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Rev. Doo Seung-yeon, Director of the World Mission Headquarters of the [Family Federation](#), delivering his message in [Gapyeong](#), South Korea September 19, 2025



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"Do not be swayed by the present situation!" - A call for prayer, devotion and unity in the face of powerful political forces

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Extracts from a speech on September 19, 2025 by Doo Seung-yeon (두승연), Director of the World Mission Headquarters of the [Family Federation](#). The message was delivered at a meeting for leaders and members gathered in [Gapyeong](#), South Korea. Slightly edited unofficial translation of the original Korean.



[Father Moon](#) in Danbury Correctional Facility, Connecticut, USA in December 1984

[17th September](#) was truly a devastating and sorrowful day, a day that felt as if the heavens collapsed and the earth sank. [True Mother](#) said that when [Father](#) went to Danbury [prison in Connecticut, USA], that was a day she wanted to erase completely from memory - but for us, [17th September](#) was an even more unbearable day that we wish we could forget forever. From the morning, the pouring rain felt like heaven's tears soaking our hearts.

[...] Before departing [for Seoul], [True Mother](#) said this:

"The suffering I endure is enough. Let everything be concluded within just one day of the investigation so that no more innocent people will suffer."

With these words, she went. And though over 80 years of age, after enduring more than [nine hours of questioning](#), she returned to the Cheonwon Complex [in [Gapyeong](#)] in the dark hours of the day.

When I later met [Mother](#) at the Cheon Jeong Temple, she said to me:

"Because of your prayers, I was able to return safely."

[...] Now we stand before a grave reality. An arrest warrant has been requested, and the hearing is scheduled for 22nd September at 1:30 p.m. Some cry out:

"What on earth can we do? What should we do?"

The answer is clear: We must pray. No, we must absolutely pray with devotion. Now is the time to deeply empathize with [True Mother](#)'s heart, to thoroughly reflect on our shortcomings and our immaturity as a community, and to boldly renew ourselves, no matter the pain.

It is the time to once again recall the essence of our [Family Federation](#) and remain faithful to that essence.



Two thousand years ago, Governor Pontius Pilate shifted responsibility onto the crowd and handed Jesus over to be crucified. The cries of the people ultimately forced Jesus onto the path of the cross.

Today, our situation is not so different. Amid a fierce public opinion, our community is being put to the test. But we cannot lay the blame solely on external forces. We must confront the reality that within this situation lies our own

shortcomings and immaturity. Therefore, we must humbly reflect, renew ourselves, and return to the essence.

Even if the storms of criticism and scorn from outside intensify, if we purify our inner selves and stand upright before Heaven, we will stand even more firmly.

Above all, we must unite around [True Mother](#). To be one with her means to absolutely do as she says. At this time, she told us to convey this message to all members worldwide:

"I am fine because Heaven is with me, so do not worry. Do not be swayed by the present situation - each of you must be faithful to the mission given to you."



And again she urged:

"In your vigil prayers, sincerely petition [Father](#) in the spirit world that this suffering does not fall upon others."

Hearing this, I felt so sorry and inadequate, seeing our helplessness in the face of a reality where the powerful suppress the innocent, simply because our foundation is so weak. If only our foundation had been as strong as that of Christianity, Catholicism, or Buddhism, would they then have dared to mock or belittle Heaven?

So I understood [Mother](#)'s words as forgiveness for our past failures to establish a true foundation, and as a call to be reborn anew. We must change and make a new beginning.

Do not waste your feelings of indignation and filial devotion on the special investigation that has only about a month left. Instead, it is time for us to strengthen our solid inner foundation so that Heaven is never again mocked or disregarded. Now is the time to be cautious with every word and every action for the sake of

[Mother](#)'s safety. This is not just because of our duty as "children". It is not to avenge our humiliation. We cannot drive the [True Mother](#) to the edge of a cliff because of our pride or feeling of being humiliated.

Until now, for the sake of [True Mother](#)'s safety, we have lived carefully, as if walking on thin ice, watching every word, every gesture, lest it bring harm to her. But if, against all odds, a situation arises where we can no longer contain our indignation, then we will stop appealing to you with talk of filial devotion. That will be the moment to show our loyalty. That will be the moment to reveal it wholeheartedly and in earnest. That will be the moment to show the world, unmistakably, what kind of life we have lived.

There is a boundary we must never cross. They too have a boundary they must not cross. [...] Once again, I emphasize: What can we do? What must we do?

[True Mother](#) has already given us the answer: Do not be swayed by the circumstances but be faithful to your given responsibilities. And, through prayer and devotion, petition [Father](#) in the spirit world. This is our strategy, our direction, and the way [True Mother](#) desires us to walk.

At this moment, I sincerely ask all of you to unite your hearts, drive out evil influences with pure devotion, and to only offer prayers and dedication for the well-being of the [True Mother](#).

And the ultimate line (Maginot Line) we must defend to protect the [True Mother](#) has fallen; we must have a loyal heart, offer our devotion, and under no circumstances should they rise against us. I sincerely ask you to pray for this. Thank you. Thank you.

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throughout the day, for nine and a half hours.

