

Day 2: In Our Clans

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Today we began to transition from training to education. The main themes of the day were practicing a proactive family culture and exploring our understanding of God.

Tasnah Moyer began the day with two presentations about the culture of Top Gun: "Creating the Space" and "Setting the Intention." During the first presentation, she discussed four components of a proactive culture that we as leaders are called to be responsible for and to implement in our lives and relationships - openness to discovery, sharing, active listening, and punctuality.

Tasnah's talk defined proactivity as a type of freedom. "We keep what we discover and resist what is forced upon us," she said. Much of the content was rooted in the theme of giving: putting someone else's needs before one's own or putting God's vision first, for instance.



The second presentation provided again an opportunity for participants to clarify, by sharing as a family, their intentions for participating in Top Gun and what they can take back in service to their local communities. As an example, Tasnah quoted True Father's autobiography: "Setting a goal in life is similar to planting a tree. If you plant a jujube tree in the front yard of your home, you will have jujubes in your home. If you plant apple trees on the hill behind your home, then they will produce apples. Think carefully about your choice of goals and where you intend to plant them. Depending on the goal you choose and where you plant it, you can become a jujube tree in Seoul or an apple tree in Africa. Or you can become a palm tree in the South Pacific. The goal you plant will bear fruit in the future. Think carefully where the best place is to plant your goal so that it will bear the best fruit."



For the final training activity, Demian invited one of the workshop families, nicknamed the "Hope" family, to model with clan leaders and core staff members the organic conversations and reporting that will happen at the end of each workshop day. This is the practical application of the "free-centering" culture that Demian introduced yesterday. Families first sit down to reflect on the day together. They then send a representative to share with the clan leaders. Finally, clan leaders will meet and communicate the situation of the participants with the core staff of the workshop. It's an inspiring model because it encourages participants to be honest with one another and actively create their experiences here in a very natural and cooperative way.



Shifting to the educational focus of the workshop, Gerry Servito gave two presentations on Unification Thought, inspired by the first week's theme of deepening our awareness of our Heavenly Parent. The first was called, "The Nature of God," during which Gerry shared about the revolutionary content of the Principle of Creation. His core point was that, in the Divine Principle, True Father offered a deeper understanding and clarification about the nature of God for both the Abrahamic and the Far Eastern faiths. Following this presentation, participants were instructed by Demian to try digesting the content in a more intentional and constructive way: not just receiving as a passive audience member, but internalizing the content to share it with someone else in the next five minutes.



The second presentation was about the three Hearts of God. Gerry shared very passionately about the experience of God: His and Her heart of joy at the beginning of Creation, sorrow at the Fall, and pain as He and She has strived to reconnect with us. It was a very powerful presentation because it conveyed a deeply personal understanding of God's heart.



In the evening, we received word that Yeon Ah Moon, President of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), might come to speak with the Top Gunners. In the end our schedules didn't collide, but

we did surprise her on the stairs on her way out of the Chinhwa Building (where we're all staying and workshopping) with a roaring send-off. She looked really surprised and happy to see us.

