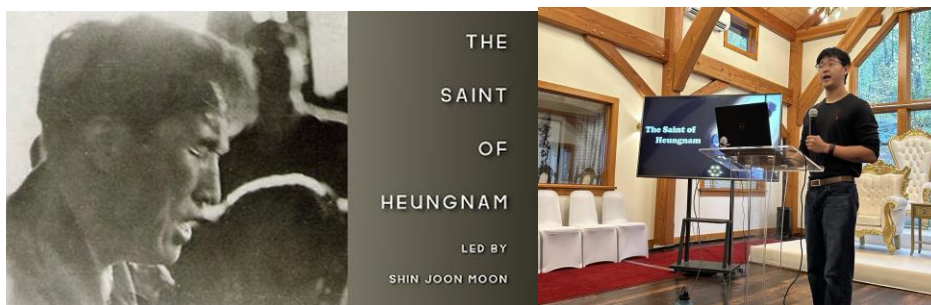


“The Saint of Heungnam”

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The title of the talk that I want to give today is “The Saint of Heungnam”. This is the background behind which I'm doing this speech: about two weeks ago, the Second King called me suddenly, and he asked me to give some kind of speech. At that point, I was like, “There is no way. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. There's no way I can do that. I'm not ready for that”. But I really tried to pray about it and think about why he was asking me to give some kind of speech. Yeah, it was a difficult process because I don't think I'm ready for this yet. I realize that however inadequate I might be in presenting this kind of incredible heart of True Father, if I can uplift the glory to True Father even just a little bit, that would be worthy. This is why I am giving the speech today. (Applause) Thank you, thank you. I'm 100 % sure that the Second King would have wanted to be here and would have given a better sermon. So, I'm sorry that I'm here.

But I really wanted to share the heart of Father in Heungnam death camp, because that's what we are celebrating in the Freedom Festival, Father's liberation from the Heungnam death camp. And honestly for me, I didn't really know about True Father's course in Heungnam until a few months back when I was really trying to understand His heart and His course within Heungnam. Yeah, I would really like to share this material with you. We celebrate the Freedom Festival. I know it's not October 14th today, but in that same spirit, we are celebrating True Father's course in Heungnam.

The reason I picked this title, “The Saint of Heungnam”, for my presentation here is because that is a direct quote by an eyewitness who was there. His name is Kim In-ho, and he was in the same cell as True Father when True Father was in Heungnam prison. Obviously, there are other eyewitnesses as well. But Kim In-ho presented his own life story and within that, he was talking about the Saint of Heungnam and dedicating this section to True Father. Amazingly, he was not a Unificationist at all. He was not even a Christian, but he still recognized Father's heart and otherworldly character within the death camp.

That's kind of a little background for Kim In-ho as one of the crucial eyewitnesses. And that is the title of his section, "The Saint of Heungnam, 옥중안의 성자 (*Okjunganui Seongja*) Moon Sun Myung". That is the title of his section. This is why I want to share this presentation with you all.

Background

I know in the beginning it may sound like it's too much history, but you have to bear with me because that sets up the framework to talk about True Father's heart. I think that knowing how True Father got into the Heungnam death camp in the first place will prepare us to know how He would be able to love His enemy, even in those horrible conditions.

So, on February 22nd, 1948 while preaching, the communist authorities come and arrest Father by the urging of jealous ministers. Apparently some 80 odd ministers gathered together and basically were persecuting Father. They reported him to the communist authorities at that point, and therefore Father was captured while He was still preaching.

Then He is thrown into a holding cell for a period of 40 days, and Father is tortured in this cell before He is put on trial on April 7th. He is convicted on the charge of spreading falsehoods and creating, "societal disruption". In this trial, eyewitnesses like Kim Won-pil, Ok Se-hyun and others testify. I'm sure the first gen all know who those people are, but a lot of the second gen, even me, I didn't know those names. So those eyewitnesses testify that basically the two "extremes", like the diehard communists on one side, and the New Testament Age Christians on the other side, were basically holding hands together and persecuting Father. The title of that conviction was apparently like: "This guy claims to be the Christ and came on the clouds." That was the title of the trial that was taking place. But for a period of 40 days Father is tortured before He is put on this trial.

