

A good leader's relationship with True Mother and our brothers and sisters

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Good afternoon; I am the chair of the European region and this is the chair of the chair, my wife Fumiko. She's going to share something later. I'd simply like to share with you some advice Mother gave to me when I received my latest mission.

Twice Mother has changed my mission without much notice, in fact, without any consultation. She just summoned me and told me, I want you to do this mission from today. That is quite shocking. For several years, I had been working in the United States and I thought it was going well. Unexpectedly, Mother said, I want you to go to Europe now and focus on Europe. I had been in the European church for a few years back in the 1980s, but I didn't know what to expect. When I met with Mother, I thought she would give me some detailed instructions about what she expects from Europe, but she didn't.

She talks about the Christian foundation in Europe a lot. When Mother thinks about Europe, I think she thinks about Jesus. Perhaps you haven't thought of it this way, but Mother is deeply in love with Jesus and wants to say that Jesus fulfilled his mission and can rest. This is what True Parents always wanted. When Father met Jesus back in 1935, the thing that struck his mind and heart was how sorrowful Jesus was before God because he couldn't complete his mission. Mother as someone who has had a deep relationship with Jesus all of her life, wants also to accomplish Jesus' mission.

Is there a way to restore South America without Jesus being victorious in Christianity? There isn't. It's the same in Europe. Think of the long history, centuries of Christian passion and Christian sacrifice; that has to be harvested.

True Mother's prayers

I try to think to myself every morning, what did Mother pray about this morning? What is Mother praying about today? We know she is praying about the unification of heavenly Korea, because she made that a motto about forty days ago. I know Mother is concerned about the way in which Korea reunites. It's been a long time. All of us hope Korea will reunite peacefully, but it should reunite upon God and True Parents, not just upon a political, a social or an economic faction.

I'm sure that this is one of the first things in Mother's prayer every morning, which means it should be in my prayer, right? What's the second thing Mother must be praying about? I think it must be the mission of heavenly tribal messiahship. Why? I think there are three reasons Mother is emphasizing tribal messiahship. One, of course, is it's important role in witnessing and sharing the blessing.

She is talking about blessing 7.6 billion people in her lifetime. How is that possible? Let's do the math. How old is True Mother? Seventy-six by Western counting, seventy-seven by Korean counting.

How many more years can Mother live? I hope she will live longer, but let's say twenty years. With 365 days in a year, that's 7,600 days. If you're going to bless 7.6 billion people and you have 7,600 days, how many people a day do you have to bless? A million people a day have to receive the blessing to reach Mother's goal. We have to have a completely different scale. I think this is pressing on Mother heavily. She's thinking, How can I reach everybody while I'm alive?

Dealing with the past

The third thing I think Mother is praying for, emphasizing, is ancestor liberation. Recently a Chung Pyung branch opened in Europe, in South America and in Africa. I was not immediately enthusiastic, but then I traveled with Mother to South America and Nepal and a few places and she kept talking about ancestor liberation and its importance. So, I recognized OK, this is important to Mother; therefore, I should be serious about it.

Why is Mother serious about it? I've been thinking about it. You know, almost seven hundred and fifty leaders, some of them heads of state or legislators, are coming to the World Summit. But a politician only thinks about the present. If they think about the past at all, it's to blame the previous person in their job. Most are not thinking deeply about the problems from the past. Some, not many, are thinking about the future. Most are thinking about today. But Mother told us that you as religious leaders we have to think about the past, the present and the future. One of the things that make the True Parents the True Parents is that they have come to untangle all of the resentments and pains of history, among the ancestors going back thousands of years. Now, by next Foundation Day, as you know, everyone is encouraged to complete liberating 430 generations.

Mother as the Messiah is also concerned about all of fallen history. Even if we build the kingdom of heaven on earth if in the spirit world millions and millions of people are struggling and unhappy, it won't be happening. I mention that because it ties in to what Mother told me in this recent conversation. Basically, she said that as a leader your position is an elder brother or an elder sister. Of course, you are in some senses a parent. The Divine Principle explains that the central figure is in a parental role and a sibling role particularly in Moses' Course. Each of us fundamentally is an elder brother or an elder sister to the members under our care. If that's the case, Mother told me, you only have two things to worry about. The first is that you have to attend True Parents and attend them well. This is not simple. Let's be honest, even in the True Family we are struggling with this core expectation. Even in our own families, if we're honest, few leaders can tell you with confidence, Yes, all of our children are following in the exact same way that we are. It's not simple.

