

Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Peace Festival - The Man Who Carried Iron Rods

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Good morning everyone, I am a former member of the Korean National Assembly. I am very pleased to meet you today. I am truly honored to be able to offer some remarks at the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community's Peace Festival. During my childhood about forty years ago, I worked in a company called Daewoo Heavy Industries. At that time, I was just a field worker; I would carry various heavy loads on my back.

One day, I saw that eleven cars had passed by and from the second car a person got out of the car and walked all the way down next to me. He said, "Look at this person's eyes!" Then other people began to gather around me. They asked me, "Who are you" "What are you doing" "What is your job" "What are you doing here" I said, "I am not an important person. All I do is work for Daewoo Heavy Industries; I'm carrying these iron rods to

Tongil Heavy Industries. That [first] person looked at me and said, "You will be successful. You will be victorious. You can become one of the best in the world. You will be victorious. Help this person." Then, that person got in the car and went. I did not know who the person was who suddenly stepped out of the car and talked to me.

Forty years later, one day, I was in COEX in Gangnam [a convention center in Seoul] and Dr. Sun Myung Moon was holding a special festival to celebrate the publication of his autobiography. Later, when I heard about Dr. Sun Myung Moon, I wanted to go to that publication festival. I went to gate through which people go out. There was no seat for me, so I stood in one of the corners near a pillar, near the exit. Rev. Sun Myung Moon spoke for two hours and he received a lot of applause.

As he was going out, many tall people were next to me, but I waved my hand. On his way out, he turned around and he came next to me and he said, "Hey you! You! What is your position now I told Rev. Moon, "Yes. I am the young person who was carrying iron rods. Now, I've become one of the key engineers in Korea, one of the best engineers in Korea." Rev. Moon said, "Yes! I knew it." Rev. Moon said to someone, "Bring one of my books!" These books were not the ones that were published, they were huge. They weighed at least fifteen kilograms [thirty-three pounds] and they were covered in lacquer. On his way out of the venue, Rev. Moon gave it to me and this is what he said: "This person needs to work for the nation. He will become a great person for the nation of Korea. Help him and watch him! He will become a great person." Everyone applauded and left.

What was left to me is what happened later -- amazing miracles happened to me. After I went to college, I became an emeritus professor even though I did not graduate from college. I was also elected as a member of the Korean National Assembly.

Later, I placed the book that Rev. Moon had given me in a frame and put it into the National Library of the Korean National Assembly. Each day, I remember what Rev. Moon had said. "What is Korea famous for Switzerland is famous for its watches. America is famous for its aircraft industry. What is Korea famous for" In order to raise Korea, I felt that Korea has to have the largest number of Nobel Peace Prize laureates. We have been making various laws to support students from primary school all the way to college. We were able to pass these laws that focus exclusively on raising young people to become Nobel Prize laureates.

One amazing thing that I want to mention is that in every law that I passed, I always put in Rev. Moon's photograph. One key person asked, "What are you doing" I said, "I am doing something for peace." He asked, "Is this Family Federation" I said, "Yes!" He said, "What is your name Are you the person who worked forty years ago delivering to Tongil Heavy Industries Are you the one that Rev. Moon stooped and to whom he said, 'You will be a great person'

Are you Gyu-hwan Kim who used to carry iron rods" That was Mr. Seongyeol Kim, a very high-ranking, leading figure and through him I met Gwanseok Seong the [then] head of the Universal Peace Federation-Korea. I also was appointed as the co-chair of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace [IAPP]. I was able to go throughout Korea, to Nepal, to Japan. As a parliamentarian I was able to attend various IAPP gatherings. I was able to see with my own eyes the work that Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is doing. I do not believe that anyone is doing more than Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for the sake of peace on the Korean Peninsula and peace around the world. I believe that the key to peace on the Korean Peninsula lies with Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is the Mother of Peace that the entire world, that all of humanity recognizes as the Mother of Peace. Heads of state are recognizing Dr. Moon as the Mother of Peace. Dr. Moon, the Mother of Peace, is the Mother of Unification, wouldn't you agree She is the Mother of Korean unification and she indeed is the Mother of Peace.

I believe that if God looked at me and said, You have one wish, what is your wish I would gladly and boldly declare, I want Dr. Hak Ja Han to live for a long, long time, and that she will realize her dream of world peace during her lifetime. My only wish to God would be to grant Dr. Hak Ja Han a long and healthy life.

Today, we are hosting this beautiful peace festival and Dr. Young-ho Yun sang so beautifully. I wondered how can he sing so beautifully When I heard his song, I wondered, is he naturally gifted Is he gifted by God with such a beautiful voice But I believe that also Dr. Moon has gifted Dr. Yun with the gift of music. But today, we are all in the boat of world peace. Can I sing a song for you I would like to sing a short song that came out on Miss Trot. [Trot is a Korean musical genre.] I looked for a song. It says, Let us sail along the ocean.

After being invited to speak here, I rehearsed it, but I don't know if I can sing it well. Please forgive me if my ability is lacking, but I would like to sing for you "We Are All Sailing On the Same Boat." Let us all board the ship of world peace!

Truly, I believe that while we live our lives we must place Rev. Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon as compasses of our lives. I hope that Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon will live a healthy and happy life.