

HJ Youth Academy Europe and the Middle East: Top Gun Mission: The last 4 days

Bogdan Pammer
February 22, 2024



Admittedly, I haven't seen any of the Top Gun movies. It is not that I never had the chance. It is not that I don't like action movies. I enjoy the occasional action flick, and sometimes Yoshiko agrees to watch one with me. It just hasn't clicked yet between the Top Gun movies and me.

This lack of movie experience made me somewhat unprepared, and I joined the Heavenly Top Gun workshop from Feb 19 to 22. Four hundred fifty brothers and sisters aged 18 to 25 attended. Some recently finished their [undergraduate degree in theology at Sun Moon University](#); others came as [freshly blessed couples](#).

Tomorrow, 128 of them leave for their 1 - 2-year missions in North America, Africa, and Europe (unfortunately, no Middle East this time). By joining the program, about 280 youth and young adults from Latin America concluded their 21-day pilgrimage.



The focus: Spirit, Truth, and Stories

At the core of the experience was a resurgence of faith. The workshop was short. It featured three elements.

Spirit: Daily night prayers from 10 pm to 1 am: Stepping into the presence of God and resonating with Heaven's Heart.

Truth: Lectures on what God wants us to tell the world today. God is our Heavenly Parent. Mother God was hidden from history. The lives and journeys of Jesus, True Father and True Mother. Now is the golden time to get it right - as pure flowing water born through True Parents.

Stories: The life journeys and testimonies of those who went on their missions in 1975 and elder second-generation missionaries. Listen to Mrs. Theresia Kittle's Testimony [here](#).



The Background of 'Top Gun' in our Movement

There is a persistent misunderstanding that True Parents named the first international missionaries in 1975 'Top Gun'. On August 20, 1985, True Father was released from Danbury Prison. The first Top Gun movie, however, only came out in 1986. Around that time, True Father gathered well-educated brothers and sisters, saying he wanted to send them to the 'jungle.' The 'jungle' they ended up in was Washington, DC.

(Read Dr Bo-hi Pak's account of the first Top Gun [here](#).)

And yes, True Father loved the Top Gun movie. In 2022, Tom Cruise returned as Pete Mitchel.



'Top Gun' has an elitist touch that I dislike. However, there is much to learn from the historic Top Gun program. It trained fighter pilots during the Vietnam War and is an excellent example of [deliberate practice](#), 'a special type of practice that is purposeful and systematic.' Anders Ericsson and Robert Pool discuss it in their best-selling book [Peak](#) as an example.

'Top Mission': Heart and Relationships

In 2013, True Mother re-started training for younger leaders and later youth under 'Top Gun,' 'Global Top Gun,' and 'Global Top Gun Youth.' The excellence she emphasizes is primarily one of relationship and heart. At the 2013 workshop, True Mother (Sep 23, 2013) said:

"I also like Joshua and Caleb. They were both descendants of noble families. They were loyal to Heaven for over eighty years. Caleb, from his perspective, lacked nothing. Yet, he united with Joshua. Instead of bragging about himself, he elevated Joshua first. This restored the Cain - Abel relationship and formed the foundation that enabled the Messiah to come to earth amidst the Israelites.

I have been thinking a lot about our leaders recently, and I feel that a culture by which leaders can love and brag about each other hasn't been established. We must be able to love and care for each other more than any other external groups because we are True Parents' children. We must be completely different. However, we are weak in this respect. I pondered on the cause.

I want to create new environments through you from now on. Do not seek only to get higher positions, but try to live for each other's sake, nurture each other, and be proud of each other. If you can do that, everyone can grow. On the other hand, no development awaits an individual or a group that is self- or group-centered and thinks of itself as being well-off and the best. You must understand this."

(read the full speech [here](#))

The 2024 workshop concluded today (Feb 22, 2024) with a meeting with True Mother. At the end of her talk, she said the young people present shouldn't just leave for their respective countries yet. They should spend the afternoon playing yute (a traditional Korean game), strengthening their bonds of heart. They go

23 Young Missionaries excited to come to Europe

February 18, 2024



On Feb 16, the day after the big celebrations, we met the seven brothers and sixteen sisters who will share the good news of True Parents and the Divine Principle in Europe over the next two years. Some of the young missionaries will arrive as early as Feb 24 in their countries: Albania, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Portugal, and the United Kingdom.