When Mother explained this to me, she didn't use a religious explanation. She talked about Korean parents in the United States, where we have a million Korean immigrants, maybe more. Many of them came decades ago when Korea was very poor. The immigrants were poor as well. Many Koreans set up small businesses in America to take care of their children and let them go to school and let them go to college.

Mother said, You know about this right? You know that the parents of many of your colleagues in America opened such a business. She said, Let me give you an example of what it means to attend your parents: Imagine that there is a Korean family. Let's say it is the Seo family. The mom and dad set up a laundry and for twenty years they worked there every day. It wasn't healthy with all of the chemicals involved but they invested everything into it because they wanted their children to do well. But the day comes when the business starts to fail because you can order your dry cleaning online and someone comes and picks it up. You don't need a store anymore.

So the parents' business, their dream, is failing. What they want is to finish well. No one wants to end with bankruptcy or struggles. They want their children to help them. The eldest son comes home. He's a lawyer now. He went to Harvard; he got a great education based on the money from the laundry. He earns a lot of money. So he says, Mom, Dad, forget about it. This business is finished. The market has changed. You don't need it anymore. I will take care of you.

Mother asked me, Is that a filial son? In the one sense, you could say Yes. It's a son taking care of his parents; he doesn't want them to work hard anymore. What's wrong with that? I think Mother saw I was about to give the wrong answer. She said, No. That's not a filial son. A filial son thinks first about his parents' dream. Mother uses this word quite a lot, right? She talks about God's dream; she talks about True Parents' dream. If the parents have a dream, the fundamental duty of a filial child is to make that dream come true. Even if you think you have a better idea. Even if you think that dream is isn't worthwhile.

What Mother said is a filial son would put aside his law practice for a while, come back and see if he couldn't revive his parents' business. Make it work. Step up the advertising; make a Facebook page, whatever it takes to make that business succeed. If it succeeds, he can then take over and take care of his

parents, but as long as their dream is unfinished and on their hearts, he can't stop it. That's a very simple explanation.

I think about True Parents' dream, quite often, honestly. When we're presented with some of the dreams or vision, things Mother wants to do, thinking about it logically, we might think, There could be a better way. It's OK to think that but before we advance in our own direction our first priority is to think, How can I fulfill my parents' dream? As a leader, no matter what country you're in or how long you've been a leader, if this is your first motivation, you will do well. What is my parents' dream? To know that of course you have to be in close touch with your parents. You can't know it if you don't talk to them anymore.



Guide your siblings

The second responsibility is very simple: You have to guide your siblings. As a leader, it doesn't stop when you know that True Parents' dream is. You know what Mother's vision is. You understand it. If you can't share that with the brothers and sisters who work with you, you can't be a leader. I don't know about you but in quite a few countries in our region there are very few members, sometimes as few as two or three families. But in those countries with only two or three families quite often we find that they are fighting one another. Our name is the Unification Church, but my goodness! Somehow, their unity and communication has broken down. Anyway, you need to inspire your siblings, your members, with the same dream as True Parents have. If it's your dream and your vision that would be good but if you can connect them with True Parents' dream, you will succeed as a leader. At least you have to find three people, three families, who will make a team with you. Before you begin to think about restoring a nation or a subregion, you must have something.

This is Mother's simple direction. Just inherit my dream and tell your brothers and sisters. That sounds simple but if you are like me you might not be so confident that you can do that. And one of the main reasons, I think we don't feel confident is because we aren't quite sure of the answer to this question: How do True Parents see us?

Our conscience is always telling us where we lack. If our conscience won't tell you, perhaps our spouse will or perhaps some of our members will. You know, actually I'm not qualified for this job. Probably somebody else should do it.

But this is a big mistake. If you're sitting in this room or if you have been asked to be a leader, you should never think, I'm not good enough; Mother should have chosen someone else. If you think in that way already, you're on the path to failure. You have to have confidence. And I will tell you how True Parents see us. Mother told me this when I met her.

True Parents' viewpoint

She was talking about Europe but it applies to any country. Do you realize you were chosen? You are God's chosen people. God chose you for this grace and responsibility. Mother often talks about how lucky we are to live at this time. So, if you think to yourself, I am a chosen person of God, already you start to

feel better about yourself. She also said, you are God's loyal children. That's true, isn't it? We are here. We are loyal soldiers, God's loyal children. We're not going anywhere except to follow True Parents' directions. Mother told us we're loyal. She said, I see you have much potential, especially the young people. They are full of potential, full of grace given by God. Be confident. God has not made a mistake. He has chosen me because he trusts me and he needs me.