Then afterwards Father is transferred into a holding cell. He's in a cell still but He's transferred into a holding cell in Pyongyang and that is where He meets Kim Won-duk who is basically the first disciple that He ever meets in the prison system itself in the entire two years and eight months that follow. Kim Won-duk had a vision of True Father where God was sitting on the throne and basically designated Father and proclaimed that He was the One to come; He was the Messiah. Kim Won -duk apparently was the head leader of that cell because he was there the longest. But Kim Won-duk eventually submitted to Father and he was the first disciple before the Heungnam death camp.

There were many miracles like this where the spirit world would testify to Father. Even Kim In-ho and then another person, Park Jung-hwa, they testified that the spirit world was working and they were bringing people to Father. There was a reason why Father had multiple disciples in the Heungnam death camp. They're not really looking for a teacher or something in the death camp, right? But this is where He first meets his disciples.

Life in Heungnam

On May 20th, He's transferred to Heungnam death camp going 17 hours on a train; He is transferred there with Kim Won-duk. And finally, after arriving in Heungnam, He is transferred to the fertilizer department and that's where He has his daily work and daily quota. Upon His arrival, Father was given the number 596. Everyone knows that, right? Every day, the King wears the 596 number, the Heungnam death camp number. Father testified later on that He often would lay down on the floor in that dark, cold cell, and would be looking up at the ceiling, repeating this number, "596 -596", over and over again. Because in Korean, if you say it really fast, it sounds like, "오구룩 (*Oguryuk*) 596 sounds similar to 억울하다 which means feeling of unjust suffering. Not just, basically. And He would repeat this number over and over again because, honestly, it was an unjust trial, just like Danbury and all the other trials.

In this room, there are 40 people squeezed into a 10 by 10 room or something like that. And Father takes the seat next to the toilet. He takes the seat of the servant of servant position. In His autobiography, <https://tparents.org/Moon-Books/PLGC-SunMyungMoon-091101.pdf> He states, *"Nobody wanted this space. We called it a toilet, but actually, it was only a small earthenware jar without even a lid. Fluid would overflow from the toilet in the summer, and it would freeze in the winter. There is no describing the putrid smell that came from it"*. I mean you can imagine, right?

The people there, they were all suffering of malnutrition; they were only given a rice ball and some salty soup. And if one of these people got sick of dysentery, malaria, the flu or any of these other diseases, they would all have that same disease because they were all tightly packed in this room. So, Father, basically was getting splashed by all this not very fun diarrhea.

And He states that *"Because I was next to the toilet, I was often splashed. In order to endure, I tried to think of these sights and sounds as some form of art."* This is how He endured. He actually conceptualized it as a form of art. I mean, that's incredible, right? That's just the start of True Father's incredible character within the Heungnam Death Camp.

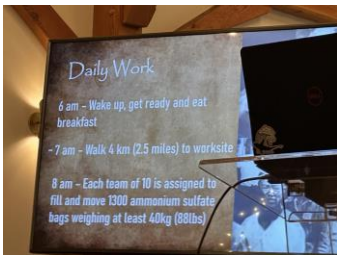


Here in this photo, you can see the daily work that Father was going through in the Heungnam Death Camp.

First, all the prisoners would all wake up at 6 am. They would wake up, get ready, and eat breakfast. But later on, as we will see, Father was waking up at least at 4am, praying and doing *jeongseong* before He went out to work. We'll see this from an eyewitness who was there, Kim In-ho that we were talking about earlier.



Next, around 7 am, they would walk 4 kilometers or 2.5 miles to the work site. Father states, *"We were marched four abreast. We were made to hold the hand of the person next to us and could not even hold our head up. Guards armed with rifles and pistols surrounded us."* And this is also testified by Kim Won-pil, who wasn't in the prison, but he watched Father going to the work site. So, they would be marched four, four, four, four, holding hands, keeping their head down. Apparently if you were to look up, then you would be beaten because they would think that you are conspiring to escape or to attack the guards. We don't really know, but they would be beaten if they lifted their heads up on the four-kilometer trek.



And every single day on the long trek to the factory, each morning, He would tell himself He was walking to an ideal world. This was His heart during the time when He was walking to a miserable condition in the slave labor camp. He saw himself as the providential figure through the Heungnam death camp so that the Kingdom of God could come through His suffering. He's not there to pay some indemnity or something like that for His own failure, right? He's there to pay the indemnity of all mankind and especially the failure of New Testament Age Christianity.

