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Dying and Living

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Today let's talk about dying and living!

Let's read **Luke 14 25-33** (KJV):

• 25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? 29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, 30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? **32** Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Amen! Whoo! My, my, my! That's some powerful warrior power right there! Amen! That is what Christ Jesus is talking about; he's in front of an entire multitude, thousands of people, and in this scenario it is like the first time when all these multitudes of people are coming. The disciples are feeling, "Hey! Now we're getting popular! The people are coming! The multitudes are coming! Yes we want to keep them for service, give them cappuccino and coffee, and cookies and try to make them stay!"

And Jesus comes out and said, "If you don't hate your mother and father, your wife and your children, you are not going to be my disciples!" Then he goes on and says, "If you're not willing to die on a cross, if you're not willing to bear a cross, get out!" That's what he says.

And I can see his disciples in the background saying, "Oh! My Lord! What are you doing? We got thousands of people here; can't you just talk about love and doves? Can we talk about something nice? Why do we have to talk about these crosses, and why do we have to talk about hating our father and mother, and children and brethren?"

I heard somebody say, "Jesus was the king of church shrinkage!" You see but Jesus didn't care about that; he didn't care about full auditoriums! And there are too many churches that pay attention to that and don't speak the truth, and don't speak to their parishioners, congregations as if they're warriors, and they can take it. This is what we have lost in the body of Christ!

That's why we've become so weak; we think our parishioners are not warriors. We don't raise them to be warriors of God; we raise them to be weak and meek sheep. I have this band around my wrists all the time; it says "put on the full armor of God!" God calls us to be warriors, and there is a certain intensity you must have as a warrior.

What's wonderful about these young people, they're singing these songs. These are warrior songs, these are not feel- good songs, "Oh I fell in love with him, and he fell in love with me; he broke my heart and left me, and now I hang in!" These are warrior songs! These are songs that will slay the devil that comes in their way. These are songs for soldiers, warriors of God!

And this is why the devil mocks these kinds of songs, and these kinds of powerful words that go into you, because when you're filled with the spirit of the Gospel- and these songs exemplify that-when you are filled with these songs, you have weapons of warfare. You are understanding that the nature of this walk will be a confrontation. You are understanding that the nature of being a disciple to Christ will involve you confronting Satan at some point; you will face him.

Too many churches do not prepare their people to face Satan, and they wonder why, when he comes into their life and destroys them, they're wondering "why God have you forsaken me?" Nobody's forsaken you! God has not forsaken you! You've just not put on your armor that He has given!

It is so important that we understand that God calls us to be warriors, warriors of Christ! Wasn't this the spirit of the Founding Fathers? They were warriors! They were warriors who gave up own personal glory and stood up for sacred honor and the right thing to do! Amen! Isn't that what this country was based on?

But in our case now even in my own family, my own church, my father made me the heir, etc. Some of you may or may not know the story if you are visiting as guests. And we can see what has happened:

♣ We can see the Scriptures, 80% redaction of the Scripture! How can you edit the Bible? How can you edit the Word of God? The Scripture says,"Change even one word and you will heap on all the curses of all the providence upon you!"

But this is happening: we can see all the things that Father left,:

- ♣ We can see the National Anthem or the Family Pledge or the Blessing Vows of marriage or
- ♣ Monotheism being changed to ditheism.

I love my mother, but I have to tell the truth because that is what my Father gave me the responsibility to do! And it is not fun that the youngest son has to scold his mother! It is not fun that I have to do that! But as she said with her own mouth, "I am God!" I told her, "Mother, I love you, but you are not God, and if you say that, you will be humbled by God!"

- ♣ She left her position as the faithful object partner, she proclaimed herself as God, as Messiah, as only begotten daughter. Oh! Goodness!
- ♣ And then in front of the whole world church she sits on the throne of her husband. In Asian culture and in biblical culture this is the greatest insult: you cannot dethrone your husband.

