

President An's talk at the Matching supporters training

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The tradition of the Unification Church (UC) is that whenever we have an internal meeting we have to read True Parent's (TP's) words, so on an occasion like this morning we have to find the best TP's words for the occasion. Therefore, since we have a meeting of the Blessed Family Department (BFD) dealing with the blessing and before and after the blessing, and all the brothers and sisters (b&s) here are to support the blessing, then on this subject we found the best TP's words we can share and, if we have questions during the reading, we can think about this deeply and concentrate and then if there is something we don't understand we can have questions and answers. In the Cheon Seong Gyeong (CSG) and in the small tract "How to do HDH", True Father (TF) talks about not only reading his words but also we have to have questions and, in this case, TF does not say to discuss or debate, but rather to explain. This means that it's okay to discuss, but it's better if someone who understands more deeply can explain. Therefore, religious truth is not

something we should debate or discuss, but rather something that we should explain, because it's something that requires awakening or enlightenment. So someone who understands deeply the core internal meaning can explain, right? So TF says in CSG to explain, that is much better than giving a lecture.

So this morning first of all I would like to say that I'm very grateful for all of the b&s who are serving to support b&s and others, especially the 2nd Gen, to receive the blessing and giving guidance and support after the blessing. This is the most fundamental and difficult job, so I appreciate all of you. As TF says, it requires a lot of parental heart. The first thing we do is to know the truth by reading TP's words. Then, when we know the truth, we know the standard or ideal. Then, when we know the standard, we struggle! If we don't know the standard, we don't struggle, right? The outside world doesn't struggle so much about the issue of purity, right? But we UC members struggle so much with this, for ourselves, our family, our children, and all the people we know, to teach them, help them to keep their purity and accomplish the blessing.

So it's very important to know the standard, but sometimes, when we do, our fallen nature causes us to apply the standard to others rather than to ourselves! For example, you should practice true love towards me! That is a problem! We are always very smart about applying the standard to others rather than ourselves. We can always see that and we always think that we are not the worst on this or that point. Here we are about 20 people and we have been serving TP and living together in Europe for many years so we probably know each other. Especially, when you have a small congregation in a small church, everyone knows the others' problems exactly, right? They know everyone's problems except their own, right? That's the problem. If we know our problems and apply the standard to ourselves, then they can be solved, but when we know the standard, we tend to apply it to others, so how can we solve that problem? Only by having a parental heart?

Even for fallen people, when we see our children, we don't accuse them, "Oh, you have this problem". As a parent, we say "I'm sorry, those are my problems; because of us you have so many problems". We somehow recognise our problems, right, when we have some problems with our children? So the only way to overcome

our problems, I think, is when we have a parental heart. Parental heart is the core value to solve all the problems. It can be said that whoever has the most parental heart is the Abel figure. Abel and Cain is kind of relative, right? Anyone who is close to God is Abel to me. So we have to see who is Abel to me and who is Cain to me. We have to really try to follow the example of our Abel and try to embrace Cain.

When we read TP's words we think, "Oh, I know this problem. I know somebody who needs to read these words"! That's not quite right. That somebody should be myself. We have to try to deeply input TP's words into ourselves. However, if we know the standard and ideal, we can sometimes have too much of a guilty mind, which is a source of problems. Of course, you know the standard and you have to try hard to come close to it, but don't feel guilty because it doesn't help you. Negative feelings don't help us so much. We can repent for the past, but there is no point in dwelling on our past problems. You can think that something was wrong and make a determination not to do that again, but feeling guilty is no good.

For example, I have moved around a lot and when I move I sometimes lose something by leaving it behind, especially important things, such as my passport, wallet or cell phone. So then I have to think about how I can solve this problem and not leave things behind. Someone said he had 1-2-3 system. Whenever this person moves, he says 1 is the passport, 2 is the wallet and 3 is the cell phone. So whenever he moves he checks 1-2-3! So I thought that that was a good idea and I adopted this system. Whenever I move, 1-2-3. So when we make a mistake and we did wrong, we have to repent and we have to try to find a way to avoid repeating that problem through some kind of system which we can practice. In this way, we can avoid many problems. In many religious traditions, for example in Korean traditions, if the father and daughter are in the room, they open the door. If the daughter is sufficiently old, then you open the door. In Islam, they have the hijab and other such things. All these things are to make a system in order to avoid these problems. Some kind of practice.

So we have to be smart enough to make a system, but we shouldn't be guilty all the time. You don't have to feel guilty about the past and you shouldn't worry too much about the future. What's the point? Students worry about passing their exams, but if you worry too much, what's the point? You just need to study instead of worrying! So don't think about the past too much and don't think about the future too much. When we read TP's words we have to focus on how to practice them. TP's words represent the ideal, which is the goal we have to achieve. When you know the goal you have to know where you are. If you have a test, then the perfect score is 100%, right? So you have a test and then you have so many points: knowing the reality is very important. If you have 60 or 70 points, for example, then you have to realise where you are. You know that you cannot achieve 100% in one month's time. If you think you have to achieve 100% and your score is only 10% higher than now, you'll be disappointed, which is not positive.

