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Members gathered outside at Belvedere on June 1st to commemorate the first anniversary of the Yankee Stadium rally.

Father Commemorates Anniversary of Yankee Stadium at Belvedere

On June 1, the first anniversary of the Yankee Stadium rally, members heard Father speak on the lawn at Belvedere. The threatening sky was a reminder of the trials suffered one year earlier. Before speaking, Father and Mother prayed at the Holy Rock. His talk, "God Depends Only Upon Us," reminded us of our responsibility for perfection.

At any point in history, he emphasized, man must understand God's will, so that God can depend upon man. If man and woman had accomplished the foundation of perfect love, then that foundation would have spread throughout history. God's will was that He be united with man in both physical and spiritual worlds. Then the resulting culture would have been Adam's culture, and mankind would have had a pure blood lineage, living with God.

However, in the present world we find confusion and chaos, due to the fall of man. "If God's ideal is to have one world united with Him," Father asked, "then why have so many nations, cultures, boundaries, and barriers come into being? Recognizing that this world is contrary to God's will, who will solve the problems? How will we solve the problems of racial division?"

God set up the religious foundation not for our personal purpose, but so that we could fulfill His will by reaching beyond ourselves. But historically, Father said, religious men never thought about going beyond their personal situation—they didn't think in terms of world-wide salvation, but only of self-salvation. Even now, while people speak of world peace, religious leaders are staying in their own churches. "God doesn't like secularism!" Father declared.

God must have planned one religion for the world, embodying the idea of one world under God, explained Father. This religion would not be against other religions, but would be able to

harmonize even opposing viewpoints. God needs such a religion to unite Christianity, said Father. If Jesus came on the clouds now, for example, he would confront 400 denominations of the Christian faith. Rather than praise the different denominations, he would probably say, "Let us unite into one." Only those crying for unity will be accepted by God.

Father continued by saying that, in the same way, we cannot save the world centered on any one race. We must go beyond these things to think of one world, one God, and one Christ. This is the mission of the Unification Church: to unite the world and to do God's will. "Why are you here?" Father asked. "Because you are thinking of saving the world and mankind. Even if we must sacrifice many things for our mission, our aspiration is to save mankind. Now, when many opponents are challenging us, our purpose is to fulfill God's will, not to fight against our opponents."

As an aside, Father reflected that "Moonie" sounds like two words in Korean. The first means "conversation from a subordinate to his superior," which, in our case, can mean "man talking to God." The second meaning is "a design on a dress implying an expression of beauty." In English the "moon" symbolizes change, while the sun is constant. So, Father said, his expectation is that while we are now called "Moonies," in the restored world we will be known as "Sunnies."

Continuing with his central theme, Father said, "We have no racial boundaries, and God has no color. World leaders who try to abolish the boundaries between peoples must be ready to face difficulty and rejection."

"God must be able to really depend on you, your spouse, and your children," said Father. He trusted man in the past, including Adam and Eve, but man's

history has been a record of failure. How can He trust us? It sounds easy to talk of restoring mankind, but our daily actions are another thing. In order to make God's will our own, Father reminded us, our actions must be one with His will. To pave that way, we must pay indemnity on the individual, family, and national levels. That must be done through a grafting process, Father explained. On a true root, a plant can grow the true way. The entire membership of the Unification Church must be united in changing convictions into actions. By past experiences God hesitates to have confidence in us, but if we can accomplish this, He will trust us.

"A year ago today at Yankee Stadium,

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June 1 Conference: Back to Barrytown

by Bill Cook

Church leaders again participated in an out-of-the-ordinary monthly conference on June 1. First they heard Father speak on the first of the month—but the day had a special significance as the first anniversary of the Yankee Stadium rally. They then had their conference at Belvedere, which continued at Barrytown and became another fishing expedition.

After Father's morning sermon on the first of June, many of the Directors were invited to have breakfast with him in the main house at Belvedere. After breakfast everyone crowded into the room to hear Father speak. He spoke very personally about the need for our leaders to become the connecting link between God & Man. He pointed out that God always chose prophets from among farmers and hard working people who understood practical things very well. "Unfortunately, today's theologians are often arm chair theorists, who understand the abstract but not the practical." He stressed that faith must be grounded in our daily lives, so the qualification of leaders must be their understanding of spiritual as well as practical things. We must, for example, be able to bring God into the market place and into the factory. He called farming, fishing, and manufacturing the three basic kinds of work. All other occupations, he added were only to make these three more efficient. We must understand these areas to begin the work of restoration. He said that if Jesus had prepared many other alternatives, he wouldn't have been crucified. This is why the seminarians are also being trained in practical things such as fishing. Fishing will be very important as man comes to depend more on ocean for food.

