

# What Is Going On?

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## *Personal Reflection*

That day when evening came, he [Jesus] said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" (Mark 4:35-41)

We have entered an era during which God's work for the salvation of humanity is at a turning point. It is a time of transition. A time of settlement. Which brings concerns, confusion, fear, etc. As such, it is also a time during which it appears as if everything keeps falling apart. In such a climate, people can't help but wonder about what is going on.

When we look at the news and life around us, it seems as if Heaven is losing. It seems that the way things are going cannot benefit Heaven. Things are falling apart!

Yes, things are falling apart. But that's not the end of the story. What we do not realize is that, usually, as things fall apart, they might also end up falling into place.

Some of the things that fall apart may end up falling into place automatically as an act of providence, such as explained in the *Divine Principle* through the Origin-Division-Union Action. However, some of them will have to be guided into place by us.

Furthermore, what we also need to realize is that sometimes things may fall apart so that God and the ones through whom God is working can be glorified. There are many examples in the Bible. But for the sake of this article, let's use the following one:

“When he heard this [the situation of Lazarus], Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.” (John 11:4)

The other example, as quoted at the beginning of this article, is the biblical account of Jesus calming the storm (cf. Mark 4:35-41).

While on the boat, as the storm raged, the disciples reacted as if Jesus didn't care whether they died or lived. Did Jesus really not care? Was he not on the same boat with them?

As we have entered the era in which our True Mother has been leading the providence on earth, we find ourselves reacting similarly to the way that the disciples reacted when on the boat. Just like the disciples, we sometimes react as if True Mother doesn't care. We react as if she is not on the *same boat* with us. To the point of accusing her of being out of touch with our situations. We forget that she and we are on the same boat, so to speak. We forget that our success with regard to Heaven is also her success. Her success is also True Father's success. True Parents' success is also God's success.

With the True Parents, we have God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit on our side. Since we have God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind on our side, why do we “*still have no faith?*” Why are we terrified? Are we terrified because things are falling apart around us? Or are we terrified because there is a storm inside ourselves?

Sometimes, some things may fall apart more than once before they fall into place. Think about the circumstances of Jesus and the disciples before, during, and after Jesus was crucified. It can be said that everything that could go wrong went wrong. And some things got even worse. And then, before you know it, things that fell apart started to fall into place. And God was glorified.

In this era of the settlement of *Cheon Il Guk*, a heavenly nation, we are facing all types of storms while we are on this cosmic boat together with our True Parents. Since history is our witness, there is reason to keep faith, hope, determination, and dedication because Heaven may use what is going on to glorify God through the True Parents.

What is going on is that the providence of restoration has entered a moment of a paradigm shift of a cosmic proportion. And our trust in the True Parents is of paramount importance. Are we going to continue to trust our True Parents and work together with them to glorify God? Or are we going to let the devil scare and confuse us?

Let's glorify God through the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.