What does one say to (mainly Korean and Japanese) missionaries preparing to work in our region? From Feb 19 to Feb 22, they kick off their mission period with a workshop. I (Bogdan) will attend this program and keep you posted.

The Stories We Shared



Insoung Kwon shared some treasures from his life that brought him on missions to Europe (Romania, Belarus), South America (Brazil), and Oceania. To make a long story short, sometimes, a dead chicken is deep love. He was also involved in projects like the **Peace Cup** in Spain and Korea, meeting along the way a young Son Heung-min and Cristiano Ronaldo, who had just joined his then-new club, Real Madrid. He shared deeply about the attitude of service one adopts when coming to a new country, Romania in his case, not speaking any Romanian or English, to convey True Parents' heart.

(Insoung's parents received the blessing in 1968 as part of the 430 couples. He will visit several European countries very soon. So, if you are interested in his stories, you will have the chance to start a conversation.)



2012 피스컵 수원 국제 축구대회' 시상식(2012. 12. 22. 서울 월드컵경기장, 우승팀 PSV 아인트
Newspaper snippet of the 2012 Peace Cup. Son Heung-min, True Parents, Heiko Westermann holding the trophy. Insoung looking on (right bottom corner).

Dr Balcomb gave some practical guidance: When in Europe, look into people's eyes when shaking hands or talking to them. He also conveyed what True Father told him and his classmates when the UTS graduates were sent on their new missions in 1994.

I could share with them the story of an early Universal Peace Academy (UPA) graduate, our very own Jeong-hye. She came to Europe in 2015, persevered, invested a lot here, found love, and recently gave birth to their second child. Now, she lives with her husband Antto in Vienna, leading and caring for the local community and organizing exciting youth programs at the United Nations.



It started with a mission...

Two kinds of UPA

This means 15 young teams will be witnessing in our region. This number includes 2 EMPOWER teams, 5 GPA teams from the US, and two more missionary teams from Sunhak UPA. If you don't know what Sunhak UPA is, don't worry. You can find out right now.

There are currently two Universal Peace Academy (UPA) programs. **Sunhak UPA** is a post-graduate (Master's) course with consecutive long-term mission placement. **Sunmoon UPA** or Jr. UPA are the theology (Bachelor's) students at Sun Moon University. The missionaries we met belong to the second group.

True Mother often speaks fondly of the then-young members sent to pioneer our movement worldwide. Three missionaries went together: one from the United States (or the United Kingdom), one from Japan, and one from Germany. Also, today (Feb 17), she mentioned them in a morning meeting and asked, "Don't you think I should thank these missionaries?". Then, she instructed her staff team to provide her with a list of those early missionaries. "Please find everyone working in the field. Please stay healthy."

(You can find the stories of the German missionaries in **Dawn of a New Era**. An article on the 2017 meeting of those elders by Hilde Piepenburg can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) for a list of the 1975 missionaries.)



Through these programs, Mother wants young adults to experience mission work in a foreign country – the same heart, energy, and adventure as the early missionaries, but with better safety and more support than back then.

If you are considering joining a program, keep an open mind to what God wants you to experience and where He wants you to go. Often, it is not what we think of first. It could be Europe. It could be Korea. But it could also be the US or another part of the world. (As the Hyojeong Youth Academy blog, we recommend **EMPOWER**. 😊)

The main point is that True Mother encourages us to witness, witness, witness. She believes we can discover our identity and purpose quickly when we experience God working through us – turning the life of our spiritual child around.



With the young and dedicated UPA staff

Related Posts



Top Gun Mission: This happened the last 4 days

Admittedly, I haven't seen any of the Top Gun movies. It is not that I never had the chance. It

[Read More](#)



3 Tips to get rid of Bad Energies in 2024

The Winter Special Great Works was a festival of prayer, music, and physical exercise. Countless brothers and sisters gathered in

[Read More](#)



How did True Parents celebrate their Birthday in 2024? (Part 2)

True Parents are the world champions in introducing partners to each other and blessing them in marriage. On many occasions,

[Read More](#)

« Previous **Next** »

Join Our Newsletter

Full Name



Your Email Address

Subscribe

I consent to have this website store my submitted information so they can respond to my inquiry

How did True Parents celebrate their Birthday in 2024? (Part 2)

February 16, 2024



True Parents are the world champions in introducing partners to each other and blessing them in marriage. On many occasions, they have expressed that they deeply love blessed couples and will take responsibility for them eternally. The Bible tells us that God's first words to human beings were words of blessing. Like God, True Parents want to bless, bless, bless.