So, yes I love her, and I am calling to her; I'm calling out to her, so that she repents of her sin and she humbled herself as a woman before God, not before me, before God. She has done this in front of the world church more and more frequently and we've seen it.

Three years ago when he said those words to me and to Kook Jin Hyung as well, and we had to tell her, "Mother we love you with all our heart, you bore us, but you are not God and you cannot bring that curse upon you! I don't care what all these people around you who want to steal your money tell you, you are not God. And if you go down this way there will be a path of judgment, not because God is judging you, but because you're walking away from God; you are walking away from his edge of protection, you are walking away from God! And if you do that, you will meet judgment!"

In the *Shmita* year, we see just this year things are getting worse. We covered this last week; in different countries there is civil unrest. We know behind the scenes there are people who are funding these things.

And look at this: out of all the countries in the world MERS virus hits South Korea, and they were laughing when I told Mother three years ago that if she goes down this path, she will reap on the curses of God, of heaven. We were doing the Korean sermon this week on Tuesday, and I was telling the Korean brothers and sisters in the Korean church, "Wake up! What do you think this MERS virus is? You are walking away from God!"

And as I said that "curses of God will be upon you- not because I'm cursing you, but because that's what the Scripture says," and right at that moment the lightning and thunder crashes. I said, "Did you hear that?" And you have this whole situation where the palace has been closed down; all the workshops have been closed down. God is directly, directly now, dealing with the heresy!

It's very funny how man and woman think they can be greater than God! It's the foolishness of man and woman throughout time! Same stupid mistake over and over again! They never learn; once they have power they never learn!

They said that it would go away; they had to shut down all the workshops, "It's a joke; it's probably going to get better tomorrow. The Korean government said they've got it under control." But I know they don't. Now it's up to thirty-two dead. Now people have to walk around like this (*wearing masks*) in Korea. This is only the beginning! What does the Scripture say? "Do you not fear the Lord your God? Do you not fear Him?"Only the beginning!

And look at where we are in America, folks! Look at where we are! It is a *Shmita* year; it is a year of the super *Shmita*, the four blood moons! Clear, clear warnings to America in 2001 and 2008; the economy is collapsing just like the previous two *Shmita* years, and apparently there's rejoicing on Capitol Hill in front of the Supreme Court. Instead of coming to repentance and understand that we've become arrogant as a country, we've chased God out! It's all about defiance, "Hey! I look so snappy and cool! Whoo! I bet hell is fabulous! Whoo!" This type of mockery of God!

What did the Scripture say? Look at that! They are covering the American flag with the gay flag! Isn't that a symbolic thing? They are covering the flag that used to represent liberty and freedom based on biblical principles of personal responsibility and free association; they are covering it! "We own this place!" It is the defining point where a nation turns from God because it turns from this original creation. The Bible says very clearly "Adam and Eve." It's not Adam and Steve, Madam and Eve; it's Adam & Eve! It's Adam and Eve!

When you leave that you're leaving God's anointing. You are leaving his supernatural power, and you will live your life trying to defend yourself, clothing it in a cloak of human rights, when all you're doing is running away from the knowledge that you have, that there is a God and He is harmed by what you're doing.

What does it say in **Isaiah 5**?

♣ 20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness

What a scripture for the day! Because guess what, folks? We think, "Oh! It's so progressive, and it's so new! Wow! America! Now the victory of love! Whoo! Praise! America is great!" We think this is innovative.

What do you think the Greeks were doing before they collapsed? What do you think the Romans were doing before they collapsed? What do you think the Babylonians were doing before they collapsed? Because when you fundamentally leave the morality of God, every morality, every ethnic will crumble! And I'm sorry to say: what is business or what is economy built upon? When you study in business school, what do you study? You have to study business ethics. Why is that important?

Moral relativism will destroy a nation; it will destroy a nation, because it will undercut every fabric of the society. It will be a defiant slap in the face to God, saying that "we are greater than you God; we can do what we want, and we love hell!

"Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil!"

You know just seeing all these things that are happening in the *Shmita* year! Remember in 1973 when they allowed infanticide in America, killing unborn babies; that's the first time America lost its first war. We were super –power; we were undefeated, and we lost our first war, in Vietnam!

Every single *Shmita* after that, seventh year, *Shmita* being a biblical seventh year of rest, but when the people defy God, it's a curse year! Every seven years after, that from the 90s -bond market crashes to the largest crashes of Wall Street, all economic based, exactly on the *Shmita* years; every single one! The last two falling on the exact day prescribed in the Bible *Elul* 29 in the Hebrew calendar, both of them falling on that exact biblical day!

And we are fast approaching this year *Shmita*, which by the way is a super *Shmita*; it's a seventh seven-cycle *Shmita* and it has four blood moons, and we're doing things like that! Right on a *Shmita* year! See, this is so emblematic!

Isn't it amazing? Isn't it amazing that the heresy of the church is directly related to that? Look at how they will not even put out a statement, saying that God intended man and woman to be married and blessed. They will not even put a statement out about that! Because they want to be caught up in political correctness, be popular for the new people. That's why the body of Christ has become irrelevant, irrelevant; totally irrelevant to the culture!

It's not like Jesus who was relevant; he was a warrior. He went in and changed things, he went in and changed lives; he went in and saved people. It's totally irrelevant! It has become totally irrelevant, getting sucked up, not even a clear position on the most fundamental sacrament of marriage; not even one statement!

What? You can't say "Adam and Eve?" What? You can't say" man and woman is what God wants, is what has power, is what has anointing? If you get that right, you have the most powerful powerhouse against evil." What? You can't say that, in this country of freedom and equality and liberty? This is fraud, folks, fraud; total fraud! And that is the age we live in, where we cannot call what is evil, evil and good, good. That is *Shmita* and we live in that time!

• If the Shmita manifests in America, what can we expect?

It will release entanglements among nations
It will impact labor, commerce and economy
It will transform the financial realm
It will cause credit to go unpaid
It will be a sign on nation that has driven God out

In studying these things, we just went back to Father's life course, because when we went to Father's life course, wow, we've been reading some of these early speeches. Who of you are in the small groups? You've been reading these early speeches; aren't those incredible? They are unbelievable!

Heungnam 1948 (2/22)-1950 (10/14)

- ❖ Ammonia fertilizer bags shoveled and stacked for Russian cargo ships for 2 years and 8 months
- ❖ 10 m high mountain of ammonia fertilizer shoveled by teams of 10 laborers and needed to produce 1,300 (40 kg) bags/day
 - 130 bags /laborer
 - *True Father produced 390 bags/day*
- ❖ Normally within 6 months they would vomit blood.
- ❖ *True Father did this for 2 years and 8 months.*

But look at this: when Father was in Heungnam; he was there from 1948 to 1950. He was there in the death camp, in the concentration camp; they had shipped him out to Heungnam, and this was where they're filling ammonium fertilizer sacks, probably some type of ammonium nitrate, right, which was then put on Russian cargo ships to be used in Russian bombs or fertilizer, or whatever. There was this 20-meters high mountain of ammonium; it was twenty meters high, and the laborers had to come and they had to shovel this into bags.

They had to shovel this into bags, and look how many they had to do: a team of ten people had to produce 1,300 bags per day, thirteen hundred bags per day, 40 kilos of ammonium fertilizer! The substance was so toxic that if you continued to inhale the fumes and you continued to work on it with your hand, your skin would peel, you would develop water blisters that would explode, and if you kept handling this material within six months – that was the normal-you'd be vomiting blood. Six months on average you would be vomiting blood!

Father did this for two years and eight months, and he did three times the normal amount of a laborer. It was 130 bags for a normal laborer; Father did 390 bags per day! Isn't that incredible!

