

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One by one, as we've been called to the Family, we've undergone many changes-some large, some small-both spiritual and physical. Change seems to be our way of life. I'd like to quote our friend, Granny Hughes, who seems to be somewhat of a philosopher. She has said of our Family: "The only thing that seems constant is change."

This past month has certainly borne out that statement. There for a while each day brought big changes-and very drastic ones for our brothers and sisters who are preparing now for their missions. Meeting our True Parents, hearing our Master speak to us, and even being tested at times, have kept our hearts excited and expectant.

Our Master has given us as individuals and as a nation a huge task. We are not so many people in this vast country of millions of people. Yet he is, by the revivals in seven cities, making conditions whereby we can restore this nation! The task seems almost impossible. We are being asked to make sacrifices that perhaps we didn't think we could ever make. But somehow we are strengthened and find ourselves armed with deeper faith and trust, and with more courage to do what must be done.

As we are entering this time of sending out brothers and sisters to each state, I have been thinking about our country, especially its beginnings and the struggles that were endured and overcome. I've been reading a little about the early settlers of our country. I'd like to review briefly some interesting facts of the founding of Jamestown and Plymouth colonies.

Jamestown was begun first -- in 1607 -- by about 100 men who arrived on our shores in three small ships. They came seeking a better life; although they didn't display any deep dedication to God, they did worship Him. Their first services were conducted out-of-doors with just a sail spread between two trees and a few planks to sit or kneel on. They endured many hardships... sickness, hostile Indians, and starvation. One winter most of the settlers died. If it hadn't been for three people, the colony would have failed.

John Smith served as a daring and wise leader, John Rolfe found a way to make money (tobacco) and Pocahontas, the Indian Chief's daughter, helped the settlers in many ways, later becoming a Christian and marrying one of the colonists.

Thirteen years later -- in 1620 -- the Pilgrims established the Plymouth Colony.

Again there were about 100 people; this time, men, women, and children who came on the Mayflower under very crowded conditions. For 70 days they were tossed about, not really knowing if they would make it. Their Primary food was a cold biscuit, salted beef, and beer. The Pilgrims spent much time praying and singing. There were some aboard who didn't share the keep faith of the Pilgrims and became somewhat irritated with their expression of faith. Would we be willing to take a voyage like this -- crowded conditions, meager rations, no baths -- being in danger of death? Elder Brewster left his wife behind and didn't see her for three years. William Bradford left his five-year-old son in Holland and didn't see him for seven years.

The Pilgrims' first concern upon reaching our shores was to build a meeting house where they could worship God. During the colonists' first winter, almost half of them died of disease. Much of the success of the colony was due to just a few individuals.

William Bradford served as a wise and able leader; Squanto, an Indian, helped the Pilgrims in many ways; he eventually became a Christian and lived in the Plymouth colony.

One Pilgrim said as the Mayflower left England: "If we ever make a settlement, God works a miracle." We know that it was God's desire for those struggling settlements to succeed-to grow into a large, strong nation that could be influential in the world today. These few people with able leadership grew into what we are today. All this in 350 years. It seems to me that we shouldn't be discouraged by our small numbers now, but realize that the world isn't changed by masses of people, but by a few key individuals. We just must be ready and willing to make the necessary sacrifice when we are asked.

It's quite exciting to discover how God has used the Principle in history. On the Mayflower, there was a definite Cain-Abel relationship between the Pilgrims and the other passengers. Our country began from two colonies: Jamestown, in the Cain position-and Plymouth, the colony from which we have inherited our strong religious faith and ideals, in the Abel position. The Indians, whose role was to serve the colonists when they arrived, may have been in the position of Lucifer. Both colonies had certain things in common:

1. They worshipped God.
2. They started out against almost insurmountable odds.
3. They endured suffering and death.
4. An Indian gave help to each colony.
5. Most important, both colonies were successful!

Our American movement has gone through these experiences in some way. Miss Kim came to this country with strong faith in God.

Her mission must have seemed impossible to her at times. She received help from individuals in this country. Yet she suffered and saw many early members fall away from the movement. But our Family has survived and is growing. It seems that we are entering a new stage; now we will have to have the same degree of dedication and faith. Even though demands are being made of us now, our sacrifices seem minimal compared to what others have given for lesser causes.

We must be successful in our new venture. So even though you may not be chosen to go out to start a center, or ride the bus, there is so much to do and ways to serve sacrificially. We will each need to work hard to financially support this campaign.

We will need to spend time writing to those who will be alone. We will need to pray for their work, and aid them in any way we can. We must constantly work to improve our center life here in Berkeley by serving and encouraging one another, getting our duties done, and making our activities as vital as possible. We must give our sweat and tears to gain spiritual children. In whatever we do for the Family, we do for our True Parents and for God, so we need to give it all we've got.

I'd like to conclude with words our Master spoke in Los Angeles last month: "*So for the providence of God to come to the world wide level, there must come forth one nation which will sacrifice herself for the whole world-for the prosperity of all the world and the blessing of all mankind. God needs such a nation. This representative nation will become a sacrifice for the whole world.*

*From that position, the United States is the leading and representative nation of the democratic world. The United States must stand in that sacrificial position. God purposed that the United States stand in that sacrificial position to fulfill the mission of that nation; therefore, God sent the Pilgrims to this land they risked so much and made such a great country in such a short period of time. When the Pilgrims came to this country for the first time, they built churches first, then schools, and then after that their own houses. Therefore, the backbone of such prosperity causing the development of the United States into a great nation is the spirit which puts greatest stress on the public purpose rather than the private purpose.*

*The United States is far away from this position. The individual and individualism are good, but Americans and Westerners mostly put too much stress on these two things. As a result, they lost their nation, their people, their family, their parents, and even themselves. They are like hawks-they blow where the wind blows. That is the reason why there is no peace. For America to stand in accordance with the providence of God there must be a new Foundation Movement within America. Americans as individuals and America as a nation must follow the spirit of God and the truth of Jesus Christ to make this nation the foundation for the expression of God's ideal.*

*God chose America and her churches as John the Baptist. Now America and her churches are thinking of their own benefits more than God's purpose. They are therefore in the position of former Judaism, which killed Jesus Christ. From God's viewpoint, if America cannot fulfill the mission, God must search for another nation. So all the members of the Unification Church must sacrifice themselves, their families, their friends, and even the Unification Church to establish such a one nation which God can control. The present problem is whether we can act as saints in our daily lives-that is the most important thing."*