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In today's news, Couples share the root of their Blessing in 1982 and now. And the seminary invites you to take a deep look into the lessons from Mother's life.

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3 Couples Reflect On 38 Years Since the Iconic 1982 Blessing



Footage of couples walking into Madison Square Garden on July 1, 1982.

July 1, 1982 is seen as a major turning point in our movement's history. In just one day, the American church went from being a movement of primarily single people to one of married couples. More than 60 percent of the couples were either interracial or intercultural.

A large percentage of Unificationists participated in the record-setting Marriage Blessing ceremony officiated by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, affectionately known as True Parents, at New York's Madison Square Garden arena.

Three couples from the 1982 Blessing look back at nearly four decades of marriage

and their faith at the center of it all.



"We really love and respect each other, although I am more of a romantic."

"Our journey amazes me sometimes," says Larry Krishnek. "I look at my wife, Akemi, and see that our marriage is a real testament to how the Blessing brings together people of very different backgrounds."

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A Lesson You Don't Want to Miss

Mother of Peace
Lessons in Leadership and Gratitude

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SPECIAL FORUM ON UTS CO-FOUNDER
Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Memoir

What can we learn from someone who, from her childhood, has experienced it all: war, hunger, oppression, persecution, tragedy, hope, endurance, True Love, and unbelievable victory?

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