

FFWPU Presidential message for 2019 - Heaven's Conditions for Victory

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Dear Family,

I started writing this letter on the train down to Washington, D.C. They have nice seats on Amtrak, with a table to rest my iPad on and a power outlet to charge my phone. It was a beautiful sunny day with a clear blue sky in the nation's capital. I was only there for three hours, because I had to return home quickly for my flight to Korea. That is where I am now; 30,000 feet over the earth, swallowing the last fragments of rice from my delicious bibimbap. Sorry United, but Asiana beats you hands down!

I hope you had a chance to read my [first letter](#). If not, you should begin there, because this is part two.

I received a lot of positive responses from that letter, but some took issue with the idea that we can restore America in one year, saying, "It is just not feasible," or, "We've done this before," or perhaps more compassionately, "Tribal Messiahship is not relevant, we should be focusing on healing our families and communities."

I realized that at the root of these doubts is a misunderstanding of what Tribal Messiahship really is, and what our actual responsibility is to bring about this victory. I appreciated their input, because it led me to offer some simple answers.

Let me start with True Father's words from Home Church, The Words of Rev. Moon:

"So far, the entire religious goal has been how 'I' as an individual can be saved, but our goal is not individual salvation. We are going to bring the entire tribe into Heaven at once. If your 360 homes have faith in you, love you and believe in you, they will be saved. As you are saved, they will be saved. In the history of religion, this kind of privilege never existed. Religion has never before included salvation for the whole family, but rather encouraged separation and meditation alone in the mountains.

Now I am proclaiming, 'Go love your wife and your husband, love your children and your neighbors and bring them together into the Kingdom of Heaven.' Such a privilege never existed until this time in history. An amazing era has arrived. Home church is the privilege God has given to you, saying if you set the conditions to let the people know the truth and love you, He will save everyone you recommend in your 360 homes.

Actually, in order to come to perfection you have to go through all these paths. In the home church you are creating a miniature world but God will still give you full credit. Jesus gave the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to Simon Peter for individual salvation, but now I am handing out the key that can save the entire tribe as one unit. I am anointing you as messiahs and whomever you bring shall have salvation. What a promise! Those are not empty words but a promise that will be redeemed in the Kingdom of Heaven in spirit world."

So, Tribal Messiahship to the family is what marriage is to the individual. The individual finds their happiness in family life, and the family finds its true happiness in spreading that Blessing to others in their tribe. If the individual lives predominantly for his or her own happiness, the health of the family will be stunted. If the family lives predominantly for its own happiness, then their growth and happiness will be stunted. Tribal Messiahship is what draws the family beyond itself to serve together for the sake of the whole. Specifically, we are asked to share the Blessing of True Parents. And, by the way, it's a good thing!



Tribal Messiahship is not a church growth program. It is our salvation. Yes, it requires change. It requires coming out of our comfort zone and it forces our hearts to stretch and grow beyond the family level. But perhaps more surprisingly to some, our actual happiness depends on it. The health of our family depends on it. We cannot fully realize our happiness and potential as Blessed Central Families without fulfilling Tribal Messiahship. If we care about the quality of our marriages, or if we care about our parent-child relationships and want to overcome the challenges in our families and communities, a good doctor would prescribe Tribal Messiahship as the cure. Which doctor? True Parents.

The next factor in the equation is the word Victory! For example, some might say, "Well sure, we could do Tribal Messiahship, but how is that actually going to save the nation? What difference will it make if I Bless a few people? I already did that before."

Hearing these doubts brought me to a simple, but important question: Who determines the conditions for victory? Is it us, or is it Heaven? It is Heaven that determines the conditions required for victory. Therefore, who are we to say if we can do it or not? Who are we to second guess Heaven's plans? I don't want to, do you? In a sense, it is not really us that will claim the victory. It is Heaven. The only thing we can do is lay the foundation for victory. So, what is that?

While many of us may feel we are inadequate or our family is inadequate, the real question is what is the foundation for victory? What is the foundation we can make, in order for Heaven to claim the victory? And how can I contribute my part to that foundation?

True Mother is far less wordy than I. She answered with this:

"If all five subregions in America fulfill Tribal Messiahship, then you will be able to embrace Christianity and you will be able to restore the nation." She also ended her comments with, "Don't think for one moment that it's not possible."

Imagine, what it would be like if all our families became active in our Tribal Messiahship? What could Heaven do with that? Furthermore, what are the foundations God has already prepared? Clearly when you look at America, we are blessed in so many ways. But primarily in terms of God's providence, we are the most fortunate country in the world because of our Christian foundation. This nation is prepared. America is ready and in need. Are we?

Do you know what the churches are struggling with today? They're struggling with the same things. They're struggling with how to save the families and engage the youth to save our culture.

