

## HPHC Japan: Our Path to Victory

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**Words: Matthew 11/2-9**

*2 When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples 3 to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"*

*4 Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5 The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy[b] are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. 6 Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."*

*7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 8 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. 9 Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet."*

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Good morning to all the members of our beloved Blessed Family. How are you? We have live broadcast today, don't we? Good morning! (in English) I decided to have a joint service on the last Sunday of March. There may be people who are participating in the service at church, or who are watching this service at home, or who are watching on their smartphones for some reason. This time, we held a joint online service that was connected to all the members of the church nationwide.

Today, I would like to greet all of you with my sincere thoughts, as well as my absolute faith and absolute love for True Parents. At this moment, the faces of all of you, the members of the church, all over the country and all over the world, as well as the faces of our future generations, are coming to me like waves. I have also received many messages in my email.

How much sadness and pain did the verdict of March 25th cause? I was unable to convey the good news, and I really cannot stop the pain in my heart. More than anything, when I think about True Mother's heart, which was more painful than anyone else's, just before this important day in history, I really don't know what to say. I heard that True Mother quietly closed her mouth and lost the words to speak when she received the report about it. I am so sorry. I think that as a parent and as the Only Begotten Daughter, she wanted to say many things. However, she swallowed all her words.

Whenever I have faced difficulties, I have offered my sincere prayers of gratitude to Heavenly Parent and True Parents, who have given me the name of a blessed family and the name of children. On the day of the unjust verdict, I also offered this prayer before the press conference.

Despite the numerous persecutions, True Parents rather comforted Heaven, are confident that a blessing like the morning star welcoming the dawn sky was waiting for them and offered a prayer of gratitude. I prayed in order to share their noble spirit, even if only a little. Reminding myself that Heaven always overcomes evil and restores the proper course when evil strikes good, I prayed in order to become a little more like True Parents who were always resolute and dignified. This is because I am grateful to True Parents for giving me wisdom, strength and courage so that I can stand strong and united in the face of every battle for justice, without ever retreating.

For the past two years and eight months, the persecution inflicted by the government, society and the distorted media has been truly severe and cruel. Social justice, freedom of religion and the realization of universal human rights have not functioned in this country. The way in which a huge evil has trampled on goodness, distorted the truth and guided public opinion like a witch hunt is the same as the worst incident that led to Jesus being crucified 2,000 years ago.

After this incident, one family member lamented that from now on, the second and third generation children will have to live in a more repressed and stifling environment.

I can fully understand and sympathize with this. And I cannot hide my heavy and sad heart from this reality. However, are only the blessed children who suffer such hardships and pain? How about the first generation who suffered much misunderstanding and pain from their families and society from the moment they chose the path of faith? In fact, we can say that we have all experienced this pain and are still passing through this tunnel.

However, I confess here as a believer. Have we become unhappy because of this? Can we say that the life we have chosen and lived has been wrong? Have we not walked the path of God's will with the determination to accept and endure this holy suffering? What have we hoped for and what have we seen as we have walked this path?

You have just read the scripture.

"What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see?"

This is a question for us.

Beloved brothers and sisters.

For what purpose have we walked the path of the wilderness? For what purpose have we believed in True Parents? Was it to become people who wear fine clothes? No, rather, from the beginning we did not envy people who wore fine clothes. Then, why have we come this far on the path of God's Will? For 60 years since its founding as the Unification Church, our Family Federation has been developing the Victory Over Communism (VOC) Movement to confront the evil ideology that buries God's name in the ground and undermines the core values of the nation. I believe it was a battle for our lives. Many of our predecessors also fought that battle for their lives. And we never stopped for a moment. This is because our country was at a critical crossroads, on the verge of being consumed by communism. That long battle has taken on a new form, and continues to this very day. Determined to win this battle at all costs, communists have continued to commit the illegal act of abduction and confinement against our precious families for decades. Even so, our country has never once stood up straight against these anti-human rights acts and violations of religious freedom. If they have stood on the side of the persecutors rather than protecting those of us who have been fighting on the front lines against communist forces to create a better country for freedom and peace, then who are they and who were they serving? Who can they say they have been serving? The government, which has turned a blind eye to us, the victims, since the founding of the Japanese Church, has now been recognized by the whole world as a nation that has abandoned freedom and democracy through the shooting of former Prime Minister Abe.

The series of trials leading up to the dissolution of the Family Federation was a series of illegalities from the very beginning. Truth and justice were not important to them at all. It was imperative to make us the perpetrators in the scenario they had planned. We were not pushed into being the perpetrators because we were bad or because we were at a disadvantage. It was because our truth and justice had definitely pushed the power of the communist forces, that is, them, back.

The reason why True Father suffered persecution in Danbury, USA was the same. It was all too obvious that if America collapsed, the bulwark of freedom and democracy in the world would also collapse. Therefore, True Parents had no choice but to fight a life-and-death battle against the communist forces. They framed True Father for tax evasion in order to bring him to a fatal disgrace. However, True Father was well aware of their intentions, and in a statement he made the day before he was imprisoned, he testified that the incident was not about tax evasion, but about religious persecution by the American government, and that he was innocent, and he appealed that the communist forces were behind it. Even so, he founded the Washington Times in order to save America, which was persecuting him and threatening his life. This was because he believed that if America survived, the free democratic camp in the world would be protected.