So, when He was walking to the worksite with His head down, you know, literally being held at gunpoint- that's not even an exaggeration- He would tell himself that He would persevere through this so that the Kingdom of God, the very foundation of the world that God had desired, this same ideal, could be realized through this kind of suffering.

1,300 Bags of Ammonium Sulfate



Then next, at 8 am, each team of 10 is assigned to fill and move 1,300 ammonium sulfate bags weighing at least 40 kilos or 88 pounds. Each team has to move this number of bags. And this is not just some random chemical or some gravel or something like that. Many witnesses testify that, although at first glance, this ammonium sulfate may not be too harmful; when you get it on the skin, just briefly, it's not too harmful. But once you got exposed to it constantly, repeatedly, every single day, then it would start to burn the skin. I would like to read a quote here.

"Exposure to this fertilizer was so harmful that it would cause hair loss and sores on our skin that oozed liquid. Most people who worked in the factory would begin vomiting blood and die after

about only six months."

That was the average life expectancy, basically, because the Heungnam death camp was designed to kill you. If they just started gunning down people on the streets in the open, then people would rebel, obviously, right? So, what they would have to do is ship these people, these political prisoners or societal disruptors off to the Heungnam death camp or other places. Coal mine was another one. There were others. They would basically get free labor, but also kill the people who were suspected of being revolutionaries.

And this is what True Father went through: *"We would wear rubber pieces on our fingers for protection but the acid would quickly wear through these. The acid fumes would also eat through our clothing, making them useless, and our skin would break and bleed. In some very rare cases, the bone would become visible too."* This was the condition that Father was working under. Again, it's a death camp for a reason. It's designed to kill you, right? And it is not just labor that takes place. There are also tortures, malnutrition and diseases that run rampant inside the Heungnam death camp. Communists couldn't deliberately kill them, that's why they sent them off to the prisons.

A Korean doctor who later examined True Father apparently stated that True Father's lungs were like a coal miner's lungs. They were black because He was breathing in this harmful chemical every single day for nine hours a day. Apparently when this is broken down, the powder goes inside your lungs and it's very harmful to your lungs. He had this condition all the way up until He ascended.

I wanted to do some little bit of math on this, because if we just kind of hear it, I think it doesn't sound too bad. 1,300 ammonium sulfate bags, we don't really have a concept of how intensive this labor was. But I think just doing some basic math, then it's not too hard to understand. If I can do the math, then it's not too hard! So, bear with me. But I think that really helps us conceptualize how hard and difficult this labor was.

Let's take a look at some of the numbers. So again, the quote was 1,300 bags of ammonium nitrate per 10 people. If we divide that by 10, since there are 10 people, each person would have to move 130 x 90-pound bags of ammonium nitrate, or 40 kilos. That checks out. That means that each prisoner would have to move around 11,700 pounds, because 130 times 90 is that many. If we divide that by 2,000, which is 1 ton, that would mean that every single day, each prisoner would have to move around 6 tons of harmful chemical. Again, it's harmful chemical. It's not just some gravel that we're moving here. Each prisoner, and Father included, would have to move this amount of material per day, and every single day.

I remember we were complaining in PA when we were just moving some gravel for like three hours. That really puts into context how much Father suffered in this Heungnam death camp. We were complaining because we were just moving some gravel around for three hours. But I mean, Father was doing this every single day for 9 hours with the harmful chemicals. And I believe in the metric tons, that's 5.35, but in America, it's 5.85 tons per person per day.

The labor was divided like this, and this is what Kim In-ho testifies, and Father actually spoke about this as well: *"Two people with pickaxes would break apart the hardening ammonium nitrate"*. So apparently when the chemical hardened, it would become as hard as ice. So, people would have to break apart this chemical for them to carry it off, because it's a fertilizer. *"The second pair holding the bags open. And the four of them would work together to fill the bag. That second pair would then weigh the bags"*. And it has to be at least 40 kilos or around 90 pounds. *"And after they weigh the bags, they have to move it 15 feet or around 4 meters to another place where the third pair is waiting. The third pair, they tie the bags and pass it on to another pair who would carry it on their backs, moving and putting those bags onto a cart"*. This is what you see in the photo above. They are carrying these bags and putting them onto the cart, which is like here.

