## Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival reflections from North American Couples

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## Below are a few reflections from our couples in North America:

"In my heart I feel this whole day's experience is out of our hands. It would have been great to go to Korea, but here we are. We want to make this an offering for God, True Parents, our community, families, and friends. We just want to give gratitude to those without whom we wouldn't be here, the love and support of our families, our friends. It wasn't always easy growing up to hold on to the vision of the Blessing. My friends encouraged me, loved me, stood by me so I could be here today."



"I'm thinking about what this Blessing means to us. It's so important to take care of our families, friends, and our community as a couple. It's so nice to have this Blessing -- in supporting one another we can support something bigger than ourselves. This Blessing becomes bigger than ourselves."

"Our journey was different from the typical matching process. It took a lot of hurdles to go over, but that made us stronger and we value it more and this experience. Thank you so much for everyone who put this on. Thank you to our families."



"My first Blessing was 15 years ago. When it ended I felt hopeless, so being here right now to be Blessed is a very healing feeling. At the holy wine ceremony, I felt the presence of God, and I'm grateful to share this with you."

"I want to thank everyone who put this event on... Without a support network inside and outside our movement I couldn't have gotten to this point. My relationship with God has deepened... I feel our journey has been an opportunity to connect with God and True Parents and other people's situations and hearts. I've built connections with people and gone beyond my own situation. I feel grateful that God protected my life."

"I want to thank True Mother for giving us this opportunity and hosting this event and allowing couples to be Blessed even if they were in totally different countries. My dad passed away on April 24, 2015. He was 70 years old. Six years later, to the day, I am getting Blessed. I feel like my dad definitely had a part in how we met. April 24, 2021 will forever be a special day for us."