Now you have to understand the context here: (*Showing a map of the Korean peninsula*) this is where Heungnam was up here, right up in this area here, right on the water actually, right in the water, right here.

Liberation:

- After 1945, WWII, N. Korean government centered on Soviet Union is erected, and S. Korea centered on America.
 - Kim Il Sung gets approval from Soviet Union and China.

- ❖ 6/25/1950 N. Korea invades S. Korea
- ❖ 9/26/1950 McArthur and 70,000 troops, enter Incheon and push out Chinese
- ❖ In October of 1950 UN troops come in and liberate Heungnam.
- ❖ Prison wards get news of UN troops on October 10th and schedule genocide of laborers.
 - True Father was scheduled to be executed 2 days after liberation of Heungnam.
- * True Father flees to Pyongyang on foot walking 10 days to gather his flock (30-40 members)
- ❖ Only a handful remain

After 1945, after World War II, the North Korean government is centered on the Soviet Union and their government is erected. So there's communism, boom, right there, totalitarian world where America is going, okay. That's what happened! It was right up there in the North. And then South Korea is centered on America in 1945. Kim Il Sung who is the premier of the North gets approval from Soviet Union and China to invade South Korea and he moves on what is known as the *yook-i-o dongnan* or the 6.2.5 Incident, which is the July 25th invasion. That's when North Korea comes into South Korea and invades.

On that same year, three months later 9/26/1950, General MacArthur comes into Incheon with 70,000 men, and he pushes off the Chinese and the North Koreans that have come down; he pushes them up. So he is pushing them back up towards the north, and in October of 1950, the UN troops come in and they liberate Heungnam prison where Father was.

What's interesting about this is that the prison wards got the news of the UN troops coming on October 10th. That was just a few days before the UN troops came, so what they did is, "Oh! *Shmita*! They're coming!" We do it ancient Hebrew style, "Oh! *Shmita*! They're coming!" And they said, "They're coming in a couple days; we have to kill these laborers." So, they had already set a date for Father's death, and two days before that day, the troops come in and free him. He is freed by the hand of God!

What's interesting here is that Father then flees to Pyongyang and (*Showing a map of the Korean peninsula*) look at the map again. He goes from here this side of Korea, and flees to this side of Korea. Can you see that? He crosses all the Korea. That took ten days! Ten days to cross! And he goes there to gather his flock. Before he had gone into the death camp he already had thirty or forty people in his ministry, in his congregation. So he goes back to try to find them, and when he arrives in Pyongyang after a ten-day, day- and-night- nonstop walking to Pyongyang, he finds only a handful of members less than five I believe, right about five. The others are either dead, missing, or have fled.

(Showing another map: "Three Years of war") See, as MacArthur entered into Incheon over here in 1950 - he came in here, boom, into Seoul!- then the UN forces advanced to the Yalu River and pushed up all the way up to here.

Fleeing:

- ♣ On 10/25/1950 China starts sending 260,000 troops to the Chinese Korea border and China starts pushing south
- **♣** Stayed 40 days in Pyongyang
- **↓** With the Bible in bag, True Father decides to go to South Korea in mid December sleeping with no fires or heat sources in the dead of winter
- ♣ Mr. Pak Junghwa's leg injured and True Father pushes him on a bike and Wonpil Kim carries bag.
- ♣ Near Hwangju there were 30 degree hills of ice, and bike kept sliding.
 - Pak says to leave him, but True Father says, "Only Heaven decided when we live and die. You cannot decide."
 - From here True Father carried Pak, and eventually gets to Seoul.

But then what did the Chinese do? The Chinese Communists intervened on November 25th 1950 and defeated the UN forces in North Korea. They sent 260,000 troops to the border to defeat the UN troops, Chinese! So Father here in that situation, because now China is pushing down with 260,000 troops, he stays in Pyongyang 40 days but he's forced to go south.