Sometimes we have too much expectation. When we know the reality, we have to understand how to interpret it. We have to make a system to improve and make a reasonable goal ; perhaps not 100%, but 80%. To achieve 10% higher, you have to make a system, right? You have to study 2 hours more or change your way of studying or something. So we have to be much more systematic and realistic. When we see ourselves and our blessed couples and our blessed children, sometimes we set a very high standard which we try to apply to everyone else, ignoring all of the circumstances. "How can he or she be like that? How can someone who knows the Divine Principle be like that?" Just because you know the Divine Principle, it doesn't mean that you change right away. We have to understand how difficult it is to change ourselves, especially for we grown-ups. However, if we cling to the ideal and don't give up, eventually we can come close to it. If you are too disappointed because you see the gap between the reality and the ideal, then it is very easy to give up. In the beginning when they first hear the Divine Principle, many b&s are very inspired but after some years at some point they become so disappointed. "How come the Unification Church is like that?". And then they disappear, right? So our understanding has to be very systematic. If you are at 70%, then there are two ways to understand that, either you made 30% wrong or you made 70% right, corresponding to negative and positive viewpoints, respectively. If someone thinks all the time that they made 30% wrong, what's going to happen? They will be very disappointed and lose power. On the other hand, if someone says all the time that they made 70% right and they are so self-satisfied, what will happen? That is also not good. So how can we achieve a good compromise? We have to satisfy ourselves first, because we have to love ourselves first. When you have children, you have to discipline them, but if we discipline them without first having sufficiently loved them, that's a problem because otherwise they will feel a lack of love and will think that their parents hate them. However, if they feel enough love from their parents before being disciplined, then they will feel that their parents love them and that's why they are disciplining me. So their interpretation is different.

You cannot continuously give love: at some point you have to discipline them. We Koreans say that, if you have two children, to Cain children you give steak and to Abel children you give the stick! [~ 23:50] Because if you give the stick to the Cain children, they will feel that their father loves their brother and not me, in other words he hit me because he hates me. So this illustrates the priority of what to do first [Ed. President An is making a point here and not suggesting that we hit our children.] For ourselves too, we have to love ourselves first and then discipline ourselves. For example, I did a good job, but it's not enough. Sometimes we are too idealistic and too easily disappointed. Some members became disappointed and left the church, but then they found out that the outside world has many more problems! So we need to know that we have many good points and then challenge ourselves to go forward and not give up until we die.

Sometimes we are too idealistic and too easily disappointed, which is a problem. So after we come to know the truth, we have to know how to apply it in our lives, as well as to others. If we learn that the children think, for example, instead of judging them, we have to think about how we can improve the environment they are living in. Instead of saying, even to yourself, "how come you lost your passport? stupid!", we have to understand that we have limitations. Then we can realise that we have to find a way to avoid repeating the problem. So after coming to know about the children's problems, we have to find a way to help them to solve them, by having conversations and communication with them. Sometimes we just force them to do something. Then, later, we realise that that is not good. We have to be very, very wise and find practical ways. I think you are much better at that than myself!

Previously True Parents did the matching, but now we do it ourselves, right? TF said that the ideal couple should be completely different! How difficult it is for them to unite when they have different languages, cultures, etc. If they have similar characters and interests, it may appear to be easier in the short term. However, in the long term, it is not so good. For example, if both partners are emotional people, they may enjoy that at first, but this will lead to problems. One person should be emotional and the other more rational. This is better for the children. If the father is hot tempered and the mother is more dispassionate, that's better for the children, right, and for the couple too. If the father and mother are both very strong, the children will have a hard time! Perfection requires us to have dual characteristics. Every existing being has two extremes. If there is only plus or only minus, that cannot exist. Both are needed. Perfection means that we have to cover one extreme to the other extreme. Is it good to drive 300 Km per hour or 10 Km per hour? Sometimes you have to go slowly, e.g. round a curve, and sometimes you have to go fast, e.g. on the highway. You have to be very flexible depending on the situation, that's perfection, but that's the most difficult thing to achieve.

Nothing is [totally] good or bad. Sometimes we think that this matched couple is good or this couple is not going to work, but that is not the truth. The truth is that everyone has the opportunity when they are blessed to accomplish the blessing. True Parents blessed us and we have the opportunity, but whether we make it or not is up to us. Nothing is predestined, right? Sometimes people can make it if though the situation is very difficult, whereas they may not make it under easier circumstances. So it is not a question of whether it is difficult or not, but rather it depends on our determination and persistence. It's very important not to give up.

We have to help our children to understand what the most important elements are for the blessing. Sometimes we may think that external qualifications are important, but when we think about our life: this is our second life, right, in preparation for the next life? If we succeed with our blessing and make it to the end, what percentage of the purpose of our life does that represent? Probably, at least 95%. But people think that it's less than 5 or 1% and rather look for good [external] conditions or qualifications. That's stupid, right? Lisa was talking about the blessing of handicapped children: of course, they cannot make so much money and they may have many struggles, but if they make it, then 95% of the purpose of their life is accomplished. Keeping the blessing represents 99% or 95%. What's the point in finding the perfect person for you if you lose 95%? So, we have to understand the gravity of the blessing and therefore that [external] conditions or qualifications are not so important and we have to help the couples to manage the blessing.

