

Believe in the Blessing - Greetings to the Hyojeong Youth Blessing Festival

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Hello everybody. Hi everyone. Thank you for inviting us. My name is Ilya. My name is Diane Hack.

Ilya: We live here in Kingston, in New York State, in America, and we've been blessed since last February, in 2020. It was a chaotic year but we made it. We just want to talk a little bit about our Blessing life, why we got married and why we got Blessed, and what we see in the Blessing. This past year has given us so much understanding of what True Parents saw in the Blessing and how much beauty there is in this interaction between me and her. And we saw this (I guess we can say) as God guiding us together. I say that a lot to other people about our relationship: it is a lot about what God guides us to do. After we listened to the signs that God gave us, we felt like we just had to do our five percent, to meet each other and to do our best to impact the world this way, and be an example to the world about what the Blessing means and what this interaction means. We felt a lot of beauty out of it.

Diane: And I think the most important thing or at least the first step we took before receiving the Blessing was working on ourselves. In the beginning as we were growing up we wanted the Blessing, so we decided to commit ourselves -- doing the Il Shim [eight weeks of a coming-of-age] program and keeping ourselves pure for each other. And I think that was our first step towards [blessed family life], and I think it was worth it. I am glad that we decided to work on ourselves first and then get into this relationship. And, like he said, God guided us to get to where we are right now. I think the reason we value the Blessing so much is because we received it also from our parents -- we inherited that heart. And through True Parents and through our parents having received the Blessing, we wanted to continue that legacy and continue that lineage, which True Parents said is important. So that is why we decided to be blessed -- to continue the lineage of True Parents continue what True Parents created in the beginning. I am glad that we decided to do it, because I can see God through him, the masculine side of God, in our relationship. I am grateful for that.

Ilya: And just the last point, this past year was a blessing despite the pandemic. It has been a grateful time for both of us. There have been a lot of ups and downs and there were a few arguments here and there, but I see every part of this -- every step that we take -- as something graced by God. And no matter if it's sometimes hard or sometimes very lovely, sometimes very beautiful, I can see that it is graced by God. So don't worry: sometimes you may get into ups and downs, but all of it is worth it.

Diane: And of course because we are different people and we come from different cultures as well, so we have our differences. But at the end of the day this is what God wants, and we can feel God when we are together and loving each other. So please take this time to commit yourself and believe in the Blessing because it is something so beautiful and something that we have that other people don't have. So we hope that you can value what you're doing today.

Ilya: Thank you.

Diane: Thank you and good luck!