

Focusing on God Reveals Victory

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As I left church Sunday afternoon to begin my journey to Korea, I left school, fencing, work, everything behind. I began my journey of trying to experience God and experience the victory of Vision 2020 with excitement, but also lingering doubts about the Movement. Interactions with someone, who in fact was in a cult, stirred comparisons of it and our Movement. Although I had prayed and put these comparisons aside, I clearly had not overcome them entirely. But, I had profound goals, and a few doubts were not going to stop me. Or so I thought.

Exploring Cheongpyeong for a whole day truly revealed the grand vision of True Mother. In just two and a half years, numerous new buildings have been built. In exploring the new CheonBoWon Genealogy Center and museum, True Parents' achievements and life work were illuminated like I'd never seen before. I was so mesmerized. And with seeing old friends left and right, I did not feel or think any doubts. However these friends and new people I began to meet became my distraction from my doubts, and my purpose of going to Korea. At the 7th Anniversary of Foundation Day event, the first of three main events, I saw True Mother, and I was joyous being joyous. I was ecstatic to see her, and filled with such spirit and commitment. Yet, after the event, I still did not pray to God instantly, and continued to hang out with friends.

Friends are a strength. Friends are important. But my primary purpose was not friends, but to meet God and experience the victory of Vision 2020. So on the bus to Cheongpyeong, the day after the Blessing and Victory Celebration, in which I did in fact feel the victory of Vision 2020 substantially, I realized what I had not achieved: meeting God. I resolved to go to the prayer hall, a place to focus on God. Even there, however, there were people I knew, and I was so tempted to say hello before they began praying or bowing! I resisted this, and what came of overcoming this temptation was a spiritual experience. I *felt* God. I *felt* spirit world tangibly. And through this I was able to pray intensely about my doubts and resolve them. They were resolved because I finally went to God. My attention turned ninety degrees, from the horizontal to the vertical, to God. And through going to Korea, I came back with more confidence, ambition, and excitement to do God's will here in America.