Sometimes we may think that TF made a mistake but, no, TF's matches are absolutely perfect. Can you say that TF's matching is good or not good? No, TF's match is perfect. When I was matched, TF said "you", however so many brothers wanted to be matched first and I was standing way behind so many others, so I didn't think he was referring to me. Then afterwards I realised that he was referring to me and he asked me several questions, but I was so nervous and I answered and I forgot exactly what he said. I interpreted that as meaning that TF was struggling because he was wondering if I would make it or not, because I'm not so good, so he was not so confident. He asked me three questions. But TF always has a parental heart. I always think that TF was struggling because I'm not so qualified.

Sometimes we have to work very hard to keep the blessing, so we may have to give up other things. Many blessed children lost their chance, because they tried to find the best person. However, once you receive the blessing, which represents 99%, other things represent only 1%. What's the point in thinking about 1% things and losing the chance of having the 99%? When we understand the value of the blessing, the blessing is actually more than 99% of our purpose of life. After our blessing, we live perhaps 50 or 60 years together and our enjoyment of this time is like 1 or 2%. But if you think of this as the preparation for our eternal life, it's more like 99%.

Some people left the church because they were disappointed but, if you think about it, they lost their eternal life. Even if they are successful, at best they will enjoy several years of their physical life and lose their eternal life. So they can get perhaps 1%, but they lose 99%. At the end of the day, they have nothing. So we have to be very smart, right? So, firstly we have to know the ideal, secondly, we have to know how to interpret our reality and, thirdly, we have realise what the most important things are and make a system which allows us to focus on them, rather than on unimportant things.

When you set priorities, you have to sacrifice something, which means you have to choose and make a decision in your life. You have to evaluate the positive and negative aspects. We have to encourage our children in this way. The most important thing is to help our children to appreciate the value of spirituality. If we don't understand spirituality, everything will be upside down. If there were no eternal spirit world, right and wrong would be upside down. We all struggle and what would you say if your children ask you, "Why did you give me life? Why did you give birth to me? I didn't ask for it and I'm struggling so much.". What can you say to them? If that situation arises in another family, you would want to help them, but what can you say to that child who is protesting to their parents?

There is one song in Korea about a blind man who is asking why he was given life and protesting. What can you say to him? As the parent, you cannot say so much, but as another person, how can you help him? If we didn't have a spiritual life, then that would be a mistake. But when we think about the spiritual life, then the parents are the ones that give eternal life. If you think that your parents gave you eternal life, then you realise that you owe them so much, that even if you sacrifice your life ten times over, you cannot repay that. Even if you serve your parents during your whole life, it will not be enough. It's very important to have that understanding. My parents gave me not just my physical life, but also my eternal life. How precious that is and how grateful we should be. If someone has that understanding, it's completely different, right? So understanding spirituality is very important. That's why we need to read TP's words all the time. We can overcome all kinds of difficulties when we keep our sight on our spiritual life.

So how would you express that to your children? Would you say, "Oh, you have to believe in the spiritual life."? That's difficult, right? So that's why we have to do HDH together with our children. Then they will come to understand how important spiritual life is. TF said that if you have children, then even if they live for only one day [in the physical world], they will have eternal life. They died after only one day, but still you gave them eternal life. When we have that understanding, our children become so precious and we can be proud of them. Sometimes we may focus on the struggle, for example, I have five children, so I may think that if I'd only had two, I wouldn't be struggling so much! But if we know the truth, we can completely change our thinking and realise how important it is for me to have these wonderful children.

To take care of all the blessed children is to treat them as persons who have eternal life. So understanding substantially spirituality is very important. Most people make a mistake, because they don't realise the spirituality, our eternal life. The blessing is for our eternal life; not just for our life here on earth, but mainly for our eternal life. So I think it's a very important job to encourage them to be blessed and to strive to hold onto the blessing, especially at this very difficult time in which everyone is struggling so much. When we joined the UC, we were busy fundraising and struggling so much physically. Now we are not struggling so much physically any more, but we are struggling much more than in the past, right? We have to be very wise in order to understand how to overcome all of these difficulties. The problem is that we don't know the truth, or sometimes we know the truth but we don't realise it.

For example, students know that they have to study hard to get good results, right? They know that, but the problem is that they don't realise it, i.e. the fact that they have to study hard. We know the truth but sometimes we don't realise the truth. According to the Divine Principle, we know that the spirit world exists, but we don't realise its existence. That is the problem. So how can we realise it, in this difficult time, in order to keep our faith and overcome our difficulties, go forward and make it? What or system or method can we have to overcome all these difficulties? Everyone is struggling, even more so than in the past. In the past, we had external struggles, but now we have internal ones, which is more difficult. How can we overcome?

Even we ourselves are struggling and we are trying to help our children. Indeed, the 2nd generation have so many questions and even we ourselves don't have all the answers. The way to solve these problems is that sometimes we think that we know everything, but that's not the case. There are so many things we don't know. As UC members, we think that Divine Principle explains so many things systematically and logically, so we think that everything has to be understood logically. However, in reality, that's not the case. There are many things we cannot understand. Of course, because of the Divine Principle we know the existence of the spirit world, but we don't really know the spirit world. Did we travel in the spirit world? None of us did, right? If we had, we would be very different and we would not leave the church. However, we only know the physical world. There are so many things we don't understand.

