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### "A Time for Moral Courage"

In the July 1964 issue of The Readers Digest, Billy Graham tells, in this article, how taking a stand on honest convictions can flood the spirit with vitality.

What concerns Billy Graham is the unwillingness of the Christians to speak out publicly against the evils we lament privately - which every human being must apply to himself.

The world today suffers not only from lack of rugged convictions, but also from our timidity in expressing those convictions we do have. Our motto too often seems to be, "Stay aloof. Don't get involved. Let some body else stick his neck out." In the face of all kinds of conditions screaming to be rectified, too many of us find ourselves afflicted with moral laryngitis.

America, as a nation is gaining the reputation for playing it safe. History will judge the United States harshly for its silence during the 1956 Hungarian rebellion. Also, history will condemn America for failing to aid the Cuban freedom fighters in the Bay of Pigs.

We should not forget those men who signed the Declaration of Independence were by that act endangering their property and even their lives.

Organized religion is not without its sin of silence. What has become of the great voices of our Judeo-Christian tradition - voices like those of Jeremiah and Ezekiel, Daniel and Micah, who fearlessly assailed national evils - and specifically, not in generalities. Voices like Nathan's, who condemned a king's wrongdoing to his face. Voices like that of John the Baptist, who announced the immorality and corruption of a royal court, even though he knew it might cost him his head.

Christianity grew because its adherents were not silent. They said, "We cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard." Nor did they stop with expressing the great faith they had found. They stormed against the evils of their day until the very foundation of decadent Rome began to crumble. Is the church doing that today?

But before we condemn our national and church leaders, we need to ask ourselves whether we as individuals are displaying moral courage equal to the crying needs of home and neighborhood, where our influence counts most. Hardly a day passes without opportunity to stand up and be counted on some issue of importance.

Moral courage has rewards that timidity can never imagine. Like a shot of adrenalin, it floods the spirit with vitality. Courage is contagious. Commitment to great causes makes great men. One of Christ's commands to His followers was, "Let your light so shine before men." We are hardly Christian if it is not obvious to those around us whose side we are on. Gabriel Marcel said, "I am obliged to bear witness because I hold, as it were, a particle of light, and to keep it to myself would be equivalent to extinguishing it." The world is changed by those like Martin Luther, who cried, "Here I stand, I can do no other."

The power to speak out is ours for the taking. The same Simon Peter who cringed before the servant girl's accusations that he was one of Christ's followers later became one of those who, the record says, "turned the world upside down." Our world needs turning upside down. Even a small minority can do it, but it takes faith and courage.

Seoul, Korea

This coming 4th of November is Heavenly Children's Day, (October 1st according to the Lunar calendar.) A colorful ceremony shall take place on that day, at 7:00 A.M. The time of this very meaningful event is equivalent to 3:00 P.M. on November 3rd according to our Northwest time.

Of special importance on that day, Miss Kim, a Korean missionary to America for this United Faith who began her work first in Eugene, Oregon and bore fruit in her San Francisco work, is going to receive her blessing of marriage to Dr. Ahn, a medical doctor, who is a recent convert.

Mr. Kim says this is a special blessing to Miss Kim's invaluable contribution to this work by our Master. She was engaged on October 24th and without further delay she is receiving a restored family blessing.

Whenever the time is ripe, our Heavenly Father gives rewards, so all our American families should learn that instead of asking untimely desires, just do the Father's will and Master's will then all things will automatically come to us as a blessing. Miss Kim, as a model to the American family, preserved her faith even under unbearable persecution in fulfilling her mission.

Especially the younger families should prepare themselves to be accepted by Master as His restored children.

Portland, Oregon

The court trial was held as scheduled on October 21st at 9:00 A.M. Mr. David Kim was subpoenaed by the defendants lawyer in the evening of October 20th right after he left school. He had to appear in court 9:00 A.M. the next morning. Mr. John Schmidli, chairman of the United Chapel was in the Veterans Hospital so Mrs. Esther Carroll, representing the Chapel was a witness to defend our church and witness for Mrs. Terre Hall.

