It Is All about Love

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y family comes from an Irish Catholic background, and the first to join the Unification Church was my younger brother. Through him I was invited to listen to the first chapter of the Divine Principle at the center in Birmingham, England. Especially the message that God was present in everyone and in all of the creation touched me very deeply. In one occasion, I could not make it to the center for another lecture – and since there were no mobile phones in 1973, I just didn't show up and decided to go to the center another

day. But when I came home from my work at the construction site, all wet and tired, for it had been pouring rain all day, there was this English brother from the center waiting for me, soaking wet, at my door just to check if I was OK. Such dedication and love from brothers and sisters in the community are what touched us deeply and inspired many of us to follow True Parents.

The spirit of the early days is inspirational and important, as True Mother says. Also True Father set a tradition of experiencing the joy of love in the community. To me, one of the greatest joys today is to go back to countries in which I worked 40 years ago and meet old acquaintances and friends. You can walk away from a leader and an organization, but deep inside we are connected. Sometimes it is necessary to find something new in the relationship and pick up the original spirit. It is a good time for meeting old acquaintances now, after so many years.

After Foundation Day, some people expected great changes. Instead, the movement seems to have become more difficult since then. Sometimes changes are not obvious. Most historical changes were at the time almost unnoticed.

It is like buying a house. When you buy it, you don't even see the money; it is transferred from your bank account. After you have bought it, the house still looks exactly the same externally. But the ownership has changed, and that makes the difference. By moving in we can change the house. We will see the changes little by little.

When Jacob and Esau hugged each other, who would have thought that this would change history?

Who thought that after the crucifixion of Jesus we would start our calendar from that point on?

We should have that presence of mind to write history and do our job well. We want to encourage you to do your best. Although we come from a fallen lineage, we will be the ancestors who worked with True Parents to make the conditions and lay the foundations for Cheon II Guk. Even the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union will be forgotten – what will be remembered will be the history we wrote.

True Mother has great hopes for Europe and is paying a lot of attention to it, especially to our Second Generation. We need to find a way to inspire our youth. They will learn, as we needed to learn – they will make mistakes - but we need to trust them. The Top Gun and Universal Peace Academy programs are improving their contents, and we need to encourage our Second Generation to participate in them.

Ultimately, let's try to practice the true love we felt when joining the church. In the end, it is all about love – people can experience God through you. It is not so much about lectures, websites and the like, but it is and always was about showing love. This is how we can revive ourselves as a movement..