For example, we can see all of the brothers and sisters, but we don't see the spirit world here. How can I explain logically to you that your ancestors are here? Frankly speaking, it's impossible. What is HDH? It means that TP are here and Heavenly Parent is here, right, and we are attending them together with our ancestors. Do you know that? We know this logically, but we don't really know. Then what can we do if we don't know? We have to believe, right? So when someone asks me why all of these things happen, what does it all mean, then of course I can say something, but I cannot know everything, so I have to say that I do not know. I do not know the spirit world. But if TF said something, that must be true, right?

In the bible, Jesus spoke about the spirit world many times, right? Jesus did not show us the spirit world, but rather he explained the spirit world. What can we do? We can either believe or not. It's up to us. If we say to Jesus, "please show me the spirit world, then I will believe", he cannot show us, because we were born as the fallen lineage. If we were born like Jesus or True Parents, we could see the spirit world. How could Jesus explain about the spirit world in such detail without seeing it? How could TF explain about the spirit world? He said he met Abraham, Cain and everybody. You have to believe that. There are some things we can know and some things we do not know. [1:00:02] Then we have to have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. If we do then at the end of the day we'll see, but if we don't and rather decide that "I'm not going to follow until you show me", then ... People asked Jesus, "show me God and then I'll believe!" and Jesus replied, "If you've seen me then you've seen God. I'm in God and God is in me". That was all he could say and amounts to saying, "I'm God", right? Did they believe that? No. It was up to them whether they believed or not. In the same way, it's up to us.

We sometimes ask to explain everything. TP can explain, but we wouldn't understand. For example, if someone asks about the bible, you can try to explain, but it's very difficult to explain to those people who don't understand Divine Principle. If someone asks about Tamar's story, can you explain it to them? No, you can't. In the same way, TF can explain to us, because we know Divine Principle. TF said that Tamar is the greatest woman, even though she had incest and seduced her father-in-law. How immoral is that! If you ask Christians, can they explain that? No. Until we know the Divine Principle, we cannot understand this. Now we can understand. So there are some things we can understand and some things we cannot understand yet. So don't ask to explain everything!

The children ask many questions, and then we try to explain, but we don't understand so well ourselves and we struggle very much, right? Then, what can you do? You have to say, "I don't know". There are lots of things we don't know. Father said many times that he never made a mistake. You've heard that before, right? Of course, whether we believe it or not is up to us. TF cannot necessarily explain these things to us. Jesus said the same thing. Those things that we don't understand, we have to understand through the examples of the past.

Do you think we are the only ones struggling with the messiah? In the past, there were people who really struggled with the messiah. Who was that? Jesus' disciples. Do you think that Jesus' disciples struggled a lot, like ourselves, or not? About the morality of Jesus? Do you think they didn't struggle with the morality of Jesus? They came to realise that Jesus had no father. How difficult it must have been for the disciples to respect someone who was born as an illegitimate son. I'm sure that Jesus' disciples knew that he was trying to marry. Definitely he was trying to marry: he was 30 years old. He lived until he was 33 years old, as a bachelor, whereas he came to marry and become the True Parents and change the blood lineage of all the people from Satan's to God's blood lineage, did he not? Therefore, Jesus had to marry and don't you think he told his disciples whom he had to marry to? Who was the person he was supposed to marry? Jesus was supposed to marry his half-sister, John the Baptist's sister, having the same father.

Think about it. TF explained in a very logical manner why he had to marry John the Baptist's sister. This was because of indemnity due to Adam and Eve. Jesus had to be born from Zachariah, right? TF clearly explained to us why Jesus had to marry his half-sister. He went to his mother 3 times to ask, and what do you think Mary did? She said, "No, you can't do that", 3 times. What was the problem here? Mary didn't keep in mind that God

told her in the beginning that the son she would have was going to be the messiah. She was lost. When Jesus was 12 years old, he was lost and they found him in the temple. Mary and Joseph called to him, "why didn't you follow us?" and Jesus said, "do you remember who is my father? Do you think you are my father? You have to know who is my father. My father is God.". He reminded them, but they always forgot and saw him from a humanistic perspective, not as the messiah.

That's why Jesus, at the marriage at Cana, when Mary helped one of her relatives, when he arrived with his disciples, Jesus reminded her that is taking care of other relatives, but she should marry the messiah. He tried to make her understand. That's why he was visiting there, and what did Mary say to him? She asked him to make a miracle, in order to make wine, because there was none left, in order to show off to all the people. What did Jesus say? He said, "Woman, what does this have to do with me?". Probably, the disciples knew whom Jesus was trying to marry and do you think they could understand that? Last week was Easter week? What is the meaning of Easter? Is Easter something to celebrate? No. Think about God and Jesus, how painful it must have been for them for Jesus to die on the cross. The purpose of Jesus' coming was not accomplished, so what was the heart of God and Jesus at that time? No-one else but ourselves understand the meaning of the ascension or resurrection of Jesus. Jesus didn't come to resurrect, but to marry, become True Parents and save all mankind from Satan's blood lineage. Knowing that, do you think Easter is something wonderful?