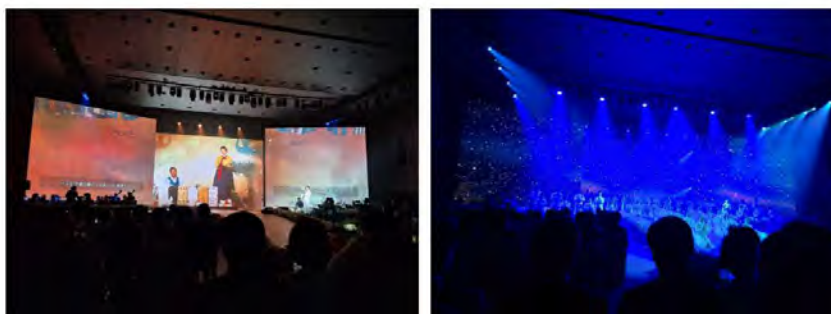
So, what better way is there to celebrate True Parents' Birthday than blessing young couples in marriage? Not really. That's why True Mother celebrated her and True Father's birthday this year by blessing 70 couples.

Click [here](#) to re-watch the whole event.



Light and Sound

The first part of the program consisted of a theatrical drama concert. It brought together a live orchestra, traditional Korean songs, dance choreography, animation, and a light show. It blended with historical footage of True Parents singing, with a pretty narrator tying everything together. It was an exciting 90-minute program and a good step towards a more enjoyable and authentic way to tell God's story.



True Mother has a big heart for the arts. The arts nourish the soul and grant us profound cathartic moments. It addresses our spiritual needs often better than religion and philosophy do. True Mother, although 81 years old and feeling a strong sense of urgency to accomplish many things in her lifetime, still does not hesitate to invest her time and money to encourage and enjoy artistic endeavors.

What does this tell us about the space we could and should give music, literature, movies, theater, animation, etc., in our lives? And yeah, I am not necessarily talking here about Netflix...



International Kids with True Mother

Also, a nice touch was that members of the first, second, and third generations offered baskets of flowers to True Parents for their birthday.

Brides and Grooms

It is a tried and tested tradition in our movement that brides hardly sleep the night before the Blessing. Grooms usually get a couple of hours of sleep more than their partners. Is this necessary? I don't know, but it's somehow part of an exciting and precious experience. Despite these circumstances, the 70 couples were beautiful, beaming with an inner light.

Each of them had a unique story, and I only know a few of them, and those only partly. Of course, only God can weave together this magnificent fabric of love, life, and lineage. However, talking to and observing the couples, experiencing these small moments of joy, awkwardness, excitement, gratitude, and occasional despair, made me feel I want to get to know them more... and I encourage you to do the same.



Marea and Francesca from the Blessed Family Department were with the nine couples from our Europe and Middle East region. They have just completed or are committed to starting one or two years of public mission. That is the 'Top Gun' part in the '2024 Heavenly Top Gun Special Blessing Ceremony'. True Mother invites these young couples to stand with her, investing the start of their life together for our communities, especially witnessing.

The pre-show entertainment featured a choreography with dancers dressed as brides and grooms. At one point, the groom kneels before the bride, only for the bride to pull him up. Later, the bride kneels, and the groom helps her up so they can stand upright together. I don't know what it is, but this moment always gets me. I guess that is just how married life is.



The ceremony itself proceeded as usual. After the entrance of the attendants, True Parents, the officiator entered. The Holy Water Ceremony was followed by the Blessing Vows, the Blessing Prayer, the Exchange of Rings, and finally, the Proclamation of the Blessing.

The real-life couple **Nam Hyun-joon** and **Park Ae-ri** offered congratulatory songs. The husband, a **poppin' dancer** and rapper, and the wife, a traditional Korean **gugak singer**, not only married each other but also their styles with adorable results. But listen for yourself [here](#). At the luncheon, Dr. Balcomb asked True Mother whether she enjoyed this modern rendition of **Gomapsso** (Eng. 'Thank You,' one of Mother's favorite songs) or preferred the more traditional one by Jo Hang-jo. Mother replied that while the conventional is better for singing along, she did enjoy the modern take.