Apparently, this was the hardest work in this whole system. Father often volunteered to do the hardest work, and even when He was doing this, He would help the other prisoners. Park Jung-hwa, who was there, testified that Father would help him tie the bags. I guess tying the bags was the easiest job.

But after, Father would carry the 90-pound bags. I mean, you can just imagine how heavy that is. We did the Field Raven Trek and you know, those were only like 30-

pound bags, but He's carrying 90-pound bags the entire day for two years and four months. The entire course was two years and eight months, right? But at Heungnam Fertilizer Company, two years and four months. The last pair then would take that cart that these people are dumping it into, and they would go to the warehouse where they would stack the bags. Father often volunteered, again, to do the hardest role.

We continue with some of the math. The time limit to reach this 1,300 bag-quota is nine hours. If you don't meet that quota, then you are severely beaten, and your rations are cut in half. So, you have a really big incentive to fulfill that quota. And if we convert these 9 hours into seconds, it apparently is that much, 32,400 seconds; it's that many seconds. That means that each team of 10 would have to fill a 90-pound bag or 40 kilos within 25 seconds. And they have to move at this pace, the same pace, for 9 hours. Most teams would be barely able to finish.

An eyewitness testified that there was, in theory, a 10-minute break every hour. But it was a trap, because if you actually took that break, then there would be no way for you to actually finish this huge quota. Because just think about it: you're moving 6 tons of material per day, and you have to keep a pace of 25 seconds per bag. So, the 9 hours were barely enough. And if you didn't meet the quota, again, you would be severely beaten and have food rations, like the small food rations, they have cut them in half.

I really wanted to do this because I think it helps us conceptualize how difficult this labor was. It's truly a slave labor and it's designed to kill you. Again, there's a reason why the life expectancy is 6 months.

Slave Labor, a Time of Prayer & Jeongseong



quotes pretty soon.

But what was even more incredible was Father's heart during this labor when they were literally being worked to death. He testified that the slave labor was a time of prayer and *jeongseong*. Father states, *"Looking back, the time spent engaged in labor was time for prayer. Always I poured my full sincerity and dedication into the work as though I was engaged in the providence of restoration"*. He saw Himself as a figure in the providence of restoration, so that without His full sincerity, the providence could not move forward. That is why He worked tirelessly. And this is testified to by other eyewitnesses. We'll take a look at one of those

Elsewhere, Father states, *“Because there yet remains a sacred path to be offered before God, through my own sweat and labor, I am devoting the entirety of my being in sincerity to God”*. 내 몸을 통해서 땀을 흘려 가지고 하나님 앞에 바쳐 드려야 할 거룩한 길이 남아 있기 때문에, 하나님을 위하여 정성을 다하는... 것입니다 This was the heart of Father, a time of prayer and *jeongseong*. And Father testifies that during this time, when they were literally being worked to death, He would pray for His disciples in Pyongyang. And He always poured His full sincerity and dedication as exemplified by the testimony of a fellow prisoner.

Testimony from Fellow Prisoner (김인호) Kim In-ho: Teacher Moon Lived for the Sake of Others

This is an excerpt from the person I was talking about in the very beginning who called Father “the Saint of Heungnam”. *“That Teacher Moon lived for the sake of others. He was a model prisoner that even the diehard communist guards respected and recognized. He never rested for a moment and worked with tireless diligence”*. Another eyewitness testified that Father received the three different awards separately because the communist guards themselves, the worst enemies of the people in the prison, would recognize Father's tireless diligence.

And again, this is a quote by a non -Unificationist: *“If I push myself even just a little more, isn't it true that my fellow prisoners won't have to suffer as much?”* 내가 조금이라도 더 열심히 작업을 하면 동료들이 그만큼 수고를 덜 할 것 아니겠소? This is in the context of people asking Him to “take care of yourself, take care of your own body, don't push yourself too hard”. *“When those around him told Him to take care of His own body, He always responded this way, never letting go of His work. He spoke little and always kept a calm expression. Yet, when it came to work, no one could rival His strength and dedication”*. In Korean, True Father would always respond with this quote above. He would always respond in this way, so that the other fellow prisoners would not have to suffer and torture their bodies like that.