We also need to understand what the struggle from Jesus' disciples was? Did they abandon Jesus because they were stupid? Do you think they were struggling or not? They were really struggling and we need to know why they abandoned Jesus. If you were living at that time and you became Jesus' disciple, and you were struggling very much about him, and even though you tried very hard, you eventually left Jesus. What was the main reason for them to leave Jesus? Peter was the one who really recognised Jesus as the messiah, but he is the one who possibly struggled the most at the end, and he regretted that. Christians think that all that was predestined, however if it were, why would Jesus pray so hard 3 times, each time checking if the disciples were asleep or not. Why did he need them to stay awake? To make them be with him.

I think there are 2 reasons why they left Jesus. Firstly, because they were confused, especially about Jesus' morality. They couldn't understand why Jesus had to marry his half-sister. Of course, Jesus could not explain that to them. That was a very sophisticated matter. It's like trying to explain sophisticated mathematics to us! If someone tried to explain Einstein's mathematics to us, could we understand? Personally, I couldn't understand. [1:15:28] In the beginning, Jesus' disciples couldn't understand why Jesus wanted to marry at all, because it would make it more complicated for them to achieve their goal.

Secondly, they lost hope in Jesus. They tried very hard to hold onto their faith in Jesus, but eventually everyone left. What was the hope or expectation of Jesus' disciples? At that time, they were the chosen people, but they were living as a slave colony of the Roman Empire, so what would they expect from the messiah? They thought that the messiah would come and save the chosen people from Satan's bondage, just like Moses did. Therefore, their hope was the liberation of Israel. Especially, when Jesus came, he talked about the kingdom of heaven. What is that? Is that to be found in slavery? As a colony? When they heard about the kingdom of heaven, how do you think they interpreted that? They thought that Jesus was going to save them and their people from the Gentiles. Every day, people were dying, starving, being killed or raped, in front of their eyes. It was especially difficult for Judas Iscariot, who was an independent fighter, and was the most righteous and smartest person amongst the disciples.

Many people came and asked questions about the kingdom of heaven and Jesus was very wise and answer their questions and even perhaps made miracles, meaning that he had incredible spiritual power. However, Jesus was talking about the kingdom of heaven, but he didn't do anything about that! Did he talk about how to fight and liberate the people from the Romans? Did he talk about anything political? No, he didn't say anything, and people started to become disappointed. They even asked Jesus, "where is the kingdom of heaven?" and what did he reply? He said, "The kingdom of heaven is inside of you". And how would you feel when you heard that? So you can imagine that that's why they lost hope in Jesus.

The bible records Jesus as riding a donkey into Jerusalem: is that something that would give you hope? How would you feel if you were Jesus' disciple and you were expecting him to fight and liberate the Jewish people? You would say, "Jesus, why are you doing these strange things and everyone is mocking us?". The only people that were following Jesus were prostitutes, tax collectors, and people like this. The righteous people, who were following the law, did not follow Jesus. But could Jesus explain things to them or not? What should Jesus have said when he was asked where the kingdom of heaven was? The kingdom of heaven was in Jesus' marriage. Jesus came to marry, in order to become True Parents. Jesus didn't come to save the chosen people: he came to save all of the people, by changing the blood lineage. Why did Jesus come? He came as the messiah, to

marry and become True Parents and change the blood lineage from Satan's blood lineage: that's salvation. So Jesus would have to answer, "the heavenly kingdom is in my marriage". Did he say that? No he didn't, because if he had, the people would have become really angry, complaining that they have so many struggles and he just wants to get married! If you are an independent fighter and Jesus said, "I came to marry. The kingdom of heaven is in my marriage", you would be very upset. Also, Jesus couldn't really explain things. He would have had to explain all of the Divine Principle before he could say that he had to marry, but he couldn't, and so he couldn't explain and they were so disappointed.

What could Jesus do at that point? He couldn't say anything; he couldn't explain anything, but he has to be perfect. He should not die. So what did he do? What did he say? He said, "I'm the way, the truth and the life. No-one can come to the Father except through me". In other words, the people should have absolute love, absolute faith and absolute obedience in him. He said words to the effect that he was God, and did they believe that or not? It was very difficult for them to believe that. For us today, Jesus seems like a saint, but for them at that time, he was just a person that they called "teacher". He was a man who went to the rest room (toilet) like everyone else. Peter said to Jesus, "you are the messiah" and "I believe in you". In order for him not to die, Jesus needed 3 people to stay awake and pray hard for him at Gethsemane. Do you think he prayed just to God? What was the purpose of this prayer? It was to make them listen and to make them understand how serious Jesus was. Jesus couldn't explain things to them, but he showed them his heart, his seriousness. He didn't want to die. He asked in his prayer, "Please, Heavenly Father, if possible, let this cup pass from me". They needed to know that Jesus didn't want to die and they should have done something, but they slept. Jesus came back and said to them, "don't sleep", and then he went back and prayed the same thing again. He didn't need to pray the same thing again to God. However, he prayed the same thing very desperately, and they slept again. And after this was repeated a third time, Jesus knew that they were not with him. So the time had come that he had to go by himself: nobody was with him.