Traditional and contemporary styles harmonizing

The couples in their own words

The couples, in their own words

"After the blessing, my wife and I are thrilled that we are starting our life together now under Heavenly Parents and True Parents realm. We want to take this spirit to our mission country."

"Seeing you [True Mother] today at the blessing ceremony was very moving; we were both in tears. But tears and words don't do anything; we felt deeply that the only way to really love you is to work harder. Thank Wang Omma, we deeply love you".

"A special moment for us was the incredible opportunity to be a representative couple and receive Blessing rings directly from True Parents. Seeing the True Parents so close, we could not even think about this. We thank Heavenly Parent and True Parents for the opportunity to receive the Blessing. In the future, we will put even more effort into realizing True Mother's vision through offline and online witnessing. As a couple. We want to embody the ideal of the Heavenly Parent by building an exemplary blessed family that spreads a culture of heart."

[How did True Parents celebrate their Birthday in 2024? \(Part 1\)](#)

[Previous](#)

[Next](#)

Share the Post:



Related Posts



Top Gun Mission: This happened the last 4 days

Admittedly, I haven't seen any of the Top Gun movies. It is not that I never had the chance. It

[Read More](#)



3 Tips to get rid of Bad Energies in 2024

The Winter Special Great Works was a festival of prayer, music, and physical exercise. Countless brothers and sisters gathered in

[Read More](#)



23 Young Missionaries excited to come to Europe

On Feb 16, the day after the big celebrations, we met the seven brothers and sixteen sisters who will share

[Read More](#)

« Previous **Next** »

Join Our Newsletter

Full Name



Your Email Address

Subscribe

I consent to have this website store my submitted information so they can respond to my inquiry



Founding the American Constitution Committee (ACC) and American Freedom Coalition (AFC)

Bo Hi Pak
January 2014



Early in 1986, True Father spoke with me about the need to establish a nationwide organization in order to assist in educating leaders about the direction America needed to go in order to fulfill its providential mission. I formed a planning committee of American brothers to discuss this new mission and to work out a way of fulfilling it.

Together, we painstakingly researched all fifty states to see what would be required to establish such an organization in each one. We also needed to look into all of the legal work involved in getting things incorporated, as well as a myriad of other details that required our attention pertaining to this. After this initial preparation was completed, we had to find the manpower in order to accomplish True Father's wishes.

Forming the Committee of Brothers

On January 2, 1987, True Father held a meeting in the Grand Ballroom of the New Yorker Hotel with the leadership of all the Unification Church organizations and businesses throughout the United States. After speaking for quite a long time, Father asked everyone, "How many of you would be willing to go to Africa and work there as missionaries -- to even live and die there?"

If you would rather not, it's okay and there is no shame in that, just move to the back of the room." A few people moved to the back, however, most of the people stayed where they were sitting. He explained that this mission would be very important. The mission later became known as the African Mission.

Father then told everyone that before going, there would be a three-day seminar in order to orientate everyone to their new assignment. I was responsible for this mobilization and for conducting the seminar. Arrangements were made for several buses to take the leaders to the orientation seminar the following day. Until they arrived, however, none of them knew the location where the seminar was going to be held. After traveling for what probably seemed like a very long time to them, they arrived at a hotel in Princeton, New Jersey, where I welcomed them.

Much to their surprise, after they had all assembled in a meeting room, I spoke to them and told them, "None of you will be going to Africa!" I went on to explain that Father was testing them, to see which of them would step forward with absolute faith and trust when asked to do something that they did not even fully understand yet. I then disclosed to them that in fact, Father wanted to set up a nationwide organization of leaders that would be able to gather and organize the movers and the shakers, as well as the opinion-makers throughout the country, and educate them with the CAUSA materials of anti-communism and Godism.

To make a long story short, for the next couple of days I explained to them what we would be doing and how we would go about doing it. The organization that we would initially establish would be called the American Constitution Committee (ACC), to be headed by Mr. Joe Tully.

