

The Intricacies of Love -- A reflection on Sun Jin nim's talk on August 2, 2016

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Kayoung Kim in her home with her parents-in-law, her husband and their two children

Love is somewhat strange. Even though I had never seen the True Children while growing up in Africa, I still remember looking at videos on the True Family with admiration and love. Even though French was the language I spoke back then, "Country Roads," an English song that the True Children loved singing, took a special place in my heart. Having grown up in the church and with members alone, I never had the opportunity to learn outside secular songs nor found interest in them until I came to Korea at the age of eighteen. I have tried to learn different popular songs ever since, but I believe "Country Roads" is one of the few songs I can sing from memory and is a song that will always pop up first in my head, a song I sing to my daughters when I try to put them to bed. I always find this facet interesting. But it is true.

Though I unconsciously always admired the True Children, it also true that I never truly had the chance to know them in person. I have to confess that some of the news I heard later about them greatly shocked me. Some shook me so badly; I experienced anger for days, not wanting to understand them. I came to terms with what was happening, coming to the realization that the True Children also have their portion of responsibility. I only hoped that they are able to indemnify and rectify any mistakes while on earth, our only chance to redo anything.

Sincere and frank guidance

In this sense, Sun Jin nim's message opened a completely new level of heart and love in us. Her words came from deep down in her heart and were full of wisdom, experience, and her love for all those present on that day. I could sense Sun Jin nim wanted to have a heart-to heart talk with everyone there, and that's exactly what happened. It is difficult to express this in words, but it felt as if we had truly become one in heart as brothers and sisters centered on our elder sister.

When a student asked how he could help struggling friends, she said that we can only find the answer to such struggles from something above us, if I properly recollect what she said. She gave examples from her life -- how she hit rock bottom and how she could find her way out only through Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Her instant answer and its wisdom showed me how close to God in heart she is and that she is continuously endeavoring to be one with God; more than anything, I could feel she was a person of the heart.

She shared many life stories based on the questions she received from participants. I was truly able to feel the great many difficulties she experienced and the breakthroughs she had and how much love she had for True Parents, the True Family and all of us.

Finding a deep connection

One story brought me to tears. She spoke of a time she found herself alone with Father in an elevator -- the only time in her life; how leaders and people who attend True Parents had always surrounded Father, making it impossible to spend time with him alone. I could see how public a life True Parents had led and how sorry they must have been to the True Children for not raising and guiding them directly in life. I just could not imagine how what must have been like for the True Children. My parents were missionaries, and members always surrendered us. However, we still had opportunities to have one-on-one talks with my parents, which I confess has been of such great help in my life of faith. Had it not been for my parents, I wonder where I would be wandering today. Imagining that the True Children had no such opportunity broke my heart. I realize that we, the Cain children, had taken away all the love they were also supposed to receive.

It broke my heart, but I was able to grasp with a bit more depth how difficult it must have been for the True Children, not having True Parents to directly guide them and give them counsel and love.

Sun Jin nim then led everyone in meditation. She helped connect the heart-to-heart atmosphere of unity in the room to Heavenly Parent. The meditation focused on finding the divine light in us. Until now, I took meditation lightly, but I realized that when done centered on Heavenly Parent, it was powerful spiritual exercise for the mind, which could help us become more spiritually aware. I hope I am able to pursue meditation when time allows.

After meditation, she played us a music video titled, "Humble and Kind," by Tim McGraw. After focusing on my divine light, the message in the song just hit home. I listened to that same song for a whole week after that. Interestingly, trying to be humble and kind in rhythm with the song and beautiful message, Satan certainly ended up challenging me; I stumbled, almost gave in to the temptation to be proud and self-centered, but thanks to Heavenly Parent and True Parents, I was able to get out of that hell of self-centeredness.

After we listened to that song, she then led us in a few upbeat but beautiful songs. By then everyone had been so moved that we just all stood up and danced in unity. This dance was not simply dancing to a song; it was a dance of unity under God's love and sibling love.

I truly thank Sun Jin nim for this special gathering and hope she can arrange many similar gatherings in the future. My hope is that we can embrace one another, regardless of past mistakes -- mistakes we have all made, and truly love one another. True Parents have led their entire lives for our sake and the public's sake. I think it is now time for us to tell True Parents it is okay to embrace and love the True Children in front of us and that our love will always be eternal.