

FFWPU Japan: Love of parents to put someone to the test

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True Parents have walked the path of hardship and sacrifice. Today, even at this very moment, True Mother is in charge of the providence, here on earth, towards establishing Cheon Il Guk. In order to fulfill her promise to True Father, she continues to push her 80-year-old body towards this cause.

Parents go through hardships without children knowing about them. Moreover, they do not want their children to go through the same ordeals. Are you happy if you see your child suffer the same hardships, pain and sacrifice that you went through? There would be nothing but pain.

Parents go through hardships for the sake of their children, and they willingly bear these hardships and sacrifices. They walk the path of tears and sweat that go unnoticed, all the while carrying the attitude of, "If only I can reduce my children's hardships, even just a little bit."

But what should parents do if their children bear a destined path that is inevitable? There is only one option. The only thing we can do is to train the children thoroughly so that they can overcome tough times and be victorious. That is the love of parents.

It is the same with True Parents. They are our Parents. If there is a path of destiny, a path of hardship, and a path of sacrifice that we must take, there is only one thing we can do as parents - as a father, as a mother. We have no choice but to train our hearts and minds and push our children to welcome the moment of victory.

Live up to parents' hopes

We must shake off our false parents, who have ruled and ensnared humankind in the realm of evil influence for six thousand years, and return to the bosom of our Heavenly Parent (God). In order to do so, we need to take the path of trials with our own volition, and to overcome it.

Jesus said, "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me." (Matthew 10:37-38). It is because eternal happiness awaits them that they are made to go through severe trials of love.

In addition, parents, who dare put their children through such trials, must also realize that they are in a more painful and lonely situation.

When are such parents comforted and healed?

It is when children understand their parents' feelings of why they put them to the test that they can realize their parents' love for them. It is by going through trials that parents and children can form an eternal bond of love.

Why did Jesus have to go the way of the cross? When asked in the courtyard at Caiaphas' house whether he was the son of God, Jesus' words and actions never wavered the slightest.

Jesus had met God the Parent, and he walked the path of fulfilling his mission with a heart of a parent that never wavered. Jesus' only option was to fulfill the wishes of the parent. Standing before heaven, if he was not able to avoid the cross, he had no other choice.

Go back to God's bosom!

It was the same in True Parents' lives, who were touched by the heart and tears of the Heavenly Parent. The (Heavenly) Parent's dream became their dream; the (Heavenly) Parent's hope became their hope. True Parents have given their lives for this purpose.

That purpose is, of course, the restoration of children. Until we return to the bosom of our Heavenly Parent, we will never be able to see Cheon Il Guk. True Parents asked us to have the courage to break free from Satan's grasp and enter the realm of heaven's love. They have led us until now by putting us through a path of trials and hardships in order to develop our skills.

We should choose the way of Cheonshim training and CheonBo training with our own volition, and put what we learn into practice. I am sure that taking every step forward to receive parents' love and make effort to genuinely return to God's bosom, as children, will be of strength and comfort to the Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Parents receive limitless joy from children who have pure hearts. Therefore, let us stand before Parents with a pure heart, believing that we have become sons and daughters of the Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Even if that is to be on the frontline of hardships, that is the best consolation we can offer to Parents.