Testimony from Fellow Prisoner (김인호) Kim In-ho: Teacher Moon's Ardent Daily Devotion

This is another excerpt from the same prisoner, Kim In -ho who testifies to Teacher Moon's ardent daily devotion. This is what we were talking about in the very beginning, right? Everyone would have to wake up at 6 am, but Father alone would wake up at least, at least at 4 am. We don't know really when but we know that He woke up at least at 4 am. *“One day, I woke up about two hours earlier than usual because I had to use the restroom. The room was still dark as the sun had not yet risen, sitting quietly to let my eyes*

adjust to the darkness." So, he was laying down and he sat up, right? He sits. *"I noticed Teacher Moon sitting in a corner cloaked in shadow".*

This is True Father speaking, *"Is that Kim-gun?"* Gun is not his last name; it's like a Korean term of brotherly respect. It's a very scuffed translation, but it's not his last name. True Father asks, *"Is that Kim-gun? You woke up early."*

"Opening his eyes from prayer He spoke to me quietly." The reason why Father is being quiet here is first He doesn't want to wake up the other people, but secondly if you were caught speaking after the hours when you were supposed to sleep, you would be severely beaten and tortured. They would think that you are conspiring to lead a revolt, attack the prison guards or plan an escape because they're all supposed to be sleeping. That's why Father would speak quietly.

One time Father was caught while He was doing this *jeongseong* prayer. He was awake when everyone was supposed to be sleeping. He was severely tortured. I believe it was Kim In-ho or it may have been another eyewitness, but He testified to this fact that Father was tortured because one day He was caught.

This is Kim In-ho speaking. *"I see you wake up this early every day. Aren't you tired?"* Father answered, *"I'm fine. Waking up early has become a habit. So, if I try to sleep, my whole body feels restless."*

I guess True Father is in a different corner when He's praying, not in the restroom corner. *"But after I used the restroom, Teacher Moon had taken off his shirt and was dabbing Himself with a towel soaked in cold water."*

"Teacher Moon, aren't You cold? If You catch a cold..." The implication is that if you catch a cold or you get sick, then you would likely die. Actually, another communist survivor, his name is Alexander Solzhenitsyn, a very famous Soviet communist sufferer, testified that once people they got sick, they would basically give up hope because they didn't think there was a chance. And once people gave up that there was any chance of survival, that's when people would eventually die. So, that was the implication that if you caught a cold or you got sick, then you would likely die.

"I have to endure somehow by wiping myself like this when I don't take a shower in the factory". The context behind this is that Kim In-ho was wondering why Father would always skip the shower. After work, you would be all sticky, and the chemical would start to burn through your skin if you just left it. So, most people, obviously, would take a shower. But Father would always skip the shower and go to His own cell. So, he was wondering why Teacher Moon would always be doing this. And he found out that this is what Father was doing.

So, this is what Father was doing. He later testified that He was doing this because as the substantial body of God, He didn't want to just show His body to everyone. That's why Father had to go through this laborious process to just wash His own body, just wipe it down. After waking up and finishing His prayer, washing Himself with cold water, praying again, eating breakfast, He then headed out to work with full sincerity. He was saving His drinking water from the limited rations that they did give; He was saving that drinking water so He could do *jeongseong* in the morning. He could do prayer and *jeongseong* at least at 4 am because that's when Kim In-ho woke up. He woke up at 4, but True Father was already awake so we don't know when True Father was awake. But He was awake way before everyone else and doing prayer and *jeongseong*.

"Considering this, His extraordinary physical stamina and mental fortitude were nothing short of remarkable. Not only was it no small feat to maintain His health in an environment so close to death, but it was also astonishing that He devoted two hours of His precious sleep each day to observe His religious practices." You got to remember that people are literally dying left and right. Your friends that you've worked with for months and bonded with, these people are dying right next to you.

Another person testified that people were so hungry in this camp that if people fell over dead while eating, the fellow prisoners, their friends, would open their mouths and eat whatever was left inside their mouth. That was the incredible, mind-boggling suffering that Father was going through per day. But True Father would dedicate at least two hours of His precious sleep, and here Kim In-ho was saying that it's a sleep as precious as gold. That's what he was saying. It was incredible, and this is why Kim In-ho testified to Father. It was actually better that he didn't join the church because his testimony is so powerful, just giving the praise and glory to Father, "the Saint of Heungnam".