Then Father announced that the conference would continue in Barrytown and Everyone boarded buses for the trip. When they reconvened several hours later, Father explained that nets had been set out in the lagoon again and that they would wait for low tide to harvest the catch. During this time he heard reports from the state leaders and IOWC commanders. After the tide receded, the directors brought in another tremendous catch of large carp. They began at dusk and worked in the mud until nearly

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Mr. David Kim makes a point to conference with other clergymen at Fordham University. See story, page 2.

Happy Birthday, Hyun-Jin!



Hyun-jin's 8th birthday was celebrated at East Garden on May 27.

Conference at Fordham: Focus on Social Problems

The first National Conference on the Church and Social Problems, held at Fordham University on Thursday, May 26, brought together several hundred ministers, social workers and scholars concerned about the role of religion in today's world. Upon hearing of the success of the conference, Father expressed his desire that it become an annual event.

The six conference convenors included, in addition to Reverend Shawn Byrne, coordinator of Interfaith Affairs of the Unification Church, three pastors from the New York area and two scholars in the field of Black Studies. The sponsors for the day-long event were: the Society for Common Insights, the Society for Human Restoration, and the Department of Black Studies of Fordham University. Mr. David Kim, President of the Unification Theological Seminary, led a session and delivered a paper entitled, "Restored Christianity as a Counterproposal to Expanding Marxism," which stimulated a healthy controversy.

The conference was divided into five sections, meeting simultaneously. Papers were presented at each of four sessions, beginning at ten a.m. and lasting until about 6 p.m. Each paper was followed by prepared responses by two participants, questions, and discussion. In the evening all participants gathered for a summary session and an address by Dr. J. Deotis Roberts, Professor of the School of Religion of Howard University and the editor of *The Journal of Religious Thought*. The topics considered by each of the five sections were: "The Dynamics of Racial Prejudice on Minorities," "Practical Directions and Techniques for the Socially Conscious Church," "The Church as Conscience of Society," "Theology in a Revolutionary Setting: A Constructive Approach," and "Urbanization: Problem and Opportunity."

The conference was an outgrowth of several programs initiated by the Interfaith Affairs department of the Unification Church and interested pastors in the New York area. The most recent forerunner was a conference at Barrytown sponsored by the Society for Common Insights on "Minorities and the Problem of Human Restoration" on March 2. As a result of the symposium, considerable interest in continuing programs was generated in the black religious communities of New York

and Washington, D.C. The Black Studies department of Fordham University, seeing the value of a conference of the event and an active participant.

Viewpoints expressed in the conference spanned all degrees of the political and religious spectrum. While ideas relating to Unification Theology did crop up at the conference, there was no effort to enforce a given direction upon the proceedings. Rather, the convenors wished the event to be characterized by a free flow of ideas. All manner of topics were discussed: the black church in America today, the racial situation in the U.S., the third world and southern Africa, church-sponsored social action programs, the challenge of Marxism to religion, discrimination against women, and contemporary problems in the black family and inner-city schools. Of Primary concern to the participants was the stimulation of new leadership in the black community and in the churches.

Conference

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midnight. Their experience from the month before paid off as they knew where to go for the best fish and how to catch them.

After everyone cleaned up, Father continued the conference. In his closing advice and instructions, he stressed the need for all leaders to teach the Divine Principle everyday, and said that our results will naturally increase in proportion to our understanding of the Divine Principle. He also spoke of the importance of associate members, emphasizing that they can make many valuable contributions to the church. Finally he spoke very deeply about the importance of our prayer life. "We must pray at the point of tears. Our work is in the world of the heart and without that element, the spirit world cannot help us. We must observe our worship responsibilities to receive spiritual inspiration."

Our prayer is most powerful, he added, when 3 people pray together. He remembered one church center in Korea where three members prayed for him everyday. Because of that he said, he couldn't help but be drawn there to visit. He spoke of the constant importance of prayer in his own life, and of its power to accomplish amazing things. Father then closed the evening with prayer and everyone prepared to return home.