The Divine Principle, the section on Human Responsibility, says that 95 percent responsibility comes from God and 5 percent comes from human effort. The question for any leader is, How do I access the 95 percent? How do I get that and use it so I can fulfill my mission? The meaning of the 5 percent is living in such a way that you can receive the 95 percent from God.

When God does his 95 percent, how will that appear on earth? In my experience, it mostly appears through other people. The way that God fulfills his 95 percent is by sending you people or spiritual help to do the things that you cannot. To access this 95 percent, you need to ask God but you also need a plan.

About eight months ago in mid-summer, my wife challenged me. She said, Look, Mother has been emphasizing tribal messiahship but we haven't done it. Now, she has given us a deadline. What's our plan? How are we going to do it? I know what I'm going to do. I'm going to start witnessing to and blessing our relatives. So she did. She left for Japan and after about ten days, I joined her. In the past, it was difficult but this time it was much easier. We blessed about twenty families, a small number, but it gave us confidence that we could do more.

We then blessed a few more in Britain, where we live now. I am British, so I have relatives in Britain, but still that number is far from 430 and as a regional chair, you're somewhat busy. I started to push it back...

So I did something that I haven't done for a long time. I asked for help. I asked God but I also asked Bakary Camara, the chair of Africa. Bakary, I have a problem. I am working on my tribal messiahship, but it's slow and I don't know how I can possibly finish it. Bakary said, Well you're Nigerian aren't you? You were born in Nigeria.

Yes, I was born in Nigeria.

Well, why don't you get your tribe in Nigeria, to start? If you're going to fulfill 430 in two months, you should come back to your tribal homeland, Nigeria. Talk to George, the national leader....

We just came back from Nigeria. We had a tribal reception; twelve hundred people came. We blessed many more than our 430 and all of them fulfilled their forty-day and their three-day. What I felt from God is, I have been waiting for you to ask me for help for a long time and you didn't. You were too proud. You thought you had the answer, but you didn't.

Most of us are bad at asking for help, especially leaders. We don't want to show weakness. We don't want to admit that we need help from others, but this is a big mistake.

Help one another

A few years ago, when Mother was choosing the strategic nations, we gathered at Cheon Jeong Gung and every leader spoke about why his country should be a strategic nation. At the end, we reported to Mother and she was not happy. She said, I wanted you to talk to each other, to share with each other, to understand how to help each other. All you did was talk about yourselves. Come back in two weeks and do a better job.

So, we all had to go home, come back two weeks later and this time when we heard the report from Zambia or Dominica or Cambodia, we realized, Hey! We should care about these countries as much as we do our own; we should think about how we can support each other. Mother is a huge believer in teamwork.

We can't do it alone, but to be a team, you actually have to like each other; you have to talk to each other; you have to share with each other. Otherwise, we're just on our own; we're just back at the 5 percent. So asking is very important.

The next thing is: You have to believe. There is no use asking if you don't believe God is going to answer your prayer. God is most likely to answer by sending somebody who holds the key to your success. When you meet that person, you'd better be awake so as not to miss them. We've all heard about Prophet Samuel Radebe in South Africa and Sheikh Mansour Diouf from Senegal. A few people have come almost out of nowhere in the last two or three years. They are not restricted to Africa. In every country, someone prepared by God can restore your nation this year. I totally believe that.

Make the connection

I want to encourage you to report frequently. As a leader, how often should you be reporting? Some of you report every day. I know; some of you report every week, but the most important report you make should be directly to Mother. Who here made a direct report to Mother in writing this week? Two!

I want to give you my most important piece of advice: During this workshop report to Mother. Write her a letter. Tell her you're here. Tell her what you've learned. Tell her about your commitment. The first letter is always the most difficult. Satan does not want you to communicate directly with True Parents, because when you do, you'll receive amazing spiritual power.

Write that letter and once you've done it, write another one. The first time is difficult but the second one is easier and soon Mother will start asking, Is there any report from Cambodia? She told me the other day, "I like receiving reports from Europe. Keep them coming."

It's not just you, of course, encourage your members, to do it too. Mother is interested in your life, not just your results -- although they are important. She's interested in hearing about your dreams, about an experience where God manifested himself. Mother is a student of God and a student of humanity.

I think some of you might have sent a Heavenly Parents' Day message to Mother. I sent one from London with a photograph of True Parents' breakfast on the holy table. I wrote, Mother, members prepared this holy breakfast for you in London. I hope you can taste it.

When I reported to her about the Chung Pyung workshop, I started off by telling her that when President Song came to Germany, the first thing he noticed is how clean the air is in Europe, because here in Seoul, air pollution is a big deal and Mother worries about it. If you think about it, you could make your reports interesting to Mother by writing about the things that's she's interested in as well as your report. It's not a business report; it's not about facts and numbers. You have to report from the heart.