And look at this with the Bible in his *potadi* – *potadi* just means like a big handkerchief that's tied together to hold things; you know how they make bags with big handkerchiefs and you see Bugs Bunny holding a little stick with a bag hanging on it, this is what the refugees did! So in his *potadi* he has a Bible and he's got some clothes and he goes to South Korea in mid-December. Listen up! In mid-December he goes!

With no heat sources; you can't make fires because you will attract attention and you'll get shot. So you have to not make fires, and you have to sleep in the open wilderness; if ever anybody has done that you know, and they did not have the Animas sleeping system, guys, the bush crafters that are here! No heat source and they have to travel down south in the dead of winter!

Father's travelling with a man named Mr Pak Junghwa and his leg is injured; while Father and the two disciples are going down, Wonpil Kim is carrying bags. So this man is injured and Father has to push him down on a bicycle. (*Showing map*) So they go from Pyongyang all the way down here, to this area here, this bay, that's called Hwangju; and Father has to get him off of the bike because now they're encountering 30-degree slopes of ice, which as they try to go up they're slipping down.

He cannot push the guy up with his bicycle because it keeps falling over, and so he said, "get on my back and I'm going to carry you." At this point Mr. Pak said to him, "Leave me; leave me! You have to survive!" And Father said to him, "Only heaven will decide whether you live or die. You cannot decide that." Woohoo! You cannot decide that!

And from here, Father carries Mr. Pak, and eventually he gets down to Seoul.

(Showing a photo of Korean refugees on the road in deep snow) Look at this! Look at the clothes they're wearing! Look at the people's clothes that they're wearing! I don't know if you've ever been in blizzard sub-zero temperatures, but last year some of us were out there, right, when it was minus 20 on the coldest night since 1905 or 1915. We were not dressed like this! They dressed in cotton which soaks up water, and it will freeze at night and you will die because of hypothermia; it is the number one cause of death in the wilderness environment. You can't make fires to melt it out; you can't make fires to heat up your clothes otherwise you get shot.

Fleeing Continued:

- ♣ On 1/4/1951 China has taken Seoul and True Father forced to flee to Pusan and Taegu and other places for 3 years eventually returning to Seoul after war has "ceased-fired" (7/27/1953)
- **♣** *On 5/1/1954 HSA-UWC created in Seoul.*
- Iwayuh (Ewha) University and Yeonse University students, professors and chaplain become disciples
 - I. U. 600 students, 380 heard True Father speak.
 - ♣ On 7/4/1955 Imprisoned in Seodaemun Prison, Seoul

Father goes back down to Seoul and on January 4, 1951, so he's going down in December but in January of 1951 China is pushing through all of Korea and then it ends up taking Seoul again. So they get pushed out of Seoul and they come back down with 260,000 troops and take it over again.

And again that's why Father is forced to go further south; this is when he goes to Pusan and Taegu and other places. He's been roaming and wandering for three years; this is where he started with the cardboard hut. Remember that famous picture in Pusan with the cardboard hut? This is where the cardboard hut is happening; in this period when China is invading and has taken over the country.

Eventually there's a ceasefire in 1953; so three years later after wandering and wandering and wandering Father is able to get back to Seoul and in 1954 he creates the Holy Spirit Association of the Unity of World Christianity. In the middle of all this death, destruction, warfare, war-torn ravaged country, he gets up there and begins the Holy Spirit Association.

Ewha University is the top university at that time; it is a woman's university. Yeonsae is a top university there. They are trained by many Western professors, etc top elites, and they start joining the ministry in droves. Out of 600 students in Ewha University over 380 heard Father teach about the Principle, about the fall of man, how Satan will uproot a culture and society, where he is aiming, what he is aiming for. We know it is marriage.

On July 4, 1955: So Father lost all that; he has to flee, he has to be a refugee, he has to flee cities where China's encroaching. China is defeated; they come back down, they're encroaching. All of

this chaos! Finally it slows down and there's some semblance of peace, and the Holy Spirit is moving and then in 1955, without even of month's rest, he's in prison again. He's in prison because they say that he is creating social unrest etc, etc...