In the midst of our organizational and strategy sessions, someone mentioned the name "top guns" to me. They explained that "Top Gun" was actually the name of a popular movie that had come out the previous year, and that (in the movie) it was the name given to the very best that America had to offer in terms of Navy fighter pilots. I felt that it was a great name with a great meaning, and I decided to adopt it in reference to the ACC leaders. In fact, the ACC top guns were a group of some of the finest and brightest young American leaders in the Unification Church in the 1980s.



The "Top Gun" workshop was held in Princeton, New Jersey, in January 1987; these were the participants.

True Father Led the Way

In the fight against communism, Father was so intent on getting the organization up and running quickly that he contributed money for each state leader to lease and furnish an office and to requisition a car, so that they could travel throughout their state to meet with people in leadership positions, as well as past CAUSA conference participants. Through this way, each of the top guns was able to begin immediately to make contact with many patriotic and capable people and organizations.

A Broad and Righteous Coalition

Later, the ACC top guns joined field personnel of a non-Unification Church organization by the name of Christian Voice (CV) and formed the American Freedom Coalition (AFC), which was registered in each state. Where possible, the leaders were assigned to their home state, where they grew-up.

The national headquarters of the AFC was established in Washington DC. It was headed by Dr. Robert Grant (CV's chairman and one of its founding members) who served as AFC's president. Michael Leone served as the executive director, and Gary Jarmin as the national field director. The AFC co-chairs were Congressmen Richard Ichord (Democrat-Missouri) and Bob Wilson (Republican-California). Famous civil rights leader Dr. Ralph David Abernathy and Phillip Sanchez also served

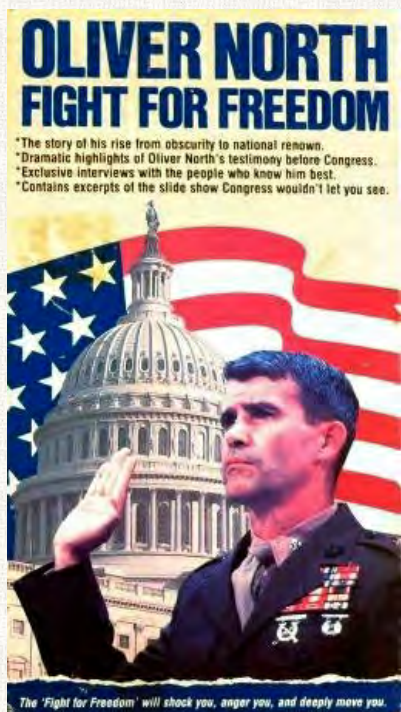
on AFC's Board. God's providence was moving forward so quickly at that time, and Father was very serious.

Several months after our preparatory meeting, on June 12, 1987, President Ronald Reagan laid down his momentous challenge to Mikhail Gorbachev, general secretary of the Communist Party, leader of the USSR, when he said, "General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization, come here to this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

While President Reagan was making his declaration, AFC had already set up offices in all fifty states and had them legally registered. The state and regional offices provided local leadership, served as a vehicle through which educational seminars were carried out and community- and state-level projects and programs were established.

Father often spoke about God's three big headaches -- communism, the breakdown of the family, and disunity among the world's religions. The Washington Times served as the "air force" to bring this message through the media to America. Father saw AFC as the ground troops in the field, whose mission was to bring this message to religious, political, business and community leaders in every state. We did this by taking on the issues of the day that confronted America.

One of those issues was the fight against communism in Central America and South America. Communism was approaching America's front door and President Reagan was taking a stand to stop it. Colonel Oliver North became a symbol for that fight against the advance of Communism and was targeted by the left in America for his role in the Iran -- Contra controversy." He testified before the U.S. Senate about his activities and the stand that the Reagan administration was taking against communism and warned about the rise of terrorism around the world.



The American Freedom Coalition produced this television show to support a former National Security Council aide, who was under attack from soft-on-communism politicians in the U. S. Congress for his support of democracy in Nicaragua.

Some Battles that AFC Took On

AFC took the part of defending Col. Oliver North and produced a video "Oliver North -- Fight for Freedom" that aired on television stations all over America. The TV special got out an anti-communist pro-American message and raised funds through advertisements and an 800 number to support these issues in all fifty states. I created a promotional arm for AFC, Global Image Associates, headed up by Mike Smith, PA Beltrami and Jim Gavin who worked to create the video, buy the TV time, collect the contributions and build a donor list that continued to support the activities of AFC.