Yankee Stadium Anniversary

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you may have wondered why God would allow a rainstorm to occur. At such a time, we must remain calm to the end, knowing the battle is not yet over. Whatever happens," Father said, "if the heavenly requirement is not met, we must receive chastisement. We must be able to think of two things: if Heavenly Father is chastising us, we must accept it, or if Heavenly Father is testing us, we must pass the test."

Father explained that at the time of the Yankee Stadium rally, many planned disruptions were prevented by the rainstorm. Yet the rally still went on. While most people would give up under such circumstances—only Unification Church members would go on. Because of that spiritual victory, we laid an important cornerstone for the Washington Monument victory.

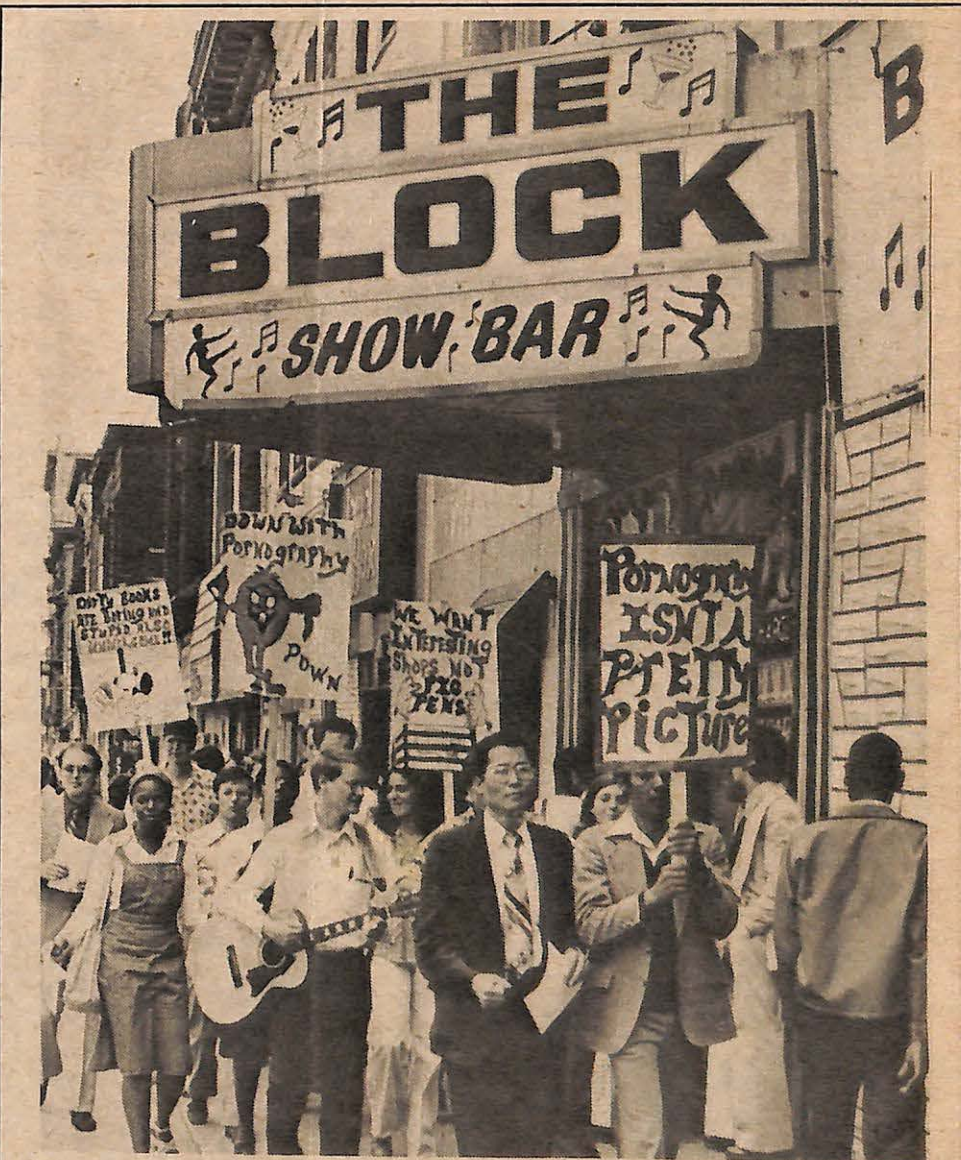
Father reminded us that we are people of action. "We are talking about action today, not tomorrow! You must be serious. A man of iron will is a man of action. Many people are attacking us; but like a rubber ball, we will keep bouncing back until they become tired. Then, we will help them up. Even though it may appear that we are losing, we are actually gaining ground."