(*Showing photo in front of early church*) There he is! Look at that! *Wolli Seon-po,* that means 'Declaration of the Principle'. (Applause!) Yes, give God some praise, everybody!

Serving One Another:

- In this intensity of tribulation that True Father served his disciples and sacrificed his life for them over and over again.
- ❖ We too are standing as warriors armed with the full armor of God
 - We are persecuted together
 - Mocked together
 - Belittled together
- We must tend to each other's battle wounds and serve one another in this time of spiritual warfare against the devil's heresy, rebellion and desecration of True Father.
- ❖ We volunteer to become like Christ and exemplify His love and glorify Him.
- ❖ Volunteering is an act of worship of dying to our selves, our reputations, our identity and gaining new life in Christ as an instrument of His glory.
- ❖ There are so many opportunities to volunteer to serve.
- ❖ Claim that opportunity to serve Him and your fellow warriors.

So when I thought of Father in the time of this context, we could see him exemplifying the love of Christ. He was out in the ice weather, no fires. He was out leading; he was pushing his disciples over icy hills. They were saying to let themselves die, he said, "you are going to live!" It is through the intensity of the tribulation that True Father served his disciples; he sacrificed for them.

We have to see each other like that too, folks! Because everyone in this room is a warrior who is standing up for Christ, who is not bending to what the world wants, or what political correctness wants, but we are staying rooted on the Word, and we're saying," We will not bend to the worldly ways which will come and go; they always change anyways. We will stay upon the eternal rock which is Christ."

And that's why we're persecuted together, that's why we're mocked together, that's why we are belittled together. But what do warriors do when you are in battle? You fight for each other, you live for each other, you even die for each other, and when you are attacked and mocked what do you do? You care for each other. Amen! Yes you kill the enemy too, that's true.

But part of being a warrior... remember we talked about the *shield of faith*, what the soldiers had to do when the night fell? They had to anoint their shield, they had to oil their shields, they dipped them in

water for the flaming arrows in the morning, and at night they had to oil them so they would not become brittle. We have to care for our armor, we have to care for our spiritual armor and we have to care for our fellow soldiers' armor as well, amen? We have to care for our fellow soldier and our fellow warrior who is giving their life for the Kingdom. Amen!

We have battle wounds; because we are weak, and we're fighting Satan and we're standing up for truth and we are not bending to the worldly ways, we get attacked. I know some people in this room that get attacked, "You're bigoted, not tolerant; you're mean!" You get attacked.

But those battle wounds! There are some wounds that we can heal on their own and if you've ever done self-rescue or first aid, you know there's a level of first-aid that you can do, but there's a certain level that you cannot do, where you need help from other warriors.

There are times in your spiritual walk when you're walking with fellow warriors and you need to have help, amen! You need help for the battle wounds.

That's the nature of what we are fighting: we're fighting against a kingdom, Jesus was fighting against a kingdom; Father was fighting against a kingdom, the kingdom of Satan, of self-serving, of "I'm greater than God", of "I will be God, and I will determine my rules for myself!" That's exactly what Hitler believed, and every tyrant believed! Human beings are not above God; that's simple. God created the universe, He created us; He gets to decide what is right and what is wrong and that comes from his nature.

So the reason why I think this is important is because we have a tendency to look at each other and also across different Sanctuaries around the world, we tend to see us as just brothers and sisters, and we forget that these are fellow warriors; they are fighters! Amen! They're fellow battle warriors!

And when we change our perspective and look at each other, I'm not just going to look at these young people as just young kids with whom we have to compete with secular ideologies. No! I'm going to see them as warriors. I see my children as warriors. I'm a martial artist; I know how to train warriors. I see them as warriors; they don't think they're warriors, I know, but I'll make them warriors.

We have to change our view of each other, stop seeing ourselves only as brothers and sisters, and only "oh! Just love me, and woe is me!"