AFC took on another issue that was dear to True Parents' hearts; the Strategic Defense Initiative, promoted by President Reagan. Global Image Associates was again tasked with creating this for AFC. I met General Daniel Graham, the founder of the organization, High Frontiers, and worked with his organization to create a new TV special called "One Incoming." General Graham was able to solicit the assistance of the actor Charlton Heston to narrate the TV drama, which depicted what would happen if America was attacked with no missile defense, and on the other hand, what would happen if we had a defense. The TV special went on the air, educated the public and raised funds for the activities of AFC.

The "Fight for Freedom" and "One Incoming" videos were also shown at programs set up by our AFC representatives all over the country. Local political and community leaders would speak at these functions and through this kind of activity we continued to build our local coalitions. AFC grew to become a respected player on a local and on the national level.

The voter education work conducted through the distribution of Voters' Guides and Candidate Scorecards in the 1988 elections also helped build the AFC nationwide coalition. On a local level, we were able to network with like-minded organizations to distribute these critical educational materials. This educational effort helped people vote for candidates that stood for their ideals and values. AFC was recognized locally and nationally for its voter education campaign.

Our top guns wore many hats and one of those hats was representing the Washington Times. I was president of the Washington Times during this time and our AFC representatives received copies of the Times to distribute and actively sold subscriptions for the Washington Times' national edition. This enabled our top guns to get out vital news from the newspaper and gave our representatives added credibility as they networked with movers and shakers in their states.

Throughout the year, I held American Leadership Conferences in Washington DC, where we presented pro-American, anti-Communist seminars. Our AFC representatives would participate with leaders from their states who were always inspired by the seminars and by the speakers who supported our conferences. Members of Congress and nationally renowned political and spiritual leaders would encourage our conference to bring America back to its founding spirit and create an America that can be like that "shining city on a hill" that President Reagan so often spoke about. At the end of every conference, I concluded with a testimony on Rev. Moon's life and work, which was always the highlight of the conference.

Father was the inspiration for all our endeavors and he personally met with AFC representatives on a regular basis. He would listen to reports from each of the fifty states and comment on what was reported. Most importantly, he gave us a vision of the importance of America as a global leader. He often told us that America can lead the world to do great things for God and mankind; or America can cause the world to decline if it loses its moral compass. He talked to us with great urgency; after these meetings, our top guns would go back to their respective states, recommitted and reinvigorated to bring about a moral and spiritual revolution in America.

Our AFC representatives were respected for what they stood for, and respected for the incredible effort they put forth to build coalitions in their states. To their credit, the AFC representatives were instrumental in the passage of the law in the U.S. establishing Parents' Day as an annual, national day of commemoration.

Many of our top guns went on to become respected political, business, spiritual and community leaders in their states. Most importantly, however, our top guns were proud to represent the fighting spirit and vision of our True Parents.

FFWPU Mission Support

Creating a United World of One Family under God


[True Parents' Speeches](#)
[True Father's Life](#)
[Early Days](#)
[Recent Sermons](#)
[Global Activities](#)

[Educational Resources](#)
[Media](#)
[FFWPU Intro.](#)

True Mother

Do Not Be Like the Ten Forgotten Ones

© SEP 23, 2013



These are True Mother's remarks at the opening ceremony of the top gun workshop, which she initiated and organized for especially dedicated members, at Cheon Jeong Gung on 8.19 (September 23, 2013).

I have called you all here in order to honor Father's will. I hope that all of those in this era, all of you who have lived with me in this era, become historic figures. Let us look at Joshua and Caleb. Were they the only ones that went out exploring? Twelve people had been assigned that task. What happened to the other ten? They were not remembered through history. Only Joshua and Caleb remained. I have called you all, proud members of the second-generation realm who have inherited one hundred percent of True Parents' tradition, with the heart and hope that you become central figures of this age.

All of you are conducting public lives. Is that right? For this reason, I cannot keep you here for too long. That is why the workshop has been set for twenty-one days. Some of you might have to do even forty days. The reason Cheongpyeong is an ideal site is because it is the only place that you can empty yourselves and achieve unity with Heaven. I wanted to give you the opportunity to rearm yourselves with the Principle, listen to new lectures on True Parents' course and become spiritually brighter, by yourselves.