Father explained that he cannot depend on God alone but, like God, he must depend on us. Father encouraged us to look in the mirror and ask ourselves, "Am I qualified to be in this position?" Even a small number of people can be a foundation for expansion. In conclusion, Father urged us, "Put yourselves in the position to do heavenly tasks. Don't be self-centered, but make your life a constant stimulus for God to have hope in man. Make it a habit to put your thinking into action. Living that way, you can go hand in hand with your spiritual children to continue this difficult way in victory. Then, soon, God will depend only on you."

As the talk concluded, the rain, which had held off for several hours, began to softly fall. Father called it to everyone's attention as a remembrance of the events one year ago.



Father, Mother, and family prayed at the Belvedere Holy Ground before his address to New York area members on June 1st.



Maryland Unification Church members led by State Director Henry [Han-joo] Cha staged a day of protest to call attention to the growing problem of pornography in Baltimore. Television and newspaper coverage of the event spread their message to thousands of Maryland residents.

Fish, Fish, and More Fish...

Seminarians, State Directors, New York Church, and IOWC members all had a chance to fish with Father this month. Below are pictures from several fishing outings in the lagoon at Barrytown.

The Word of God and A Plunge into the Lagoon

by Bonnie Blair

On Tuesday, May 24, at 6:00 AM, all the members of the Manhattan-based New York Church climbed aboard busses and vans for an unforgettable trip to Barrytown. Their three-day stay would include two days of lectures, discussions, fellowship and entertainment, but most spectacular of all they would find themselves hip-deep in lagoon mud to harvest a bumper crop of carp with Father's net!

Arriving at Barrytown the first morning, the enthusiastic crowd met Mr. Kamiyama, who welcomed them and explained the significance of the special workshop. Before lunch, Peter Spoto gave a detailed lecture on the first part of the Principle of Creation. After lunch, members had the chance to get out and enjoy the bright sunny weather and sharpen their competitive instincts while playing games and running relay races.

Settling down to hear another lecture, they listened as Peter continued with the conclusion of the Principle of Creation. After dinner, he taught the Fall of Man, and the first evening drew to close as members gathered by team to pray and write reflections on the day.

Early the next morning, while most Barrytown residents were still asleep, one group of 15 brothers and 3 sisters bounded out of bed to help Hiroshi Matsuzaki prepare the lagoon for the day's catch. Finding their way down the Sun Myung Moon trail to the water, they were soon pulling the net across the lagoon. The net was secured at either end, and held in place by poles pushed into the mud. In this way, the top of the net was suspended above the surface of the water, while the bottom was pushed into the mud--so that no fish could escape. The crew made their way out of the lagoon after positioning the net, cleaned up, and rejoined the rest of the workshop for another lecture while the tide went out. Mr. Ryochiro Sawada, the new director of the New York Church, lectured to the group about Adam's family, emphasizing the meaning of the material for each of our lives--how we must restore the positions represented in Adam's family.

After Mr. Sawada's lecture, Mr. Kamiyama described the fishing process and showed the members how to tie their pants legs tight around the ankle--to keep the thorny "devils heads" which are buried in the mud from scratching their legs. Dressed in fishing clothes, everyone gathered to meet Father on the path near

the lagoon.

While the tide went out, Father spoke to the members. He told them more about his plans for the future, then gave everyone careful instructions on how to catch the fish. Explaining that they should take care of the fish, love them, and try not to hurt them, he showed how the fisherman would find a fish, then put one finger in the fish's mouth and hold his tail with the other hand.

At low tide, the sisters lined up along the edge of the lagoon with the brothers right behind. After two rousing songs, the cry to "Charge!" was sounded--and as Father watched, everyone plunged deep into the muddy lagoon. Some brothers caught so many fish that they couldn't get to the nearest sack or boat to deposit one fish before catching another--so they just stuffed fish after fish inside their shirts.

After harvesting the day's catch, the brothers and sisters lumbered out of the mud and crossed the railroad tracks to jump into the Hudson River. Father met with them again near the lagoon, and asked several members for their reflections on the fishing experience. Lunch was prepared and served for Father and all the members there at the fishing site. Special guests at Father's outdoor table were visiting MFT regional commanders. The New Hope Singers International entertained as the whole group enjoyed the picnic.

After the memorable lunchtime was over, New York Church members re-assembled for another lecture. After dinner, the group joined together for entertainment, including 4 skits, and 2 songs from Mr. Sawada. The evening ended with prayers and written reflections--and the tired fishermen went to sleep.