Sure, there are many problems. But the reason I don't want to focus on solving problems is because there are too many problems to solve, and we cannot change the substance of a tree by clipping its leaves, for

they will just keep growing. We have to change the root. And we all know the root of the problem started with the fall of Adam and Eve, and the accusation Satan has had on God's children since the beginning of time. The solution is the Blessing and the core teachings of True Parents. So why not share that with Christianity?

Do we believe in the Blessing? Do we believe the Blessing is the solution? Are we truly confident of what we have? Have we forgotten how precious it is? It is the condition that removes Satan's accusation on our bloodline. We are restored as God's children. But Father told us many years ago that in order to secure our blessing, it does not stop with a three-day ceremony, it is fulfilled through our investment of love for others, and through our action of sharing the Blessing with others. And it is also the solution to all of the eventual problems we might otherwise be distracted by.

I believe 100% that if we make every effort, for every family in our movement to be activated through the life-giving investment of love through Tribal Messiahship, we will be able to embrace Christianity at a rapid rate. And we will be able to make the foundations of heart, the foundations of love, and the foundations of victory that Heaven will be able to claim by 2020. And it will be on that foundation of victory by 2020 that we will march forward into a whole new era, where untold blessings await us, and I'm sure an even greater mission will be given to us.

America was never intended to be blessed for its own sake. There is a world out there watching us. There are nations out there praying for us, hoping for us, and waiting for us. So let us not think national restoration is so far away, because God has already willed it.

But again you might think, "Is it really possible?" When you look at the sheer volume of problems we have around us and in our families, communities, and cities, you might think there is no way we can restore the nation in a year.

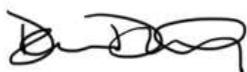
Remember, we are laying the foundation for Heaven to claim America as a restored nation. But I think our full salvation as a nation comes about as we serve others. The various problems and ills of America will be resolved over time as we truly start to live for the sake of the world. When America truly leads the world as an elder son nation, as a Cheon Il Guk nation, that is when you will see our house being fully restored.

To conclude: Tribal Messiahship starts with loving your spouse, your children, your parents and your family. It starts with recognizing and being grateful for the blessings God has already given to you. It starts with recognizing the people God has brought into your life. No matter how humble or how difficult your situation may be, the ingredients for your successful next steps are right in front of you. It is that new action, walking in the right direction together in unity that will bring about a great change in your life, in your family and in the Movement. Then together, we will be the spark that can awaken Christianity to fulfill its promise and allow Heaven to work miracles and revive this nation. When that kind of nation serves the world, will God not help us heal all of our internal problems along the way?

And what is the worst that could happen? What if this all turns out not to be true? Then what will we say? Will we say we wasted our time to love our spouses? Will we say we wasted our time to love our families? Will we say we wasted our time to love our brothers and sisters in the community, to ask for forgiveness and work together? Will we say we wasted our time to pray and work together to Bless those in our neighborhood? Will we say we wasted our time to share the Blessing that Heaven has toiled for thousands of years? Will we say we wasted our time to knock on the doors of our Christian brothers and sisters, the ones who laid the foundation upon which we stand? Will we say we wasted our time to Bless Christian ministers and have them Bless their congregations? Will we say we wasted our time to make them our friends? Will we say we wasted our time to seek to unite with our True Parents and follow True Mother's clear and simple direction?

I believe that if we avoid debating True Mother's simple request, and instead focus on laying the foundation for the victory, we will already feel the Heavenly Kingdom growing within us and around us. And then, no matter what happens in 2020, we will not say we have wasted our time. Surely, we will say we have done a good thing. And if we do this for the sake of our nation, then surely God will finally be able to say, "This nation is my son in whom I am well pleased." And with that we will be able to serve the world from our rightful position.

God bless you,



Rev. Demian Dunkley
President

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A Letter from the President: We Are Blessed



1/17/2019

Dear Family,

We are in Las Vegas attending TribeNet with 120 family members. It is so moving to see brothers and sisters coming together to share life-changing testimonies, and encouraging one another to accomplish this final mission of the providence together.

It is now barely two weeks since we sat down for breakfast with True Mother in her dining room along with our core leadership from America and eight members of the East Garden security team.

The dining room, which fits up to about 20 people, is beautiful in every single detail. Although it is just breakfast, it is served as a three-course meal, starting with organic squash soup and a rice flour bagel. The main course is a baked potato, steak and vegetable, and the meal concludes with a slice of cake and a cup of coffee. Even though it is early in the day, it is fitting that True Mother would feed us such a robust breakfast, because she is not just feeding us, she is sending us out on a great mission.

In that meeting, True Mother conveyed her sense of urgency that we fulfill our responsibility to restore America by 2020. We came home with the awareness that every day, every minute, and every second counts, and we only have one year left.