The Tortures that Father Endured

I kind of want to switch gears here and talk about the different tortures that Father went through, because, I mean, these are horrific. And I think that really puts into context how not only was He going through the slave labor or the malnutrition or the diseases and people dying around you, but He also had to suffer through these tortures. Many of these tortures, they were straight from the Soviet and Japanese playbook when they were under occupation.



**** The first one would be **waterboarding and stomach stomping**. Some of these are attested by Father Himself through Reverend Ahn, and others are attested by other prisoners as well. So, waterboarding and stomach stomping. After getting beaten, and being weakened, they attach and force feed water through a hose into the nose and

mouth. So, you're tied up and a hose is attached to your mouth or your nose. And that would be actively making your stomach bloated because your body can't intake that much water.

I was asking Chat GPT about this, "What's the difference between waterboarding with a hose and just a rag or something." Because in Hollywood movies they do it with a rag and that apparently works. And Chat GPT was saying that waterboarding with a hose is much, much, worse because it is actively feeding water inside of you whereas the rag is just simulating drowning, but it's not feeding water into you. Actively feeding water through the hose, this is a torture that Father would suffer under.

And afterwards, when the stomach was bloated, the prisoner would be thrown on the ground on his back. And then he would have his stomach stomped with military boots or steel batons. They would hit the belly, and that would cause all the water to be vomited out through the mouth or the anus. So, waterboarding with a hose and stomach stomping, that is a torture that Father went through.

*** Next is the **airplane crucifixion**. This is the photo that you see here. This is a beautiful photo. I don't know who drew it, but it is a really good photo of the airplane crucifixion that I wanted to include here. This is a torture where the prisoner is hung on the wall or ceiling by his hands behind his back. The King talked about it a lot. He's hung behind His wrist right here and hung to the ceiling. And that causes shoulder dislocation because your shoulders are bearing the entire weight of your body. That causes the shoulders to dislocate and the lungs to collapse inward.



This is very similar to the Crucifixion, actually, because through the Crucifixion 2,000 years ago, what Jesus suffered, apparently many people die by asphyxiation because they can't breathe. I guess when your hands are outstretched like that, then you have to push up with your legs; on the nailed legs, you have to push up to get a breath of air. And when they are too weakened to do that, they eventually suffocate in their own blood. So, the airplane crucifixion was very similar to Jesus's Crucifixion 2,000 years ago. While being hung, the prisoner is beaten with wooden or steel batons as you see demonstrated here.

*** Next is the **gochugaru torture**. I'm sure a lot of people know what *gochugaru* is here; *gochugaru* is like a spicy red pepper in traditional Korean foods. Very spicy. And what they would do is they would hang Him upside down by His ankles, so He would be tied here and then 180 like this with His head pointing to the ground. After He is hung upside down, *gochugaru* mixed with water is then poured into the nose. You can imagine how painful that is.

*** Next is **sleep deprivation**. I know these are very cruel, but I think it kind of contextualizes the incredible suffering that Father went through in the Heungnam death camp. Please bear with me. This is why I'm sharing this kind of material.

Sleep deprivation, I think this is kind of self-explanatory. Guards would rotate in three - hour shifts making sure the prisoner did not fall asleep. If they did fall asleep, the guards would enter into the cell and kick them until they'd wake up.

These are just some of the tortures that Father endured. Father, when he was asked about His experiences in Heungnam, yes, he shared some of His experiences there, but just like a veteran doesn't want to share offhand his experience in war, so too Father didn't just willingly share whatever the circumstance. It is only when Father wanted to share, just like a veteran who sacrificed in war would.

*** Another torture that True Father suffered was called the **seiza shin split**. I'm sure everyone especially all the Japanese people know what the *seiza* is. They would be forced to kneel like this. This is the *seiza*, right? (Showing) And what they would do is they would wedge a square wooden beam behind the legs, and He was made to sit down. And it didn't end there, because the torturers then jumped on the thighs, effectively crushing the legs. You can just imagine how painful that was. Father actually suffered through this.

He shared once that He couldn't walk for several days because of this torture. He was unable to walk. And I guess at that time, He wasn't able to work. But that was the incredible torture that Father went under. These last three tortures were testified by Kim In-ho again in his autobiography, not really talking about Father, but the tortures that the Heungnam death camp would actualize.