The reason why we have endured severe persecution in Japan while carrying out the VOC movement is the same. If Japan collapses, Korea will collapse, and all of Asia will collapse, so we have been trying to eliminate the communist forces from Japan. Everyone, this battle is a holy war that is inevitable. As long as we are in the ranks of Heaven's providence, we must win this battle. Ajyu! We are the last bastion of freedom and peace in Japan. If we fall, Japan will fall. If we fall, our motherland will perish. We have a clear responsibility that Heaven has called us to fulfill. This responsibility is not something that has been given to us so that we can live a materially prosperous life. It is so that we can create an environment in which we can welcome Heavenly Parent to this Japan. We must welcome Heavenly Parent to this Japan.

In the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk, when we attend the Heavenly Parent substantially, as the chosen people in unity with True Parents, we must fulfill our responsibilities as True Children.

This is the best way to protect the future generations of our beloved 2nd and 3rd generation children.

We must not be deceived any longer by the illegal and distorted frames [accusations] they have created.

We must not be swayed by the massive evil of public opinion that seeks to drive us into the perpetrator.

We must appeal to the world that we are the victims of a violation of religious freedom, the most fundamental of the democratic world, by our own country. We must appeal that we are innocent, and we must do so with dignity. They want us to be swept away by a multitude of emotions, such as shock and sadness, worry and fear. They want us to turn that into pent-up anger and resentment, and become divided. However, we will never become what they want us to be. We will never be afraid or divided. Let us stand firmly in solidarity and become even more passionate and united.

Everyone.

Now we will shout out proudly. We will develop a nationwide educational campaign to find the righteous people that Heaven has prepared. We will also work in solidarity with religious people and journalists around the world who are seeking righteousness. We will also work in solidarity with the righteous nations where religious freedom and democracy thrive. We will also appeal to the United Nations about the national religious persecution. Now, we, the Japanese Church, will fully develop a righteous war against the communist forces and a holy war for the providence of Heaven.

All of you around the world are truly paying attention to Japan every day, and your hearts are never broken. There is power in "Mimune no ohenka" (the song of supporting God's Will). There is power in our prayer with one heart. Our cries are alive, and they will become even more powerful from now on. History and providence eloquently speak of the universal truth that evil will perish and good will prevail. We remember the life of True Parents, who overcame hardships and crises hundreds and thousands of times. Our lives have been a continuation of that great tradition of true love, connecting Japan to Heaven. Let us move forward with pride in that life.

My beloved brothers and sisters.

Let us return to the passionate hearts we had in those days, when we stood up to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, not to wear fine clothes. Let us move forward with strength so that the Heavenly Japan can be fully established as the mother country. Let us move forward with a battle that can be won, without backing down even one step in the face of the great evil of communism. If we do not give up, victory will surely be ours. If we do not back down, Heaven will surely protect us.

Yesterday, for the first time since the verdict, I had the opportunity to spend some time with the leaders of the second generation of young people. There were many words expressed about what they were thinking about the verdict, how they felt frustrated and saddened by it, and how shocked they were. Nevertheless, I was grateful to hear them speak with such passion about their desire to protect the church that the first generation had built for the sake of future generations. Through their words, it was as if True Mother was sending me a message, and it was a truly blissful time. One brother said this:

"Even among my own friends, there are those who say that there will be no dissolution, and there are those who talk about what will happen after the dissolution, but I think that's not good. We can't have even one thought like that. The spirit world won't move unless we have the attitude that we will definitely win."

Indeed, the spirit world moves when we pray with the conviction that we will definitely win. The absolute good spirits will cooperate with us because we strongly unite our hearts while believing that we will definitely win. How can the spirit world help us if we pray with a wavering heart? If we are to become completely one with the spirit world and the physical world, and if True Mother tells us to pray to Heaven like this, then we should not pray with an anxious heart. We should pray for that help because we know we will surely win. I was reminded that we must pray with a mind that never wavers, without ever losing that determination.

The person who feels the most regret is True Mother.

She is the one who wants to fight on the front line more than anyone else.

I really have no words to say to True Mother right now.

True Mother has already spoken many times about the path of victory. There is only one path of victory that True Mother speaks of.

"Become one with me, and you will surely win."

She has spoken nothing else.

She has spoken many times that we must become one with Holy Mother Han, and that we will surely win if we do so. It is the responsibility of the children to truly embody the words spoken by this True Mother. It is not the responsibility of True Mother to embody them. However, if the path to victory is there, then

our mission is one. To become one with Holy Mother Han completely. Where else can we find the path to victory? I believe we must once again reaffirm our responsibility as children and face True Mother.