When Mr. David Kim stood in front of the court, various questions were asked by the clever and shrewd defense lawyer. Without any hesitation,, Mr. Kim answered back with a more precise explanation. As far as doctrinal questions were concerned, the lawyer was at a loss and was mentally blocked on how to question Mr. Kim because it was all the opposite to what he had heard from his client.

Especially, the lawyer was blocked when he opened the "sealed package" in court in order to attack Mr. Kim in relation to John Loflin's testimony of a year ago. The package contained some of Mrs. Chei's letters to the San Francisco group and some other materials with some snapshots.

Mr. Kim calmly and logically denied everything to the lawyers questions in relation to the sealed package and explained all things on the basis of our "Doctrinal Statement of our 10 Articles". All rumors and false witnesses were nullified. Even the Judge stopped the lawyer on any further arguments against our faith and religious implications on Mr. Kim.

Then, Mrs. Esther Carroll's testimony on behalf of the church was a counter-testimony against John Loflin's testimony of a year ago and cleared all religious factors and implications which caused the defeat of Mrs. Hall's case at that time.

Also, our Master's name and Mr. Kim's name were entirely cleared of all bad implications and has been restored.

The court attorneys as well as the audience, realized that we had suffered because of false accusations and slandering by the defendant and his false witnesses.

Thus, a one year battle in court has now ended as a victory for our side.

What do we learn from this:

- 1) Religious minority groups at the initial stage of development usually receive unfounded witness and false accusations, as the past clearly shows.
- 2) One person's actions or mistakes can destroy the whole world and cause tremendous damage.
- 3) In our United Faith, one persons or one groups mistakes affect the whole group or work because we are "branches of the same body of Christ". This time the case is related to the San Francisco group, but the Portland group should fight against it and had to restore, paying indemnity.
- 4) It is three times harder to restore what is once lost.
- 5) Some comparisons to to consider:
  - a. John Loflin, a Sociology student from the University of California, attacked this work; and a Sociology student from the University of Oregon should counter-attack one year later to restore.
  - b. A Jewish lawyer used clever tactics and won the case, but this time one year later, we used a Jewish lawyer to fight against the Jewish lawyer.
  - c. Judge Dahl was the name of the judge this time, while the name of the first judge was Judge Langtry and was held at a different courtroom.
  - d. Mr. Kim says, "I could see that the defense lawyer was constantly blocked at my answers and he lost his train of thought. Another spiritual power was entirely over him and he did know what to do next. This power prevailed over the whole court while I was witnessing. The judge seemed friendly and sympathetic to our work. We hope no more such problems are related to our work and occur by any mistake of our Heavenly families."

The victory was won as far as our United Faith is concerned, but the final decision by the judge as to the custody of Mrs. Hall's children will be decided within one or two weeks. Mrs. Hall's lawyer is confident that both or at least one of them will be restored to her.

### Eugene, Oregon

On November 5, 6, and 7 there will be the first open lecture on the Principles to be held in Eugene where Miss Kim first landed in 1958. It was there she first spread the Principles and received severe persecution and then had to move to San Francisco three years ago.

We still have bad memories toward Eugene where the established religious leaders had given us a bad time; but now we are going to avenge them by opening our lecture series, especially to the university students.

Mr. Kin has been preparing continuously and attentively to Heavenly strategy to countee-attack with the weapon of truth. The time seems to be ripe for us when we see the symptoms of spiritual battle to come. In three days, most of the key chapters of the Principles will be covered by David Bridges. He will get the cooperation of the Portland chapel, and Mr. Vernon Pearson and Mrs. Esther Carroll will participate in this part of the lecturing during the continuous three nights of meetings.

The Y.M.C.A. chapel will be used for the three nights beginning at 7:00 P.M. Regardless of the pressure of school, David Bridges will enforce the schedule by any means. All the families prayers are requested desperately throughout this open lecture. We pray that a permanent "United Chapel of Eugene" will be born to show the world that we are still alive in our faith and are ready to talk again and we have something to say.

#### Special Days to Remember in November

- November 4: Childrens Day, (this is October 1st according to the Lunar calendar).
- November 4: Birthday of David Bridges.
- November 7: Birthday of Tony Welch.
- November 9: Birthday of David Kin.
- November 12: Birthday of John Schmidli.
- November 15: Second anniversary of the establishment of the United Chapel of Seattle, Washington.

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