As Father embraced God's will, youthful passion was an aspect about which he was careful. That is why he set up the goal to perfect dominion over himself before wishing for dominion over the universe. You have probably heard from Father himself regarding how he would pray for hours, denying his body after setting up this goal. Right? This applies to you, too. I am not going to hit your bodies, but I hope that you realize that yourselves. I am asking you to train yourselves and to reach body-mind unity.

Search

Inquiry

Are you looking for some information?
Do you have a question or a concern?
Do you need a consultation on any matters?

[Please click here to Ask your Question.](#)

Let's Go Meet True Father!



True Parents Way



Lecture Series

English

Divine Principle Lecture Series

D6 Productions (Divine Principle Lectures)

Let's Study Divine Principle

Word for Word – Divine Principle Series

Discovering the Divine Principle

Online Study of Divine Principle

After accepting God's will at the young age of seventeen, Father's course as he pioneered the way was an indescribable one, filled with blood, sweat and tears, a course in which his life was always at risk. He could not comfortably rest for even a day or a moment and could not eat properly until he turned forty. He threw away everything and followed the one path to realize God's will even under such circumstances.

The 1960 Holy Wedding marked the start of True Parents' providential course. Can you imagine that one moment when True Father, who knew everything, had to end the entire indescribable course True Parents had followed without yet having proclaimed Foundation Day in 2013? Do you realize that he had no other choice but to trust us with everything and go to the spiritual world? If you were alone, you might invest moderate efforts. However, you have children; you have descendants.^[1] I hope you can all experience what True Parents felt.

It is faster to solve issues that arise with your children when you take charge of the problem yourself. However, it takes time if you try to find a solution through someone else. You must understand how precious this very moment, this very time, is.

I also like Joshua and Caleb. They were both descendants of noble families. They were loyal to Heaven for over eighty years. Caleb, from his perspective, lacked nothing. Yet, he united with Joshua. Instead of bragging about himself, he elevated Joshua first. This restored the Cain–Abel relationship and formed the foundation that enabled the Messiah to come to earth amidst the Israelites.

I have been thinking a lot about our leaders these days, and I feel that a culture by which leaders can love and brag about each other hasn't been established. We must be able to love and take care of each other more than any other external groups, because we are True Parents' children. We must be completely different. However, we are weak in this respect. I pondered on the cause.

I want to create new environments through you from now on. Do not seek only to get higher positions, but try to live for each other's sake, nurture each other and be proud of each other. If you can do that, everyone can grow. On the other hand, no development awaits an individual or a group that is self- or group-centered and thinks of itself as being well-off and the best. You must understand this. As you followed the Unification Church, some people have had to leave for particular reasons, but even those people that had to leave the church all say they love Parents. However, some people say that they left the church because of a particular member. This is a point you must correct. You are children who should resemble the parents. Yet, if you leave for self-centered reasons and live for yourselves, you will shrink and become smaller. On the other hand, if you live for the sake of others, you grow and develop. Which would you choose?

You must ensure that no one suffers pain because of you. As people who save lives, you must not kill any lives. I am talking about people now. You should embrace all siblings, members—all people; ensure that no one leaves the Unification Church because of you.

You must do everything you can to set this people, this nation, in front of Heaven and restore the world. Right? The center must stand firm. If you can accomplish that, how proud an accomplishment would that be? However, this cannot be realized with only one person. It can be achieved only if you join hands and accomplish twice, three times, four times, ten times or one hundred times more that you have.

You should never forget how important the age we are living in is and who enabled you to live such a life. True Parents enabled you to have such a life.

In 1975, True Father chose missionaries from the United States, Germany and Japan and dispatched them across the world. The global mission history itself is reaching its fortieth year already. Global missions... The Japanese mission is almost fifty-five years old. Only a few have remained until now, but it is also true that they are making great contributions. True Father, centered on the United States, created then what we can call today an elite troop. He gave it a special name, educated the members of the group and gave them responsibilities, but they did not fulfill all their responsibilities. Have you ever heard of the term "top gun?" Will you become the top guns of the new providential era? [Applause]

[1] This sentence accurately reflects the Korean. In English, we use "descendant" only for a relative of someone that has died.