The third and final day of the workshop was another full day. A lecture on the History of Restoration was followed by a spirited game of dodge ball. Then, settling down to work, members gathered in teams to discuss how they could meet their goals in their door-to-door work in Manhattan. That evening, the members ate some of the fish they caught the day before, and as a whole group, brothers and sisters listened and shared the ideas which had come out of individual team discussions in the afternoon. After praying together, everyone packed and boarded transportation to return to Manhattan--their front line--with a fresh new sense of unity and a broader vision of Father's hope for New York and America.



IOWC members met Father beside the lagoon before they began to fish.



State Directors, seminarians, and some New York members scramble to catch fish in the mud at low tide.



An early crew sets the net at high tide.

Mr. Salonen is congratulated as he brings a big catch to the boat.



May 29 Speech

"Let Us Thank God..."

The topic of Father's sermon on Sunday, May 29, was "Let Us Thank God." "Through the Divine Principle," Father began, "we know that even though man is small, he represents the entire universe. In fact, it is because of man that the universe exists." Describing man as the model for the creation of the universe, Father explained that the theory of evolution is only an objective observation of the creation process, from the external point of view. Actually, the universe did not evolve in a random way, but God planned every step according to his plan for man.

From the beginning, the creation had purpose. Just as the creation has two "layers"--internal and external aspects, so it has both an external and an internal purpose. It is the goal of these two purposes to become one. "God intended for the internal and external worlds to harmonize. The two worlds exist for a common purpose, and must work together," he said. Father further explained that "evolution" must proceed according to a purpose or goal. Evolution alone cannot define the goal, but before any progress can occur, two energies must exist. By striving to become one, together they can reach a common, higher goal.

It is a universal principle, to which man is no exception, that all things are created to strive toward a higher goal. In every phase of existence, there must be interaction between two elements to realize some common benefit. In describing the relationships between men and women, Father pointed out that men and women must see a mutual benefit to unite.

The theory of dialectical materialism doesn't recognize this understanding of the common goal or harmony of purpose. Materialists justify progress as the result of sudden change. But nothing happens in the universe without some cause and goal. "Why did the creation process stop at man's level?" Father asked. "Did man say, 'We are happy, God, with things the way they are--won't you stop here?' This was not determined by man, but the plan existed from the beginning of creation."

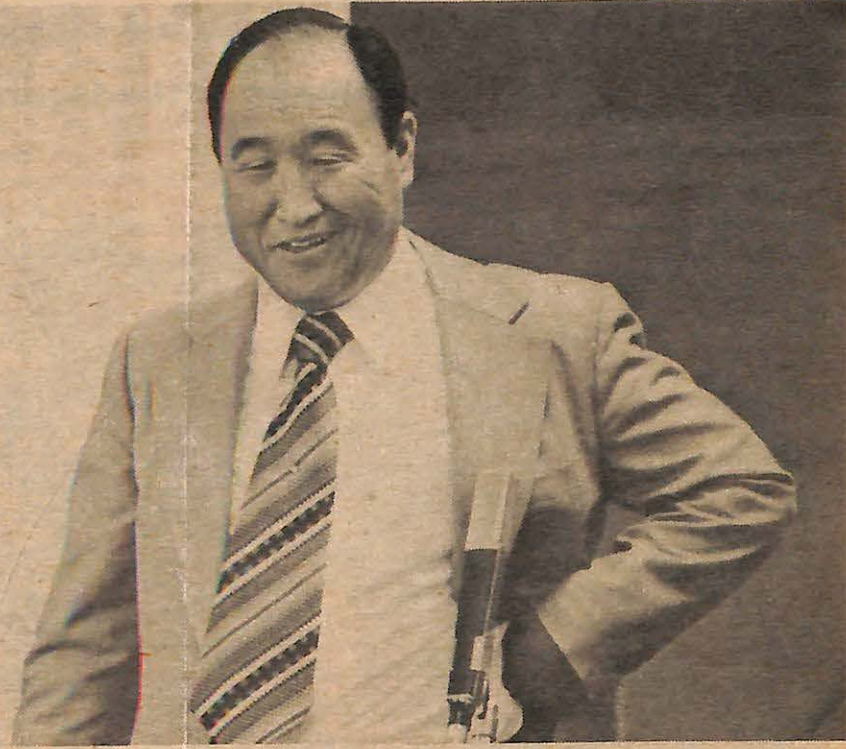
Using the example of man's eye, Father showed that random evolution or progress through sudden change without a goal is impossible. Communists say that material existed before consciousness. But a man's eyes do not function at random, as they decide, but they respond to the man's desire. The eye itself is well-designed to function in its environ-

ment--it blinks to keep moist, is protected from dust and other foreign substances by the eyebrow and eyelashes. "Did the eye know about sun, dust, or air before it was born? No. Did it just happen to be that way? No--there existed some universal consciousness first. Everything in the universe has a purpose for existing, a place," Father concluded.