I am a warrior; you are a warrior. You can handle yourself; I can handle myself, but when I need help, help! Amen! When I need help, help! But I won't do it frivolously, and I won't do it in weakness. I'll do it with honor!

So if we can see ourselves as what we understand about warriors, all those people around the world now who are rising, in Japan now- there are other Sanctuaries that are now rising all over Japan now- we have to see them as serving with us in a same battle, for the same King, and the same Kingdom, amen!

So when we take the time to serve other warriors, and when we take the time to serve each other, we're not doing it out of weakness. Let's do it with honor and let's do it with strength. "I will serve you as a warrior; you respect me as a warrior. I'll serve with honor!" Amen!

Every single one of all these warriors here, this is what I'm so inspired to see you; all of us volunteer for something, all of us serve in some way, not so we get some reward, but because we know we stand in battle together and when you stand in battle together, there is a warrior code, there is a warrior code. We stand together, we fight together and we mend each other's wounds, right? We serve each other, we help each other; we prepare the tabernacle for each other.

So it's the volunteer fair today. Nobody should volunteer to serve if the spirit is not moving them to do so. Don't do it! I don't care if you don't you. I don't care! But if you see and understand you are a warrior and you have other warriors around you, then you understand that code; you understand what I'm talking about.

All of us have gifts that God has given. Who knew we would ever meet like this! I have so many people coming to me, "Oh! You know we're not like the A team; we are like the C team, and how did God put us together with you guys like this?" I remember Kook Jin Hyung onetime said,"You are the A team! You are the A team! "

God put us together, and we've had this conversation many times, when we see the World Church, we now see people who are waking up every single week, every single week. They meet people who have done the right thing when it was hard to do it; not politicians who will pretend to have faith when it's easy. When it was the hardest thing to do, you stood on the battleground and you told the devil that he's the devil! And you stood for truth, not so you could get a medal or not so you could get a reward, but because it was your duty as a son of God and a bride of Christ!

I mean you can be beautiful; you can be beautiful and still be a warrior. Look at my wife! She is so gorgeous! She is a warrior, a lioness! Umma, you want to say something?

Yeon Ah Nim:

Let's give a big, round of applause for pastor Moon! Thank you! This week I was preparing study material for our Korean class and the song happened to be "Every praise," the Gospel song that we sang. We did not coordinate this, but it happened to be the same. God is working in mysterious ways, right?

In the song there are such words," *God is my Savior, God is my healer, and God is my deliverer,*" Savior, healer and deliverer! To me it's almost like they're all similar words, right?

So I was like a little bit struggling and I asked my husband, and he explained this beautifully, so I actually would like to share this with you. He said that when we say, "God is my Savior" that means we are dealing with sins, hell and heaven, and our eternal life. So we are sinners, and some people might have a difficulty to see themselves as a sinner, but the Bible says that if you don't admit that you are a sinner that means you don't have the truth in you. It says you are making God a liar by saying, "I'm not a sinner! I don't have any sin!"

We are sinners, but basically Christ's blood covers us, covers our sins, so when God sees us God only sees Christ's blood, and God only sees the blood that runs through us, God's lineage that our Christ gave us as a gift. And basically that's why 'God as a Savior' is dealing with salvation and our eternal life.

When you say," *God as a healer*", of course God can heal our spirit, but this means more God as our physical healer, right! Many people come and are healed by Jesus, but it does not necessarily mean that they are saved, actually. So saving and healing can be quite different too.

When we say, "God as a deliverer," this was a very difficult thing for me to understand, but when we say, "God as a deliverer," you know, think about it, in our normal life we are dealing with many, many, spirits and actually many of them are evil spirit. We don't know why we feel so depressed; we don't know why we cannot just cut out from this past failure that hunts us, and we have many spirits, like the spirit of pornography, we cannot cut it off.

