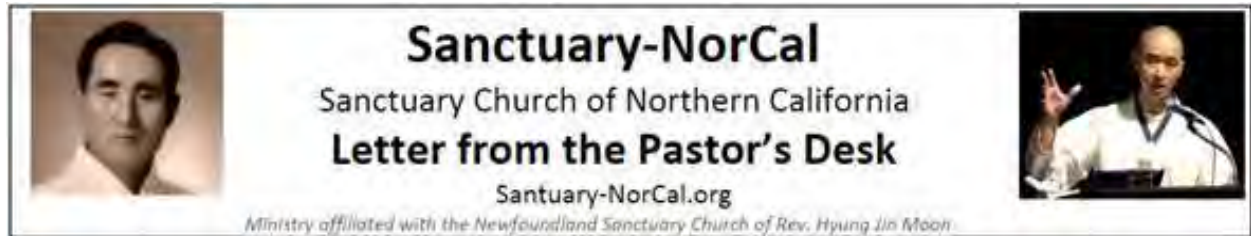


Letter from the Sanctuary-NorCal pastor

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Someday It Will Be Easy...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Someday it will be easy to say, “I believe in Hyung Jin Nim’s couple as the inheritors of True Father’s authority and legacy, and I have given my allegiance to his Sanctuary Church.”

We all have given years of our lives to support True Parents and the vision of Cheon Il Guk. When we look back at the things we’ve done for the sake of God and Heaven, it is pretty incredible. In essence we are veterans of foreign wars, be they spiritual in nature, and we cherish fellowship with people with whom we share our experiences.

For a number of years I worked with soldiers in the US Army although I was never in the army. Watching them, I deeply admired the comradery active or prior men and women of the armed forces have. They have seen and done things I can’t imagine. The phrase, “Once a Marine always a Marine” typifies the bond these service people have for each other well past their time of engagement.



Our battles are of a different nature but we too have deep attachments. Members of our movement have a shared experience that others have difficulty understanding or appreciating. Additionally we have shared bonds that come from being grafted into the messiah’s lineage. This is why we feel a strong kinship to brothers and sisters around the world.

Over the years we have all experienced persecution. Persecution from people outside our movement doesn’t really hurt that much. We’re tough and seasoned soldiers of heaven. That kind of rejection and persecution is like water off a duck’s back. However, persecution from people who we love, have held in high esteem, fellow soldiers of various battles, brothers and sisters of Christ; now that hurts. Taking a stand in following Hyung Jin Nim at this time is not easy. People we know and love have turned their backs on us and are even persecuting us.



Someday it will be easy. Until then, let’s be extra mindful to appreciate each other’s situation. Reach out to other Sanctuarians, give them a hug and kind words of blessing. Find opportunities to meet, fellowship, study and pray together.

St. Paul, who experienced great persecution, said:

2 Corinthians 13:11 - **“brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one**

another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.”

Consider yourself hugged.

Blessings!

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