Experiencing the Heart of God

True Parents' Life Course Lectures

Other Languages

(Arabic) شرح التأموس الإلهي

(French) Principe divin complet en audio

(French) Série Principe divin en 10 min

(French) Aperçu du Principe divin

(German) Das Göttliche Prinzip

(Korean) 통일원리 강의 전 유상강사

(Japanese) Basic Principle

(Spanish) Principio Divino (Bolivia)

(Spanish) Seminario del Principio Divino

(Portuguese) Palavra da Verdade

(Portuguese) Conferências Principio Divino

(Portuguese) Principio Divino (HyoJin Producciones)

(Russian) Божественный Принцип

(Russian) Книга. Божественный Принцип

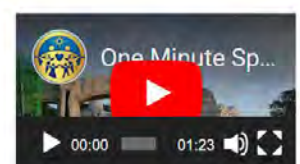
(Tagalog) Divine Principle Lectures

Songs & HDH

Morning Devotion / HDH

Holy Song Compilation Committee

Latest "One Minute Spotlight"



True Peace Magazine





True Peace Magazine
February 2024 Issue

[More](#)

Latest HJ Global News



Latest EUME Weekly

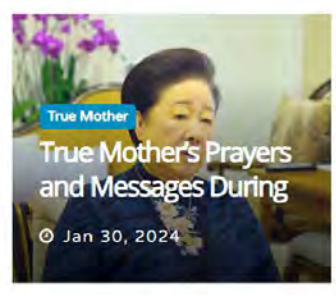
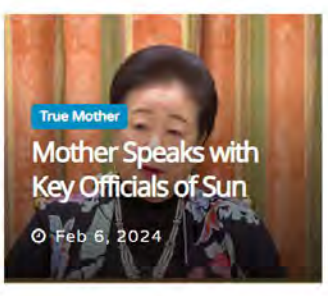


Ahn Shi Il

ahnshiil2024.pdf

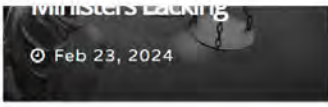
[View Fullscreen](#)

Related Post



You Missed





FFWPU Mission Support

Creating a United World of One Family under God



out not only for Heavenly and True Parents but also for each other and all second-generation members worldwide.

Participants, in their own words



Gregor, Germany

My name is Gregor, and I am a brother from Germany. It's my first time in Korea. My lovely spouse and I came to attend the Special Missionary Blessing and the Top Gun seminar. My wife is from Venezuela, and after True Mother called out for people to take over an overseas mission, we felt appointed by God for this mission in the home country of my wife, Isabel.

The Blessing was wonderful, and we really felt True Mother's heart. It was a rare opportunity to be so close to her cause only 70 couples were attending the blessing.

To receive proper guidance, we participated in the Heavenly Top Gun Workshop with all those starting a mission in an overseas country. This is incredibly refreshing and inspiring cause we have the chance to meet all kinds of unique and exciting people in a similar situation as we are with the desire to fulfill Heavenly Parents' dream worldwide.

My wife and I are really happy and grateful to have this unique opportunity, and we want to take the love and blessing to the people of our mission country.



Daniel and Heayun, Switzerland

"First, we are profoundly grateful to our True Parents for the transformative journey we experienced during the 21-Day HJ Heavenly South America Youth Pilgrimage in Cheon Pyong.

It was the first time in Cheon Pyong for both of us, so we were very excited. Immersed in historically significant sites of our movement, alongside fellow groups like UPA and Top Gun, a full schedule with Chanyang every day, the Great Works, and fervent prayers at the Cheon Shim Won during Vigil Prayer, we were able to experience so much, and more from the Place our True Parents build for us.

But before the Seminar, we dedicated a 40-day prayer condition and Fundraising to channel God's heart to connect with True Mother.

Throughout the seminar, we focused on Cheonshim Won to enrich our spiritual connection and deepen our commitment to aligning our hearts with True Mother, forging a deeper connection with her and our faith.

We received so much and can't express our gratitude enough to the Staff, the different Lectures, the Leaders who shared their wisdom with us, and our Heavenly and True Parents.

We return home inspired, rejuvenated, and eternally grateful.