"Our topic this morning is 'Let Us Thank God.' When we think of giving thanks to God, we always think of physical gifts or material reward. Have you ever thought of spiritual gifts from God?" Speaking to the women present, Father asked, "When you are given a husband, will you be thankful for the first time? Long before you are married, you have been receiving spiritual benefits. There is energy within you to move you to men--have you ever been thankful for that universal rhythm which makes you move parallel to the universe?"

Father explained the development of love in a family. A husband and wife can conceive a child by becoming one in horizontal love. The parents' love for their child is vertical--and this love is the love which unites the past, present, and future. To illustrate this point, Father said that even divorced parents fight for custody of their children. This is because even though horizontal love may be broken, vertical love cannot be destroyed. Everyone recognizes vertical love, because through that love we belong to God. Present American marriages are un-Godly, because the spouses are thinking only of the present. Love must harmonize the past, present, and future. By holding fast to the vertical love, the love of a parent and child, man can have hope for salvation.

"Unification Church members should not think of marriage in a selfish way. You must marry for a universal, divine purpose," Father declared. "Are gold or diamonds really something to be proud of? No--The one thing you can be proud of for eternity is your spouse. Nothing matters more than that you have one person to love. Even in poverty, if a husband and wife love each other, are proud of each other, they will be happy. This must be our goal: to have a spouse one day that we can really be proud of. When you ask God, 'What are You proud of?' He will answer, 'Men and women in love.' Love makes God, the universe, men, and women happy. With love you can conquer anything--even your spouse. When you



"Let Us Thank God" was the title of Father's sermon delivered on Sunday, May 29 in the Belvedere Training Center.

give love to even a dog or a tree, they will appreciate it. Think, 'I must use all the gifts of nature and the universe to express love to my spouse.' Think of all things as a gift for your spouse. The universe exists for you to express your love."

The purpose of marriage is to create a family--to have children, Father continued. Pride in your children even goes beyond your pride in your spouse. Because of this, Father noted, the way to a parent's heart is to praise his children. Then after becoming parents, a man and woman can fully appreciate and be proud of their own parents. Therefore, there are three things we can be proud of: our spouse, our children, and our parents.

God wants us to have children so that we can appreciate Him as a parent. "Does it make God sad to be third, to come after your spouse and children?" Father asked. "No--because that is the level of perfection. God's love is the most complete. NO matter how good a man and woman are, without children their love is incomplete. After experiencing love as children, then as husband and wife, we come to realize that the highest love is that of parents. Then we appreciate our elders, and our parents and grandparents become the center of the home." Father said that because Oriental culture understands

this, it is closest to God's ideal. It is so sad to see that Americans don't appreciate old people. Father is concerned about how to bring this way of life to Western culture, because old people here are lonely and want to be with their children and grandchildren.

"We have many things to be thankful for--our nature as men and women, love, our families--we must be grateful for this universal principle," Father said in summary. While fishing, Father was thinking about this. He felt that even the turtles and carp are happy that someone loves them. How much more for us, as the children of God. To live or to die is not the key to happiness, but to have love. Everything started from love, and the purpose of everything is for love.

God ultimately caused us to come into being, as our parent. We are entirely indebted to Him. Even the created world is a reflection of the love of God. Man has made many museums, but compared to God's creation they are trivial. Our body comes from our parents and from the natural world, while our life and spirit come from God. Therefore, we are a chunk of debt. For our entire life, we can only be thankful and willing to give all our life to God.

"A wholesome relationship with God begins with thanksgiving." Father encouraged us to look at man and the world as God's creations. We must develop a wholesome personality to stand before God, so that even in a miserable situation we have room to be thankful. In conclusion, Father challenged us, saying, "It may sometimes seem that you are going into the valley of death, but with the thankfulness and love, you will find you are going over a great hill. When we come back to the original way of life, we will always be thankful. We must pledge never to complain."

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