Telling her about events

Most people think the time to report about an event is when it's finished. OK. Here's the result. Actually, this is not very good for Mother, because it means we didn't need you; we did it by ourselves. I suggest you start by reporting to Mother beforehand. Mother, we are thinking of doing this. This is our plan; do you have any suggestions? This is interesting for Mother. Entering into give-and-take with True Parents is important. Even if Mother herself doesn't respond, you can be sure the international headquarters will be interested to know.

Then, report during the event itself. With your report beforehand, you're stimulating Mother. Then as it's going on, you want to tell her, Mother it's happening. We're doing the Chung Pyung program in Europe in a town hall, as I write. Then, of course, afterwards, you need to explain about what happened -- so before, during and after.

You can never report too often. Of course, I recommend you keep your report short--one page is quite enough; sometimes one paragraph is enough. Sometimes a photograph is enough. Remember, Mother says seeing once is worth hearing a thousand times. So, as new leaders, I want to suggest you make it your goal to report at least every month to Mother directly. A more senior leader, like some of you here, should be doing it every week or two weeks.

Mother's final word to me as she left was "Don't worry!" It's going to be fine. The living God is with you. True Parents anointed you. You have great members and you have wonderful people there.

I'm not quite finished because the chairman of the chair is now going to share something.

Mrs. Fumiko Balcomb

My husband is a great speaker, I think. Father picked a person the opposite of me. I'm not a good speaker. I'm sorry. You are tired. You look sleepy.

I am so happy that Mother so often says, "I am the only begotten daughter." By listening to it many times, I feel it is not only Mother but we, too, are God's sons and daughters. Right? So far, I felt it only in my mind. Yes, we know we are God's children and True Parents' children too.

Recently, somehow, I feel so much blessing that when I look at my husband (I feel sorry it didn't happen for so many years) but I can see, he is truly God's son. Somehow, my attitude and my mind started to change this year. I could connect with tribal messiah activity, too. Recently in Europe, we started the Chung Pyung providence. I was so deeply grateful just to think that our management of our ancestors can

liberate them from satanic chains.

Since we met True Parents, we have received so many blessings. One of them is the Chung Pyung providence. This time, on just two points, I felt so much blessing. One is that... Everyone here has a spouse, right? I'm sorry about the sexual relationship with my husband. He doesn't know it but... [She laughs gently] for many years, I have been complaining to Heavenly Parent: Heavenly Parent, maybe the sexual relationship is just for the men -- for their physical satisfaction.

Since he became the American church president, my attitude toward sexual relations with my husband was that it is not just for the couple, it is for the American providence. Every time I slept with my husband, I felt like that. Now he has a bigger responsibility, so now our physical relationship will be for the sake of Europe and the Middle East.



I just remembered that right after the Chung Pyung ancestor liberation, somehow, that night, as usual I was so tired and I didn't want to have it but somehow we had a relationship and after that, I felt, Oh my goodness! I felt God's love so much. OK, maybe just tonight, but even the next day this feeling of God's love continued. After this Chung Pyung providence came, my attitude toward my husband changed after so many years had passed.

The second point, as we were regional chair, together with the sub-leaders we were asked to do the ansu session for the members. So Rev. Lee, the Korean leader, prayed for us. He gave us authority by prayer. He prayed deeply. After that, I felt I want to help brothers and sisters... I asked Heavenly Parent to use my hands to help them.

I made up my mind, OK, maybe brothers and sisters need forgiveness or maybe they need inspiration or power. Somehow, my mind said please, God, give them that. Then when I started to put my hands on the brothers and sisters' heads, I felt Heavenly Parent's abundant love for each one of us and each one of the people whose heads I touched.

I strongly felt, this person needs better health or this person needs God's love. I felt each person's need through my hands, each time I was praying for the brother or sister. I think the combination of tribal messiah success and the ancestor liberation -- all of this is True Parents' blessing. They are truly the Messiah, to us as a couple, as a family and to each one of you as well. This year, I feel abundant blessings are coming. Recently a younger sister came to me and said, Mrs. Balcomb, please pray for me. I said, OK, please send me an email about what you want me to pray about. She sent it the next day. I thought maybe she wanted a husband or has a particular problem, but she just said, I need God's blessing, abundant blessing this year.

I thought it was quite interesting that she asked someone directly for her own happiness. But as my husband said, ask. I have had many experience that when we knock and seek God always answers through somebody from somewhere. Thank you very much.