How True Father Matched Me

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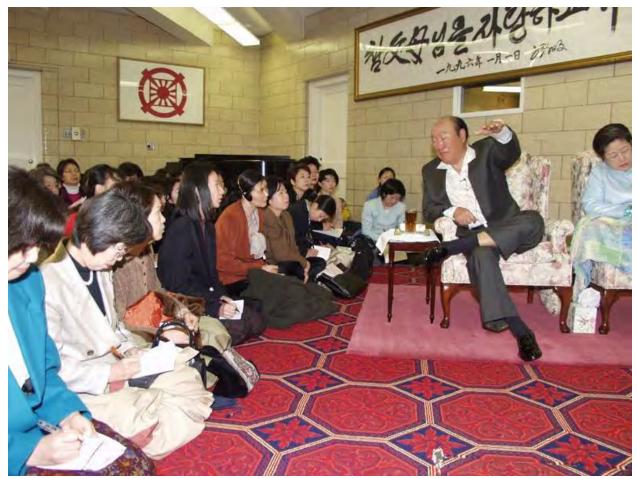


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When I was about three years in our church, True Father came to Japan in September 1978 for giving matching.

When we all were in the building, sisters sitting this side and brothers on the other side. There were so many sisters compared to brothers. Father said to us that any one here even one day less than 4 years in the church should go out. So, lot of us moved out from the venue, and watched from outside how Father was matching couples.

When Father matched last brother, there were so many sisters left, and then spiritually younger brothers were called in. Father matched sisters with younger brothers, and then when some brothers left, we younger sisters were called in. I was sitting and looking at left over brothers, I can see familiar face sitting other side. I thought myself, He is good brother, but do I want him for my husband?

Anyway, Father continued matching and finally I was not matched this time.

I was feeling relieved. I was not ready to receive a matching yet, if I was matched someone who was not

my cup of tea, then how have I reacted? I happily gone back to my business mission and continue selling Ginseng another 4 years.

One day, our IW was talking to young sisters but did not come to me, I was 29 years old, later I found out that IW was interviewing and selecting matching candidates for USA matching June 1982, some fit young 22-27 year old sisters. There were 2,500 sisters in that category at that time, two condition were MFT three years in America, and spouse could be any of white, black, brown, anybody. Not many young sisters said Yes to that and therefore chance was given to me and other older sisters who are willing to receive.

I was 7 years in the church, fundraising was my specialty and I was ready for anyone, so I went USA as one of 250.

When our group arrived in New Yorker Hotel directly from airport, the matching was already going on two days. Father tried to match me with an American at first, but he had some medical condition and it was cancelled.

I was sitting behind of sisters and praying to sort out my feelings to understand what was happened just now. In a way, I felt I had been divorced. A sister sitting next of me poked me and said that Father is pointing at me. Because I was praying but not looking at Father, I did not response immediately to Father's call.

Later find out that when Father pointed, a sister front of me stood up, but Father was pointing at me. I also found out later that Father spent a lot of time choosing the brother for me. I felt he was looking for someone that would not leave me.

I stood front of Father with a brother next of me, I think Father smiled looking at both of us.

I am Japanese, which normally follow behind of man rather than front of him, but this brother was rather slow to move, so I set off in from of him to the balcony to have the conversation via translator. Funny thing was that one year earlier, I started to study English on radio on the way to work, but I still spoke so little English.

He looked have no confidence, I made comment on that. I was 4 years older than him but we were okay with age difference and accepted each other.

I remembered that when I was a little girl, one night I had a very strange dream that I was marring a blue-eyed white man. I came from very county side almost never seen white man except one Christian missionary. When I told to my mother about a dream, she thought it was very strange.

If I did not join Unification Church, I most certainly married Japanese or never married.

My husband's eye color is hazel, when I said about blue eye, he said that it is a little discrepancy.

Trust and respect centering Heavenly Parent, they are our mutual pillar in our relationship, I think that creates happy family and power to overcome difficulties together.