We should not just think, "Oh, Jesus disciples failed". They really tried very hard to follow Jesus, but we need to know why they made a mistake. We need to know that we are heading toward the same thing: history repeats itself, right? What happened in Jesus' time is going to happen a second time. Did Jesus tell the truth or not? Eventually he did. Before he died, he said, "I'm going to come back as the bridegroom". What does that mean? It means, "I am going to come back to marry". But how was that interpreted? "Oh, Jesus is going to marry spiritually, now", so even the men in the churches think they have to be Jesus' bride. That's the meaning of Easter. If we don't understand all this, then we are immature people. It's as if the parents are really sad and the children are dancing around.

So what are we supposed to do? What were Jesus' disciples supposed to do? They had to have absolute love, absolute faith and absolute obedience. Joseph, Mary and the disciples were supposed to believe in Jesus with absolute love, absolute faith and absolute obedience. That's what TF is saying to us now, right?

If you ask Christians about Tamar, what would they say? They have a hard time answering. Some would say that probably the author of the bible made a mistake. The first chapter of the New Testament gives Jesus' genealogy and in this blood line there are a number of adulterous women, so they would say that that must be a mistake. What should the Christians say? They should say, "I do not know, but there is probably some important reason for that". There are many issues in the Old Testament, such as Abraham's mistake; it's repeated again and again. So if someone asks why it's a big problem because Abraham didn't cut the dove and the pigeon, is it correct if Christians answer that that's probably mistaken? No, they should say, "I do not know, but there is probably some important reason for that".

The people in the secular world criticise the bible so much, right? But could they criticise the bible after knowing Divine Principle? There is a reason for everything. When I was studying in UTS, Dr Wilson, who is Jewish, he explained many things from the Old Testament, because all these things are related to the current providence. This was so amazing: the bible is so amazing.

You may say that TF said this and it didn't happen, so TF didn't know. If your son is very sick and he will die unless he has a certain operation, [1:38:05] and the possibility of his survival if you perform the operation is only 1%, would you perform the operation or not? Then, if you operate but the operation is not successful, can you say that the father is wrong to do that?

Who are True Parents? They have a parental heart for all humankind. If you look from a scientific or logical viewpoint, many things which True Parents challenged seemed impossible. How could you challenge communism? Of course, now it seems reasonable, but back then for TF to challenge communism must have made us look like we were dreaming. What was the possibility that we could make it to solve the problem of

communism? The real substantial salvation of the people was to solve the problem of communism. If the messiah comes, he has to solve that problem. We know how difficult that was, with a 0.000001% chance of success, but TF did that.

Logically speaking, I think that Jesus had almost no chance of success. We blame John the Baptist, but if I were he, I would probably have done the same thing, don't you think so. We blame Peter, but if I was living at that time, I would probably have done the same thing. We cannot blame them. So if TF said something and it didn't happen, perhaps because UC members didn't fulfil their responsibility, but TF's heart is always true, based on absolute love, absolute faith and absolute obedience. You may say that TP made a mistake in terms of practicing true love, which means to give and forget. Can you find any proof that TP made any mistake on that level? You may say that TF didn't love his own children enough, but this was because he had to follow the Principle. How could he love the Abel children? We are not going to follow TP if they take care of their own children, but don't take care of us. God sent his own son to this earth and wants to save all of the people by sacrificing his own son: that's the Principle. Even normal people, if they have a guest, will they take care first of the guest or their own children? What is true love? It is to take care of the Cain person, even if it means ignoring your own children. So, TF did not fail to practice true love.

[Comment from the floor: Therefore, the UC has a big problem today with the 2nd generation.] That's true, but we cannot apply peacetime logic to wartime. We talk a lot about peace, but can you talk about peace while fighting is going on? If we are in the realm of peace or the realm of perfection, we wouldn't need to fight. The mind and body wouldn't need to fight. There would be no Cain – Abel problem. However, when we are living in the fallen world, we have to overcome all of this, and when we arrive at the point of the direct dominion of God, that's a different dimension in which the logic is completely different. For example, under Satan's dominion, righteous people have to suffer. Throughout history, anyone who was righteous was destined to suffer. If you think about Mexico City, which is controlled by the Mafia, if righteous people go there, they are likely to be killed. In the same way, we are working for peace, but we are fighting to achieve peace. How can we achieve peace without resolving the fight between mind and body? If we don't fight against our body, how can we make peace? The way of peace of all religions involves fighting against the body. Therefore, the way to achieve peace is through fighting! That seems quite contradictory!

There is a story about a very good person living in Korea. He was a good son of his father, a good husband for his wife and a good father for his own children. He was the mayor of the city where he was living and was an exemplary leader. However, Korea came to be occupied by Japan and he had to work under the authority of the Japanese government. He was obliged to recruit people to become miners and he was informed that the mine collapsed and many people died. He also had to recruit soldiers to send to the war and many people died. And then he had to recruit the comfort women from amongst his friends and townspeople, i.e. prostitutes for the soldiers who had to deal with more than 100 people per day. Knowing this, could he do that? He couldn't, so he called all of the families together and said to them, "I was struggling so much, but for my family I had to do, but now I can't do anymore. It's too much and I'm going to go to Manchuria and become a fighter for independence." So he apologized to everyone and left for Manchuria to fight. They were very successful and one day they were able to occupy the main Japanese camp, and he found that his own daughter was there. Then what could he say to his daughter, who was screaming at him, "There is no God. How come all of this happened." In this situation, if someone said to him, "You are irresponsible with regard to your children. You are a bad person.", what could he reply? He couldn't say anything. However, mature people cannot make such accusations. Those people who are not mature can blame him and also blame the daughter for becoming a prostitute to the Japanese people. How immature would we have to be to blame her?

