

## Hyun Jin Nim: "I have crossed the Rubicon"

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*Hyun Jin Nim acknowledges a photograph of True Parents on August 11, 2012, during an event in Seoul. He did not pay True Parents the courtesy of visiting them directly as a humble son.*

In 49 BC, the Roman general Julius Caesar led a legion of soldiers across the Rubicon River. The river marked the northeast border between Rome proper and its colonies, and the law at the time was that legions were not allowed to cross the river into Rome proper. This was to prevent the possibility of a military coup d'état.

So when Julius Caesar disobeyed the law and brought his soldiers across the Rubicon and into Rome proper, he transformed himself into a renegade general and a traitor against Rome. He knew this. He knew his action would spark a civil war between himself and the existing government. He went ahead and marched anyway, because he was confident to win this war and install himself as dictator of Rome.

Caesar's judgment was correct. Today, 49 BC is remembered as the year when the Roman Republic died and Imperial Rome began, because it was in this year that Julius Caesar overthrew the government by military force and brought an end to the freedom and democracy God had prepared as part of the environment into which He would send Jesus Christ.

At an assembly in Seoul on August 11, 2012, Hyun Jin Nim told an audience of Kwak Group followers: "In a sense, I have crossed the Rubicon". Later in the same speech, he said: "I have put my life on the line for the Providence. I said that I have crossed the Rubicon". Then, near the end of the speech, he said:

"Today, we are in a position of standing on the bank of the Rubicon". (Hyun Jin Nim spoke in English, but quotes are my translations From Korean into English of notes provided to me in Korean.)

Is Hyun Jin Nim comparing himself to Julius Caesar, the renegade general, traitor and eventual military dictator?

It is important to note Julius Caesar would not have violated the law had he crossed the Rubicon by himself. It only became an act of treason when a legion of soldiers followed him across the river and marched with him toward the City of Rome.

So what about Hyun Jin Nim? Has he crossed the river alone, or does he have a legion following him? Let's remember. It was the legion that followed Caesar which turned him into a renegade general and, eventually, a dictator.

Without followers, Hyun Jin Nim would be nothing more than a spoiled and disobedient son. His followers transform him into a traitor against God's Providence. When True Parents ask us not to participate in GPF activities and not to support the Kwak Group, they are asking us not to transform their son into something more than a simple disobedient child.

At the end of the August 11 assembly, Kwak Group member Kim Dong Woon announced that a demonstration would be held in front of Cheon Bok Gung from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm the following day, a Sunday. Kwak Chung Hwan and Hyun Jin Nim were present in the hall when the announcement was made, so we know this was an official announcement endorsed by them.

Fortunately, only a handful of followers showed up for this demonstration Sunday. It is good news that Hyun Jin Nim, though he may see himself as Caesar, doesn't have Caesar's following. It is a tragedy, however, that even a handful still follow him on his march against True Parents.