In July, the special prosecutor arrested a former executive of the [Family Federation](#) on suspicion of giving gifts such as necklaces to Kim Keon-hee (김건희), wife of former President Yoon Suk-yeol (윤석열), in exchange for favors. The prosecutor [\[See editor's note below\]](#) appears to believe that [President Han](#) was involved in this matter. The investigation has also been looking into allegations that the [Federation](#) provided illicit funds to National Assembly member Kweon Seong-dong (권성동).

There have been strong reactions to what many see as a treatment disproportionately severe and lacking in basic respect for an octogenarian recovering from major surgery, raising questions about sensitivity and fairness in the investigative process.



Newt Gingrich

@newtingrich · Sep 17

Is the South Korean Government trying to kill Mother Moon? The new leftwing South Korean government is attacking many religions but they seem insanely intent on destroying Mother Moon. She is 83 years old, a world leader with supporters in over 150 countries. She works for peace and religious freedom. She has been in the hospital with a serious heart condition and the persecutors(not prosecutors) of the leftwing government want to interrogate her at the risk of killing her. It is inhumane and should be stopped immediately.

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Newt Gingrich, 50th speaker of the *United States House of Representatives* from 1995 to 1999, wrote on his X (formerly Twitter) account 17th September:

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The Family Federation of the USA issued on 17th September a press release:

“President Demian Dunkley: ‘We stand with the Mother of Peace, Dr. Hak Ja Han, the Holy Mother Han’

The [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International](#) strongly denounces today’s summons of the Mother of Peace, Dr. [Hak Ja Han](#) by South Korea’s Special Prosecutor.



Rev. Demian Dunkley, President of the [Family Federation](#) in USA, here speaking 20th July 2025.
Photo: Screenshot from video by [FFWPU](#)

‘This is not a neutral investigation. This is persecution,’ said President Demian Dunkley. ‘We stand with the Mother of Peace, Dr. [Hak Ja Han](#), the [Holy Mother Han](#). Her integrity and lifelong sacrifice for humanity shine brighter than any accusation.’

[Dr. Han](#), now in her eighties, is one of the foremost female religious leaders in the world. For decades she has worked to uplift families, reconcile nations, and advance peace across continents. Millions regard her as a spiritual mother. To see her treated as a suspect is, in Dunkley’s words, ‘an offense to decency, democracy, and the very principle of freedom of religion.’

The prosecution’s case relies heavily on the word of a disgraced former member who was expelled from the movement for misconduct. ‘How can Korea, a democratic nation, base its accusations on such tainted testimony?’ Dunkley asked. ‘This is not justice. This is the weaponization of law against faith.’

The [Family Federation](#) calls on faith leaders, elected officials, and people of conscience around the world not merely to pray but to act – to speak out, write to representatives, rally communities, and demand that Korea uphold the universal right of religious freedom.

‘The eyes of the world are watching Korea today,’ Dunkley emphasized. ‘History will remember who stood silently – and

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who stood up.'

Rev. Demian Dunkley, President [Family Federation](#) USA is available for interviews upon request."

Dr. Song Yong-cheon, the President of the [Family Federation](#) in South Korea, said at a large prayer vigil in [Gapyeong](#) 17th September,



Dr. Song Yong-cheon delivering his message in [Gapyeong](#), South Korea 17th September 2025. Screenshot from live transmission by [FFWPU](#)

"When [Mother](#) arrived at the prosecutors' office, with the whole nation watching, I stood behind the reporters and witnessed everything. Many people whispered that she would appear in a wheelchair, looking frail. But instead, though supported by her lawyer, she stood firmly on her own two feet, showing the nation and the world her upright and resolute stance for the truth. Before that holy dignity, I felt a mix of shame and deep respect, unable to lift my head.

Even as the flashes of cameras poured down and arrows of rude questions rained upon her, her first words were to the reporters: 'You've worked hard. You'll hear about it later.'

This was her heart – not mere sympathy, but the same anguished love with which Jesus prayed, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do,' toward the very crowd that crucified him. It was also the tearful heart of [True Father](#), who endured endless misunderstanding and persecution, even six imprisonments, yet prayed through the night to embrace even his enemies who cast stones at him.

That same great heart of love was revealed through [Mother](#) that day – concern for others even amid a storm of accusations and criticism. It was not seeing her attackers as enemies, but as Heaven's lost children; not despairing in suffering but radiating the dignity of Heaven that assures ultimate victory." (Translated from Korean)

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Featured image above: Dr. [Hak Ja Han](#), the [True Mother](#), departing for the prosecutor's office on 17th September 2025. Photo: [FFWPU](#)

[Editor's note: [Min Jung-ki](#) (also written [Min Joong-ki](#), Korean: 민중기) is the special prosecutor appointed under President Lee Jae-myung (이재명) for the Kim Keon-hee (김건희) case. He is a former judge – specifically, he served as Chief Judge of the Seoul Central District Court (2018-2021) among other high-ranking judicial posts.

He leads the special investigation into multiple allegations against former First Lady Kim Keon-hee, wife of former President Yoon Suk-yeol (윤석열). The probe involves serious charges, including possible corruption, bribery, stock manipulation, influence peddling, etc.

His special prosecutor team is quite large: they have requested dispatch of 40 prosecutors to the Kim Keon-hee probe. He has also appointed several deputy special prosecutors / assistants, chosen for their experience in elite criminal investigations.]

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