Bless All My Children

Michael Balcomb August 5, 2014



Within just seconds of concluding the 48-state, 43-day, 55-Holy Ground pilgrimage, I felt the urgent voice of True Father ringing in my heart, asking the question: "So, what are we going to do now?"

The answer I received is very clear and almost embarrassingly simple. In Father's oft-repeated words, we "have to become small Reverend Moons, small True Parents, take on that mission and perfect it." In other words, what we have to do now, to revive and expand our American Unification movement, is to do exactly what True Parents did when they began their mission to the United States, and to bring that work to successful completion.



Father and Mother spent their entire lives witnessing to the love and truth of God. They spoke and talked about it every day without exception. They delivered the Word in major events and in hundreds of public speeches; and Father in particular shared intimately and directly at the meal table, at church, on the boat, on the road, and in every conceivable way.

Today, our True Mother is doing the same, with much appreciated focus and conciseness. She is asking us to do the same. And so, at every Holy Ground, we've been asking the congregation to honestly answer this question: "Did you witness today? Did you testify today? Did you share the blessing of God today, not yesterday, not simply planning to do it tomorrow?"

For too many of us, the answer is "no." We didn't share today, yesterday, last week, or even last month. For some it has been years. But without doing this there is no way for God to bring the hoped-for Pentecost, awakening and revival in the United States and throughout the world.



Let us be clear: Each one of us has to make a pledge and a determination to share the blessings we have received with at least one other person every day. We have to do it because we want to, because we can't help it, because the truth cannot be contained, and because it simply not just for us, never was.

What we don't have to do is worry about the results or the outcome of that sharing. A large part of what happens next is God's responsibility, some of it is the other person's responsibility. We are simply called to plant the seeds, and God, or others, will help provide the water and the aftercare.



Yet the honest reality—confirmed a the thin show of hands in every state and every city—is that as a movement and a church family we have NOT been paying attention to this simple but fundamental duty. Until this pilgrimage began, I wasn't even doing it myself. Now I am, and I can feel the difference. I am absolutely convinced that once we all start doing it, everything will change.

There's one more thing: we have to share the Blessing of True Parents with the world. Father and Mother have made it very clear, time and again, that the Blessing is the gateway to salvation to being freed from the sinful lineage of history and being grafted into God's True Family, and take our destined place as His True Sons and Daughters.

We've neglected this too. Yes, it's true that fifteen years ago we made great efforts to share the Blessing in external, symbolic ways. During this pilgrimage, I actually met many devoted members who had shared the Blessing in this way with hundreds and even thousands of Americans. Yet all admitted that the real transformational power of the Blessing had not yet been properly conveyed. Many said that they no longer felt worthy or capable of sharing the Blessing of God.

It is vitally important for us to recognize and understand what is and is not our responsibility. We may indeed feel—I certainly often do—that we are far from worthy or sufficient to share the Blessing. That is the blunt truth. We may be hedged around with doubts and fears. It may even seem that our conscience is telling us that we just aren't qualified, and we shouldn't try to pretend to others that we are.



But what True Father told me in Eugene yesterday was that none of that really matters. "It's not your blessing I'm asking you to share," he said. "It is God's blessing, it is True Parents' blessing. That blessing remains pure, effective and essential, today and forever."

"Nothing you can do can ever add or subtract from that blessing, he continued. "But you can and you must multiply that blessing, and that is the only way you and your families, America and the world can be saved and liberated."



God, our Heavenly Parent, told me that as soon as we have made that determination or redetermination, in a way that He can trust, He will show us what to do and how to do it, and He will quickly send all the people needed to finish the task.

So what are we waiting for?