That is the history of the fallen world. That's why Jesus had to go the way of the cross. He frustrated he must have been. He was ridiculed by the righteous people whom he called hypocrites. You have to distinguish between the fallen world and the ideal world. If you apply the logic of the ideal world to the fallen world, then you will have a problem. That's unfair. It is unfair to accuse that man of being wrong and being a bad person. Don't you think that after the father left, the Japanese authorities would pick up the daughter and other family members first? That's what happens all the time. That's why all the True children and elder 2nd generation suffered.

Whenever I go to a new country, I always ask, "Who is the first ancestor of this country"? The elder members: most of them are struggling so much, not only financially, but also internally. Their children may well have left the church. Why? Because those that were close to God are sacrificed first. You cannot just talk about external things without knowing the internal aspects. How can you accuse that person of not protecting, loving or taking care of his daughter and abandoning his family based only on the external situation?

[Comment: if we had understood better, we should have been the ones to take care of the True children, so that they could understand. Also, as leaders, we should not just take care of only our own family, but of all children, then this problem would not arise. However, so many children were abandoned, and there was no one they could go to. We didn't understand at the time, but we should have taken care of them.] If you think about it, we take care of our children almost 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but TP didn't take care of the True children. How much were TP able to take care of their children? So, it's not fair to say something about TP without knowing the internal reasons, the heart, the Principle.

Once Korea becomes independent, what will happen? The country has to recognise, not only that person, but his daughter as well, because they were sacrificed for the sake of the nation and, thanks to them, Korea became independent and enjoys freedom. Therefore, after we go to the spiritual world, the people who joined the UC first and whose entire family was sacrificed, have to be respected, not because of their results, but because of their sacrifice. For example, In England, Henry Masters, how much did he sacrifice! He is the saint of saints. But what about his children? His daughter left the church, his son left the church, and one daughter is blessed, very poor and they even have handicapped children. I visit them all the time whenever I can. Whenever I go to America, I visit Henry Masters and his wife. I feel they are almost like my parents. And Mrs Masters asks me, "My son left the church, my daughter left the church, what will happen in the spirit world"? And I said to her, "Don't worry. God knows everything". How could you blame them? Satan is going to attack them first, to convince the world not to follow TP. "If you follow them, you are going to have these problems". That's why all the elder couples are bound to struggle the most.

So if we are too simplistic in our outlook, we can make big mistakes. If you try to solve a 3-dimensional problem with a 2-dimensional formula, you will have the wrong answer every time. Don't be too simplistic. If you don't understand 3 dimensions, you can say, "I don't know yet" and you will have to ask someone who knows how to deal with 3-dimensional questions. Don't try to explain by yourself. Some b&s may say, "Oh, probably TP made a mistake", but how can they take responsibility for that after they go to the spiritual world? We have to understand what we don't know. How could we understand TP's struggles? That's how Jesus' disciples made a mistake. They understood Jesus in too simplistic a manner. They thought, "Oh, Jesus has to liberate God's country, like Moses did". They did not understand that there were some very complex issues involved. Jesus told them, "you don't understand", but they thought they understood everything. So they asked Jesus to explain to them, but Jesus didn't explain things to them; he couldn't. All Jesus could say was, "Believe in me".

If you know something logically, why would you need to believe? You can just explain. If we were not UC members and didn't understand Divine Principle, then the best thing for us to do would be to just believe. For True Parents, it is the most painful thing to see True children struggling. Of course, everyone has their own portion of responsibility. However, if someone in North Korea steals food, can you blame them? No, because if they don't steal food, they cannot save their own children; their children will die. In South Korea, if someone steals food, you can blame them, but you cannot apply the same standard to North Korea. How difficult it is for TP, and how difficult it was for Jesus not to be able to explain. He could only ask them to believe in him and do what he said. That's what Jesus said to them.

In America, they have prom parties (proms after high school graduation), and the blessed couples really struggle because of this, because they know what happens at these events and therefore ask their children not to go. However, the children insist on going, because this is their last chance to be with their friends. They will say, "But everyone is going and you tell me not to go", and they cry. This is what is happening in America. What would you have them do? Many 2nd generations have had problems because of these prom parties; many made a mistake at that time. I know. What can you do? It's like Jesus' situation; you cannot really explain to them. That's why TF said that only parent's heart can solve the problems. Logic is good, but it has to be sophisticated enough. You cannot solve sophisticated higher dimensional questions with lower dimensional logic. That's why Socrates said, "I do not know". The Sophists claimed that they knew and said, "I'm right and you're wrong". They claimed to know things that they didn't know. That's a problem. We have to know what we know and what we don't know. If you think you know about something you don't really know, that's a serious problem.