Today, March 30, 2025, is the 30,000th day since True Mother was born on this earth. The person who counted this for us is the great Director of the Japanese Cheon Shim Won, Mr. Chu Chin Tae. He is as expected. Thank you for giving this information. Today is exactly the 30,000th day since True Mother was born on this earth. I would like to express my gratitude for being able to make a new start while receiving the power of this memorable day.

And tomorrow, March 31, will be exactly 100 days before July 8th. On that day, we will welcome the third anniversary of the shooting of former Prime Minister Abe Shinzo.

These three months are a match that will determine our fate. We must absolutely win and overcome. Let us make these 100 days the most important spiritual foundation for us to embrace that victory together and set out together, looking towards a new future, while welcoming the historic and providential turning point of April 13th, which is the day that True Mother is most devoted to. During this time, let us enter the womb of True Mother and become one with her completely, and let us depart with the conviction that we will surely create the future as reborn beings together with True Mother. Let's all participate in the 100-day prayer campaign and try to make even the smallest contribution to the mobilization of the spirit world.

From tomorrow, Cheon Shim Won Night Vigil Prayer will be broadcast on YouTube, not Zoom.

Let's all make a resolution to bring in the mobilization of the spirit world, while offering our prayers with sincerity, and let's move forward.

And I hope that you will try to do the 1,000 invocations (prayer by calling name) every day.

The name to be prayed for in the invocations is Holy Mother Han. Please pray for the health of True Mother, for a long life, and on April 13, let's greet this day together with the greatest heart and health, and let's all try to do the 1,000 invocations of Holy Mother Han so that we can become completely one and make a new start.

Those who can call out the names quickly usually finish in about 12 to 13 minutes. Usually it takes about 15 minutes. For those who pray slowly, I think it's fine to take an hour or two. If True Mother says it's 1,000 times, let's become one and advance forward while calling out True Mother's name.

The Cheon Shim Won prayer that True Mother gave us is a real treasure. We will cherish it as the greatest weapon given to us, and we will do our best to work on it.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the families and members of the church across the country. The headquarters will also unite and take on the challenge of overcoming the final hurdle, so let's all work together to achieve victory and do our best to fulfill our responsibilities as children of God.

Thank you very much.

Dear Heavenly Parent

We are fine. We are your sons and daughters. No matter what happens, we will always be proud to be your sons and daughters and move forward with a heart of gratitude.

True Mother, we are fine.

We know that you are a mother who pours your heart into this nation of Japan and cannot hold back your aching heart. Even so, we will take responsibility for this nation of Japan.

Please, True Mother, give your all on April 13th without any worries, and we, as the chosen blessed families, will also firmly accept the significance of this victory, and with high aspirations and pride, we will make a new resolution to move forward together with True Mother.

It is true that Japan is currently facing some difficult challenges. However, when we look back at the life course of True Parents, was there ever a time when they did not face trials?

No matter what the situation, no matter what the challenges they faced, True Parents advanced forward, always yearning for Heavenly Parent and believing that there was always a way to overcome any challenge that came their way. We are their sons and daughters. We will inherit the heart and feelings that our parents walked with, and we will take on the challenge with faith, believing that there is always a way to overcome any situation and that the spirit world can help us at any time. Have there ever been times

when brothers and sisters from all over the country and the world have poured out their prayers for Japan like this? Have there ever been times when we have offered such sincere prayers before Heaven? If that did not reach Heaven, then the Principle is wrong. There may not be a God.

However, we know that there is an infinite path of cooperation in the spirit world, as long as we unite with True Parents, who are the center of the providence established on earth, and establish a standard of oneness with them, by investing our unceasing sincerity and hearts before Heaven. There is True Mother, who has established the Cheon Shim Won Night Vigil Prayer, in order to open up that path. Please give us your blessings as we use the best weapons given to us by True Mother to open up the path and dedicate the glorious victory of Heaven.

If there are brothers and sisters wavering at the front line, let us advance hand in hand in unity.

If there are brothers and sisters who have turned their backs on the church, please give them guidance so that they can make a fresh resolution in their hearts to turn around, face you, and take one more step forward before Heaven, together with God and True Parents.

We will advance before you, holding on to any life we can.

Heavenly Parent,

True Mother is alive on this earth now. This is truly a miraculous time. We can now fully enjoy and advance with this miracle of being able to walk together with the Messiah of humankind and True Parents. We will enjoy any persecution. We will advance while enjoying any trials. This is the only time we can have this kind of experience. With True Parents, we will move forward with firm determination and conviction, so I sincerely ask that you will be with us and guide us until the end. Together with brothers and sisters across the country, we will offer a prayer of thanksgiving on the 30,000th day of True Mother's birth, and we will surely make the miracle of the remaining 100 days a reality, and we will win the brilliance of a bright future, so I would like to express my sincere gratitude for today's precious service, while earnestly hoping that there will be a heavenly blessing on our path.

To all the brothers and sisters who could not be here today, and to all the brothers and sisters watching online, I pray from the bottom of my heart that God will be with you in your hearts and guide you, and in attending Holy Mother Han I pray with gratitude in my name Tomihiro Tanaka, a blessed family. Aju