Father's Life in His Own Words - Part 74

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A crowd of well-wishers see True Parents off on their first world tour on January 28, 1965

Expansion and the Beginnings of a Global Movement

Following True Parents' Holy Wedding, True Parents' built the movement together. From about that time, Father spoke less about his own course and more about the providential events surrounding him. His words to his disciples from these times in the 1960s reveal many aspects of his outlook and heart.

Why do you think I am activating as many of you as I can, whether you have achieved results or not? If, for instance, an emperor cuts down a tree in the mountains and carries it into his palace, would an ant sitting on the end of that tree enter the palace with the emperor, or not? It would. Similarly, though some people here have not been with us for a year, or two years, or a decade, we can at least take them with us beginning today. If a war ended while you were still on your way to the battlefield, you would still be considered a participant in the war. Even if you had shot your own officer by mistake on the battlefield, if your side won, you would be one of the victors.

Hye-jin nim (July 28 - August 4, 1964)

Through my baby Hye-jin's death I could experience what God felt when He lost Jesus. Moreover, because I have not yet reached the point of death, I feel I haven't been completely loyal to God.

My indemnity course goes through the Christian indemnity course and continues the re-indemnification of the Unification Church, which is why things related with history happen, such as a child from my family becoming a sacrificial offering.

The battle until now has been over love between mother and daughter, between brothers, and between first wives and concubines. Mrs. Won-pok Choi is in the positions of Mary and of Jesus' wife and of Leah. Therefore, she has to thoroughly obey what I say. She is also in the form of the fallen mother who must restore the growth and completion stages. The completion level cannot be attained with the heart of fallen people, so we absolutely need the mother. Because of this, even Mother suffered and our baby Hyejin became an indemnity offering.

From the beginning of 1964, I entrusted management of the church to the church president. I am not meant to follow an individual's path now; we have begun the family era... You don't know what I've been through. Not even the church president knows that. You ought to realize that even those closest to me did not know what I felt in my heart.

Even if ten thousand members of our family and clan are sacrificed, even if our children die, we should not feel sad. You should understand that at times like these, my only worry is that my family will fail to remain in a position where it can block all historical pain for the sake of humankind...

The demise of elderly blessed members and of baby Hye-jin is deeply significant. On the day of her death, August 4, the problem arose in Vietnam. The fact that I experienced the death of the closest person to me has great significance for you.

Earlier, if Satan appeared during my prayers, a problem arose outside. However, from this year, if Satan appears during my prayers a problem will appear in my family. More indemnity offerings will probably occur in the future. Because the Abel figure was an offering, God struck the Abel figure and forgave those in Cain's position. Because of this condition, God could strike the satanic world. From now on, God will strike those who oppose His will.

Mobilization for workshops nationwide

You need to understand that under the circumstances I do not have any choice; I have to order a total mobilization. I am appointing forty-five people to be the vanguard for six months. The time to fight behind that vanguard in a decisive battle that will decide the fate of this country has arrived. Each one of you must be active for at least two months. You each have to offer at least 10 percent of your time. Additionally, for at least a week, each month, I will not stay at home but will be visiting a region. If the results after two months are good, I plan to hold three four-day revival meetings in different parts of the country under the church president, on different dates, even though I will not be there.

First world tour, from January 28 to October 10, 1965[1]

I visited twenty-four Western countries and sixteen Eastern countries, forty in all... I returned to Korea after 256 days.



Father speaking to the members in Japan

Regarding Japan[2]

What does God want Japanese brothers and sisters to do? He is saying to them, Die for the restoration of the world. Die quickly. That's why, when other people are sleeping, our young people assemble in one place and sing and study. They are working day and night for God's will.

In order to do what remains to be done to move the world, we first need to strengthen our worldview, to

strengthen our organization and to become one through shared activities. We have to confront communism with stronger power in our organization and activities than they have in theirs.



True Father arriving in Korea on October 10, 1965, concluding the first world tour; The type of jet they flew on, in use only since late 1964, was the only type of commercial passenger airplane then able to cross the Pacific non-stop.

Regarding the United States[3]

I had heard that foreigners don't cry easily. Yet when I arrived in the United States, I discovered that Americans cry more readily than Koreans do. The members didn't know the time of my arrival; they had only heard I would be arriving that day, so they waited all day at the airport for me. They must have been weary. When I arrived at the airport and slowly made my appearance, those who had come to welcome me reacted in various ways, some crying and others laughing. Though we come from different cultures and have different histories, because we are all Unification Church members, we laugh together and we cry together.

I met several world-famous spiritual communicators in the United States. I asked them three or four times about the problems of the world and how we might resolve them, but they had no answers. They were bewildered...

You American brothers and sisters here today need to understand how much suffering God had to go through to bless America and to have you here today. When I sent Japanese and Korean missionaries to the United States, neither the Koreans nor the Japanese had yet established the church properly in their countries. No one dreamed that we would send missionaries to America. Despite our difficult circumstances, I was determined to send somebody to America to plant the seed of the Principle. Day and night I worked for that goal.

We have to pass on the blessing we have received to humankind. You have to set the example and take the lead, giving all that you have for the people of the world.

You have to take responsibility for every city in America. Start with this city and expand your activities to all the others. Your numbers are limited, so each one of you has to fulfill your individual responsibility. Do you know what would happen to America if you didn't fulfill your responsibility? America, which is in Abel's position, would suffer at the hands of the communist powers, which are in Cain's position. The whole of the Free World would suffer disaster.



Father speaking with Dwight D. Eisenhower (U.S. president 1953 - 1961) on June 25, 1965, the fifteenth anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War

A visit to ex-president Dwight Eisenhower, June 25, 1965

I asked Mr. Eisenhower, the former president, to fulfill three conditions. I asked him how he would solve the historical problem, the religious problem and the ideological problem. The meeting had been planned to last only five minutes, but it went on for more than twenty minutes. When I said I should go, he expressed regret and took me to see his living quarters on the second floor.

Reflecting on Christianity and Jesus

I saw many crosses on my world tour, which reminded me that it is my mission to get rid of all these crosses. Christianity is not the religion of the cross; it is the religion of the resurrection. You have to comfort God's heart. He is agonizing over the state of the world, and you have to put your area and your nation in good order. If you establish the standard of putting things in order in place of God, you will be able to make an environment in which you are standing in the kingdom of heaven. This is Jesus' hope and God's hope. It is mine, too.

- [1] True Father carried out most of the first world tour without True Mother.
- [2] True Father consecrated holy grounds in eight cities in Japan during the first world tour.
- [3] True Father based himself in Washington DC but traveled throughout the US from February 12 to July 1 during the first tour.