And those things in the end, chain us down in shame, and it makes it difficult to go in front of Christ, in front of God. But what does God do? He delivers us from those sins, and he cuts out that chain of shame and he puts us on the rock of salvation.

Brothers and sisters, how many of us know that, "God is my savior?" Show your hands! How many know that, "God is my deliverer"," God is my healer"! Yes brother, yes brother, yes sister, yes sister! That's right!

You know, when we know that he is our own savior, our deliverer, our healer, that's the beginning of miracles happening in our life. You know that very Christ, the very same God who came to serve us and not to be served, and the very Christ that gave all this amazing grace upon us that the greatest among you will serve us. Today we have a wonderful opportunity for you to serve God and our fellow warriors, brothers and sisters. So when you go out and when you have a wonderful lunch, please sign up for volunteerism. Sign up where your spirit pulls you into. Let the Holy Spirit guide you.

Brothers and sisters, let us worship our God, and let us serve our fellow brothers and sisters, our fellow battle warriors. And let us give all the glory to our God, our Father, and our One Lord! Aju!

Hyung Jin Nim:

Amen! Amen! Aju! Okay guys; let's look at *Cheon Seong Gyeong* 994. Let's read together:

• To serve with all your mind and devotion means giving up your life. Isn't there a saying, "Sincerity moves heaven?" Is there a limit to sincerity, an end to one's devotion? Put your life on the line and offer devotion. God will recognize the person who is ready to sacrifice his life and offer a life of devotion."

I am grateful for every one of the warriors here because all of you are serving in some capacity. You're already doing it, but I do want to challenge the young people too; if you're not signed up to serve, also challenge yourself, amen! Challenge yourself! If you're new, it doesn't matter; sign up to serve. Understand you are serving warriors; we have honor here, we have integrity here, we stand for each other here. We are mocked together, we are belittled, but still we stand to do the right thing together.

If you have not challenged yourself to volunteer, do it; do it because you know it's the right thing. Do it because God is guiding you to do so, amen? Most of us are exemplifying that at every single aspect of our life.

And I truly am blessed; I am blessed to be in this place where actually it's a spirit of sacrifice and giving and a spirit of serving. When we were in the palace we were not around real people, who stand and do things because it is of their faith; it is not tied to political strings and political issues. And for us in our life and in our ministry, this is the greatest blessing that we're able to be around real people who do not have politics in mind, but have the Kingdom in mind. I'm so, so blessed; we're so blessed!

Let's **pray** altogether:

Father, we thank you so much this day, and Father, we have been blessed today because we've seen the course that you walked. We saw the Heungnam death camp, and Father, many of the details have got lost in history; maybe it's the first time that the Western Church is hearing some of these details of what You walked through. And our heart is grieved when the World Church is told that You taught nothing to Mother, or that You did not fulfill your mission.

For us, as those who would give our life to stand for You, that is the meaning of pain, but that pain does not make us defeated, that pain gives us a purpose and that pain gives us a mission, which is to glorify You. Father, we thank you that we are surrounded by such individuals in this time

around, in the hour of the *Shmita*, where all the political powers of the world are turning away from You, that there is a small remnant of people who will stand for Christ and put their life on the line.

We are grateful that You have called us at this hour to serve You and to be with You, and to walk with You. But Father, it is our honor that we can stand with real men and women who don't live for themselves and their own glory but who live for your glory alone.

This is why it's worthy to be the leaders, the leader culture of our world movement. This is what the entire world must again be educated to understand, to not pursue self-worship, and self-idolatry, but to pursue You with passion, with a burning desire, an exploding heart that is seeking to save those who have fallen away, with an undying thirst to be in your presence and to stand before You as an honorable warrior, a son and a daughter.

Father, we thank you so much this day, and we want to give You all the praise, glory and honor, and we lift You up this day. Amen! Aju!

Let's give God some praise, everybody! Greet your fellow warrior; give him a hug, and say, "Get up warrior! It is time for the show!" Amen everybody!