

Staring at the future

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If I go to Korea, I feel like the father of Korea. I have the experience of severe torture at the hands of imperial Japan. If I think about that, it is conceivable that I might hold a grudge against the nation of Japan. But I don't think in that way.

When Japan was defeated at the end of World War II, I contacted all of my former torturers one night and told them that they faced great danger if they remained in Korea. Then I helped put their luggage on their vehicle and sent them off. Although Japan had been an enemy country up until that time, I knew that it would become a brother in the future because of God's will.

So I determined to forgive Japan which was not the "reasonable" thing to do at that time, since Japan had persecuted Korea so terribly. But I knew so strongly that Japan would work for God's will together with Korea. Now thousands of Japanese members are following me at the risk of their life.

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Japanese people ought to be my enemies. They subjugated Korea and did many evil things to the Korean people, killing thousands from 1905 to 1945. Nevertheless, I love the Japanese people. When Japan surrendered in World War II, I loved my defeated enemies.

This is the reason young Japanese members are now following me at the risk of their lives; it is in accordance with the principle of cause and effect. It is because I established the foundation of heart by loving the enemy nation, Japan, with God's heart, beyond nationalism. The Japanese policemen who beat me nearly to death would have been executed later if I had implicated them. But I forgave them and sent them off to Japan with their luggage.

Moreover, it is a great thing that Japanese members are now shedding tears, sweat, and blood to save the United States, once Japan's enemy.