Indemnity and restoration are full of sophisticated issues. How difficult it must have been for God not to accept Cain's offering, but He had to do that because of restoration. God has to put his own children into Satan's hands all the time. Most people are crying out saying, "How can God make the righteous people suffer the most"?

As adults, we have so many things we cannot explain to our children. [2:10:00] In the same way, our heart is also pained and we can only say to our children, "please believe me". Your children may think, "Oh, my father made a mistake", but that is a fundamental error, because you cannot generalize based on specific things. Of course, no-one can say they know everything and that they are showing the righteous example to their children. I cannot say that, but my heart is given entirely for my children; even I could sacrifice my life for my children. Some people are like that, but at least blessed couples are like that. In the case mentioned above, where the child has almost no possibility of survival, but the parents go ahead with the operation, that shows the parental heart. However, if the children just point out the parents' mistakes and cite that as a reason not to listen to their parents, is that correct? If the parents are wrong 1 out of 100 times, should you then say, "I don't believe in the parents"?

We may make mistakes in small things, but all b&s have a parental heart. Is there anyone who is jealous of his or her children? Our children are the only ones that don't make us jealous. If you don't believe someone who has that heart, who else can you believe? Would you believe someone else "out there"?

You may say that, in the bible, there are some cases where you have to be rebellious toward the king, but that does not apply to TP. How could you justify having a rebellious attitude towards Jesus? There were some cases in the bible where they had to challenge the king, but not in a rebellious way. They didn't say to Solomon, "You made a mistake. You have to repent". It was obviously wrong to take someone else's wife and kill the husband: everyone knows that! You cannot use that as an example to deny Jesus or TP. The main problems, 99.99% of them, recorded in the New Testament were because they didn't believe in Jesus or not believing in God. Adam and Eve didn't believe in God, Cain and Abel didn't believe in God, Abraham didn't believe in God. All of the problems occurred because they didn't believe in God. That's the most fundamental problem, which represents 99% of the cases, so we cannot generalise based on the remaining 1% and we have to be very careful.

Unlike our own physical parents, we at least know the Divine Principle, so we try to encourage our children to go the principled way, but it's not so easy and that's why we are here. The first thing we have to do is to become the object of God, otherwise how can we be the subject of our children? The most important quality of a leader, which implies being the subject, is to become an absolute object to your subject. TP are absolute objects to God. TM is an absolute object to TF. So, what is the problem with True children? They are great leaders as subjects, but they are not good objects. That's why they have problems. Of course, we cannot blame them, because we know how much they struggled, but we have to understand the heart of TP. We are no longer children; we are grown-up children; we have our own children, and we have our own struggle, but we have to at least learn from that. When I see the struggles of my children, I come to understand TP. And the children will come to understand later; they will realise later. Don't worry too much. Time will solve the problems. We are immature, but we grow up and have children and come to realise things. Eventually, we come to say, "Now, I can understand! Now, I realise what my parents were saying". Our parents used to say, "You can't understand until you have your own children". Now I'm saying the same thing to my children, but they don't understand! We cannot blame them because we did the same thing. We have to be patient and try to make them understand that they need to be humble and that there are some things they don't know. How could they understand the parents' heart?

We have to help them understand that there are some things they don't know yet. It's good to have confidence, but having false confidence, like the Sophists, is a problem. The first thing we have to know is the fact that there are some things we don't know. Are you familiar with the dialogue, "Socrates' Meno"? What did he do first? He made him understand that he understands one dimension, but not two dimensions. Then, afterwards, he leads him to understand the two dimensional thing. Our problem is that we don't understand the fact that we don't know. Humility is very important. Do you think that Socrates was just stupid to allow himself to be killed? He died for the peace of the world. If someone challenges the law, as Socrates did, and the law is not good, you have to nevertheless obey the law. That was his message. How important this is. This is his important message and the whole Western world has benefitted from this. We have to realise this. What's the meaning of Socrates' death? If you challenge the law ... in the case of Socrates, that was an absolutely stupid law, a law which causes Socrates, who was trying to help the young people to be free from the Sophists who were telling lies and who were instilling immorality into them. The Sophist way was to make the people immoral. That's why Socrates was trying to encourage them to understand what is morality and virtue and for that reason he was executed. That was the law and you may think that we have to challenge the law, but he didn't challenge even the bad law.

If we challenge the law created by True Parents, is that the right attitude or not? If some law is made by Jesus and you challenge the law saying, "I don't accept that law", is that correct? Of course we can ask if something is correct or not, but the point is that if we challenge it, then everyone can say the same thing. The American constitution is not perfect, of course you may question it, but you are not going to deny the constitution. If you deny the constitution saying, "I'm not going to accept that. It should not be applied to me", is that okay? If everyone had that kind of attitude, then the Western world could not exist, this civilisation could not exist. Socrates showed the model, that even though the law is not perfect, you have to obey the law. That's what he showed us.

After Socrates came Plato, Aristotle and the Emperor Alexandria. The Emperor Alexandria did not conquer other lands just to increase his territory, but rather to spread enlightenment. That's the basis of the Western world in which we are living and from which we have so many benefits. Of course, there are many people who contributed to making this wonderful civilisation, but the most critical person in making this Western world is Socrates, as well as Plato, Aristotle and King Alexandria.