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After ensuring through their message filled with true love that America, the elder nation, can fulfill its responsibility for the victory of 2020, True Parents returned home on December 23 after completing their schedules in America. Followings are the testimonies filled with grace for this week.

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1297th 2-day Chung Pyung (CP) Special Workshop (WS)

The 1297th CP Special WS commenced in the third week of December from 19 to 20, or November 9 to 10 by the heavenly calendar(HC). 2,683 from around the world took part in the 2-day WS. Chanyang sessions were filled with the grace of True Parents and the works of absolute good spirits. All participants were deeply touched in their hearts. New members from Japan who have never experienced a Chanyang session looked out of place at first, but they quickly became immersed. Ms. C.S. from the Kita-Nagano District in Japan (2nd-gen from 6,500-couple family) gave the following testimony.

"During one of the Chanyang sessions, I felt a strong emotion swelling up in my heart and I began to cry. I didn't know why these tears were flowing down my cheeks at first, but I slowly began to realize that I am here thanks to the love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. I then realized how many times I made them sad in the past through my actions. But I felt that they still love even after all of my misbehaving. I could not hold back my tears, and I truly sensed that Heavenly Parent loves me so. Heavenly Parent was always waiting for me here! Heavenly Parent called me to come here! I felt as if Heavenly Parent was telling me, 'I am now able to embrace you with my love.' I never realized that I could feel this kind of emotion during a Chanyang session and feel His love like this. Thank you so much."

On the second day of the WS, the Ancestor Blessing for up to 273th Generation was held from 10 in the morning. After the blessing ceremony, one Japanese member expressed her feeling, "It was truly a graceful ceremony. It was the kind of grace that one could never feel in a church in Japan. I couldn't stop my tears from flowing. I am truly moved by True Parents' grace here in CP." Another Japanese member, then, gave the following testimony.

"While participating in this workshop, I could feel the resentment towards church leaders that found a nest in my heart slowly seeping away. After the end of the Ancestor Blessing Ceremony, one pastor that I always hated came to me and offered a handshake. Right then, I could feel all my

hatred towards him disappear, and I was truly grateful for his sacrificial service in guiding us towards the Providential path. I made a truly good choice by coming to CP."



"A lump in my breast disappeared completely."

200th 40-day WS Filled with Grace

Many testimonies from the current 40-day WS participants came in this week as well. A Japanese member, Y.S., from Kyoto District (Year 2015 Cosmic Blessing Family) gave the following testimony.

"In the past, I was unable to feel the hearts of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and worries and instability filled my heart. Through this 40-day WS, however, I realized that Heavenly Parent has much love for me. Before coming to the WS, I often felt a sharp pain in my chest. I didn't know the cause of it, and I was thinking of getting a check-up once I return home. The pain came sometimes during Chanyang sessions, and I was starting to think perhaps I should quit and just go home. However, I kept my faith in the works of True Parents, and resolved to go through with the WS. Then the pain began to come less and less. I felt that Heavenly Parent and True Parents were with me. This 40-day period allowed me to not only heal my physical body but also mature me spiritually. Not only that, the lectures during the WS taught me that True Parents had to go through much pain and suffering while walking on the Providential path to restore humankind including me. I also realized about the love of Heavenly Parent who wishes to restore humankind. I want to become a more mature person and feel their love and Shimjeong from the deeper part of my heart. Thinking about the pain and suffering that Heavenly Parent and True Parents had to endure, I resolved to become their daughter who can share that burden."

A member from the North District of Seoul, A.T. (30,000-couple), gave the following testimony.

"A small lump began to develop in my left breast since last year, and a check-up one week prior to the WS revealed that the lump is now 1.5 times bigger than before. After much consideration, I decided to come to the 40-day WS. During the WS, I went up to the holy ground on the top of the mountain every day. In the end, the pain from the lump disappeared. An ultrasonography in a hospital revealed that the lump had gone completely. I received a great grace during the 40-day WS. While engaging in the Chanyang sessions, I felt something big escaped my body."

A member from the South District of Seoul, Y.S. (Married-couple family), said, "After participating in the Ancestral Liberation and Blessing ceremonies, my younger brother's apartment flat was sold after being on the market for four years, and the land owned by my grandfather was sold and we received some inheritance money. In the past, my husband used to bleed from his nose all year long, but it stopped after taking part in a WS. I am truly grateful to Heaven."



"Experience my heart, and let it shape your blood, tears, and life."

A WS to Establish an Experiential Faith

"The 7th WS to Establish an Experiential Faith" took place from December 15 to 17. In this WS, an elder member, Lee Dae-yeong, taught about the experiential faith, which he had learned through his life-long work as a reverend centered on True Parents' teachings, to other pastors and core members.

Teaching, "the beginning of experiential faith is the belief that True Parents are always with me - that they see what I see, hear what I hear, feel what I feel, think what I think, say what I say, and do what I do," the elder member Mr. Lee Dae-yeong oversaw lectures and singings from early morning to until 11 at night where he taught the members about what he learned through attending True Parents all his life. The WS has now been held for the 7th time, and 21 members finished the course this week. Followings are some of the testimonies from this event.

The pastor of Bundang church in South Gyeong-gi District, Mr. Song Jong-ig (6,500-couple), said, "The life of experiential faith, I believe, is a must in our lives. It was a great workshop that showed us the way of a life of mature faith. As we have now moved beyond the wilderness and are entering the age of settlement, I see some people confused about their life of faith. I believe this kind of WS should be attended by more people."

The pastor of Guro church in South District in Seoul, Jeon Dong-jun (6,500-couple), said, "I received a precious and meaningful ember of heart through his WS. As I have received a map and a guideline that leads to the world of True Parents' heart, I will pray deeply and have heartistic conversations with True Parents. I will feel their pains as my own, and I will lead the kind of life that True Parents can see and be happy. Thank you."

A member from the Gyeongnam District, Mrs. N.T. (360,000-couple), said, "I learned about this WS coincidentally from visiting the CP website. The WS helped me realize that we are all Heavenly Parent's children and that He loves everyone equally. My tears began to flow after realizing that Heavenly Parent has been by my side all these years. After the WS, I realized that being connected with Heavenly Parent in heart is easier than I thought. This gave me a new hope."

A member from North Gyeong-gi District, Mrs. S.K. (2nd-gen 400-couple), said, "The night before the day I was to attend the WS, I dozed a little while putting my children to sleep. This was when I met True Mother in my sleep. She was eating her meal at the center of a long table. Some people were sitting on the table beside True Mother and I was one of them. It felt as though it was the Last Supper. Then I felt that True Mother was saying, 'I will share Heaven's blood, tears, and life with you. You must experience my heart, and make them your own.' I will return home and practice the way of experiential faith. With that, I will discover Heavenly Parent's heart and become reborn as a good daughter who longs for the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind. I experienced something truly precious through the WS."