Over the last year, I have worked as the Subregional Director in the Northeast, working together with Rev. Miilhan Stephens and a small but growing team of inspired young people, who believe in the vision of building the nation anew. I also served as the vice president, working together with Rev. Richard Buessing and the other four Subregional Directors. You could say that it's been a pioneering adventure for us over the last year to understand and implement God's Will with this new structure; however, each one of us was comforted by Rev. Buessing's kind-hearted leadership. He was able to set the environment for us to be able to transition from what the Movement was to what it now will be. I am again impressed with True Mother's wisdom in choosing Rev. Buessing to lead the new Senior Pastors' Association. We need the reassuring wisdom of our elders now more than ever before, and I've never met anyone so perfect for that important role.

We also just completed a three-day intensive meeting with Dr. Ki Hoon Kim and the Subregional Directors in New York City. In that meeting, we determined that, above all else, the absolute priority of the American Movement in 2019 is for us all to fulfill our Tribal Messiahship.

Tribal Messiahship will now be the central ministry of the American Movement. On that foundation, we will be able to embrace Christianity and work together to fulfill the responsibility of this great nation. The theme

of the meeting could be summed up as, “We will bring victory of national restoration by 2020, so let’s keep it simple, and keep our eye on the most important areas that will support that victory.”

We are a providential people and we are equipped for this task. We are Americans blessed by God for this time, so that we may recognize, attend, and proclaim True Parents to the world, thereby bringing to conclusion the long painful history of God’s Providence of Restoration.

We are blessed families. God has given us power to forgive and to Bless, and to clean our environment. We have the power to change people’s eternal lives. We have the power to change people’s lineage to God’s lineage. That is a big deal.

We are God’s children, God’s sons and daughters. We have been given absolute authority, and absolute creativity. We can do anything. Every cell in our body has the potential to vibrate, to resonate, to expand, and to explode creative force into everything that we do. We do not need to be in the mindset of seeking and solving problems. We can create beauty. We can create prosperity, happiness, and bring joy to everyone that we meet and everything that we do, because we are God’s children. We are Tribal Messiahs, anointed and appointed to expand the realm of God’s lineage and influence to our families, our neighbors, and our communities.

We will bring about national restoration by 2020. In this year, we will see America unleash its full potential. Every Blessed family in America will fulfill Tribal Messiahship and become co-owners and co-creators of the national offering that we are going to bring to True mother by February 2020. Without fail, we will bring this to pass. At breakfast, True Mother said, “Don’t think for one moment that it is not possible!” Let me repeat it on her behalf; don’t think for one moment that it’s not possible. We will bring about national restoration within this year for God.

During her midnight address on New Year’s Day, True Mother said that our ancestors sacrificed and devoted their lives for the sake of Heaven’s Will, usually not even knowing the reason why or fully understanding Heaven’s Will. How can we, who have been given so much, second-guess our potential? Let’s not be distracted by debate. It’s time to act. How can we, who have been so blessed, possibly think that it’s not possible? We will do it together.

We are citizens of Cheon Il Guk. We are citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. So let’s act like it. Let’s talk like it. Let’s sing like it. Let’s love like it. We are children of God, and we will restore this land called America, and will be able to offer it for the sake of the world. We will all recognize that we are citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our responsibility remains. During True Father’s final prayer, he said that he had completed everything. True Mother then clarified that it was conditional, and that now it’s her responsibility to bring it all to completion.

We really are very blessed, so let’s get on with the work of loving the people that are praying to meet us. There are people right now praying to meet you, and be liberated by you. Believe it. Let’s have a great year!

Thank you and God Bless you,



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[ALI MAHJOUB](#)

January 21, 2019 at 12:32 am | #

President Damien Dunkley’s speech is very sincere and inspiring to say the least. I really sense he is like Joshua leading us together win True Mother’s way, to the promise land, CIG.

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[MATTHIAS WIESNER](#)

January 20, 2019 at 2:39 am | #

Dear Rev.Dunkley, I admire your standard of absolute faith and absolute obedience. I would be interested if you also have

a plan of action to turn around America within the next 12 month? If so it would be valuable to share it so that other can learn from it.

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KAORI IN-JONG BECKER

January 18, 2019 at 8:47 pm | <#>

Thank you Rev. Damian Dunkley!! So excited for this year to come under your leadership :). Thank you too Rev. Buessing and his wife for all of their hard work thus far :)

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JOSHUA ANGELUCCI

January 18, 2019 at 6:19 pm | <#>

Thank you, Demian, for your inspiring words and vision!

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MARIA LA HOGUE

January 18, 2019 at 5:06 pm | <#>

Thank you for encouraging us and helping us. God bless you!

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LAURA TAYLOR HAYAHEHI

January 18, 2019 at 7:11 am | <#>

Well said! Let's fulfill pledge 6 and become True Parents to our tribe. Thank you

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EMACULATE MUNGYE

January 18, 2019 at 2:58 am | <#>

Empowering heartwarming message!!! Love it! Your enthusiasm is contagious, let's restore America and the world for HP and TPs.
Thank you

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NADIA IN MN

January 17, 2019 at 10:22 pm | <#>

Beautiful!

Thank you :)

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