

## **FFWPU Japan: A Life of Faith, Life of Witnessing, Life of Education**

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With the great command of returning to the starting point, the Family Federation is taking a giant step toward the path of reform.

The Unification Church has taken over the mission to receive the Second Advent of the Messiah, which was based on Christianity's 2,000 years of martyrdom, the center of the providence since Jesus' crucifixion. The forty years of the Unification Church since its foundation in 1954 was truly a period of indemnity - much like a "prison religion" - where people sacrificed loved ones and one's own living, and offered themselves to heaven.

Jesus even said, "I assure you that everyone who has given up house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the Kingdom of God, will be repaid many times over in this life, and will have eternal life in the world to come." (Luke 18:29-30) We have been walking on the straight path between God and Satan, which is incomprehensible to those who live on the outskirts of the providence. It can be said that all of this was the path of destiny for the Abel realm to firmly establish the Heavenly Parent's (God's) ideal of creation on earth.

### **A Life of Faith**

As we stand on the foundation of 40 years of indemnity, the providence has now entered an age of great transformation. Just as the Israelites had to leave Egypt, where they had lived for 430 years and needed to pass through 40 years of hardship in the wilderness to enter the age of being established in God's promised land of Canaan, we must realize that the providential compass is now changing its course greatly and pointing towards the firm establishment and settlement of Cheon Il Guk.

"Humanity was not originally created to relate to God through religion and a life of faith. In the

original garden, religion did not exist. There was no need for the formalities of ritual in the original relationship between God and human beings. It was to have been a relationship of true parent and true child living as an ideal family, intoxicated in the bliss of true love."  
Pyeong Hwa Gyeong The Holy Scripture of Cheon Il Guk, p. 265.

The purpose of religion is to create individuals, families, and societies in which religion is not necessary. When one enrolls in school, one must complete the prescribed course of study in order to graduate. Likewise, religion must place even greater emphasis on educating and training individuals to become people who can live with faith and graduate (this path), rather than focusing on just gaining new followers.

Living a life of faith is a step that is required of us in order to reach the destination that the needle of this providential compass is pointing to.

"We can become ideal couples and families by continuously training ourselves through a life of faith in which we practice true love by living and investing for the sake of others. The only way the world and all humanity can expect to have a bright future is by surmounting the habits of extreme self-centeredness, individualism and materialism. This is the only way we can protect people from immorality, the corruption of youth and the breakdown of families."

Moon, Sun Myung. Speech given at 40th Anniversary of the Founding of HSW-UWC. 1 May 1994.

"Adam, Eve, and their children would have established the fundamental principle in their lives that all humanity could follow."

Book 16: True Families and the Family Pledge, Cheong Seong Gyeong, p. 2407.

### **A Life of Witnessing**

The commitment to a life of faith will surely lead to a life of witnessing. As long as Abel sticks to the word and practices it in daily life, it will resonate with the original nature of people in the Cain realm, and a "chemical reaction" will occur in their hearts.

Witnessing in the age of Cheon Il Guk is a life of witnessing. The best environment for witnessing is in daily life where you have relationships with your family, relatives, friends, and colleagues, etc. There is no need to be self-conscious. As long as you live a normal life that is based on God's word, a natural resonance will occur in their hearts.

Through Abel's life of faith that creates an environment of a life of witnessing, the Cain realm will become connected to a life intoxicated with the happiness of true love, twenty-fours a day.

### **A Life of Education**

In this kind of environment that resonates with people's hearts, a life of education will be established unconsciously. Just as a child learns by watching their parents, as Abel practices a life of love rooted in the word, this life will be connected to a life of educating Cain's realm. In that kind of life, Heavenly Parent and True Parents will likely already be firmly established.

The core of Cheon Il Guk culture will be hyojeong. A life where the child lives in understanding of their parents' hearts is a life that fosters hyojeong. When this is accomplished, the word "religion" will likely disappear.