*** What was called **the pigeon box**? The prisoner would be forced into a box the size of a dog. They would have their rations cut and limited water as well. The communists are very cruel. So, what they would do is they would effectively target those days that were extremely cold. And Heungnam gets really cold, right? The Siberian winter even reaches there, and it gets really cold. Then they'd take this cage with the person inside, and they'd leave it outside in the winter. When the prisoner was finally let out, their legs wouldn't straighten, and sometimes they would have their entire body paralyzed because they were effectively cramped in there.

*** Another one was **the joint pencil torture** that he testified to. He said it doesn't sound as painful as the other ones, but it was extremely painful. They would stick pencils in each of these joints and what they would do is twist the pencils so that the prisoner would be able to confess whatever he did, or when they were being punished, or for

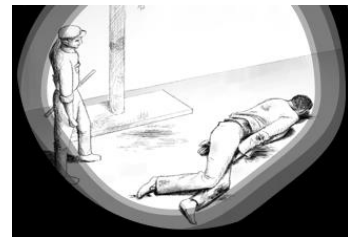
pure enjoyment, I guess. We don't really know. But the joint pencil torture was excruciatingly painful, as he testifies to.

*** And finally, **the crane dance**. Being crude, the communists would perform this after meals. They would make the prisoner eat the meal, and then they would perform this torture. A rope would be tied to the waist and suspended on an iron pole, leaving the prisoner suspended. So, they would tie a rope here and tie it onto the ceiling or whatever pole. Naturally, the body would face the ground, dangling toward the stone floor. He would then kick the victim on the tailbone. They say that at first it seems bearable. But eventually, the pain becomes so intense that the head spins, you start hallucinating, you only see like black, and you start to vomit everything out. And again, they would do this after people would eat to be especially crude.

These are some of the tortures that Father endured within the Heungnam death camp. I mean, you can see, these are excruciatingly painful tortures that He endured! But even still, Father never harbored any resentment toward the torturers.

Father loved His enemy and prayed for His torturer

*** The highest example of this is when Father loved his enemy and **prayed for his torturer** in the very beginning of Heungnam death camp. Father had been tortured to the brink of death. As such, they threw His bloodstained body into a cell. Knowing Father to be a devout believer, the guard watched to see what He would do. When Father arose, Father, shedding tears, prayed and asked God to forgive the torturer and prayed for the torturer's soul.



Through the serious prayer of loving the enemy through multiple instances, Father eventually melted the heart of the prison guard who had been assigned to torture Him. He had witnessed many Christian leaders coming in, and when they were tortured, they would always cry out to God to help them. And that's very natural, considering the tortures we just looked at, that you would reach out to God and say, "Please help Me endure through this". But Father would be praying for the very person that just tortured Him, and He truly did not harbor any resentment and loved His enemy.

Apparently, the torturer had originally been a Christian, but had left the faith when the communist takeover had happened. But through Father's fervent and tearful prayer, the torturer confessed and repented to God. This is the principle that Father did not only embody in Heungnam, this may be the highest example, but He truly lived this life of

loving His enemy and praying for them. He doesn't pray for them to succeed. He doesn't pray that they would kill him. That's not what He's praying for. He's praying for their repentance and them returning back to God. It's very critical to understand that He's not praying for them to succeed. He's praying for them to turn back to God.

*** There are many examples like this, for example **Kim Il -sung**. When Father was thrown in Heungnam in 1948, this is exactly when Kim Il-sung got in power. And that is when True Father was in prison. So, you know, Kim Il-sung is basically the one who enacted these tortures, the suffering, all the friends dying, etc. He is literally the worst enemy that you can ever think of. His people were tortured, His family, and He Himself, His friends. He was of the lowest of the low in Heungnam Death Camp, but 40 years later - 41 to be exact, I think- He met Kim Il -sung...

You know, many of us would just immediately start throwing punches, right? Because he is the one who persecuted you, the one who tortured you; he is the one who killed your family, your friends, your loved ones. But Father did not harbor any resentment toward Kim Il-sung, the very one who sent him to the Heungnam death camp. He embraced him and called him His elder brother as the Cain figure. So, Father really exemplified loving His enemy throughout His entire life.

*** Another example was **New Testament Age Christianity**. He was in prison because of THEM! The brief history that we kind of looked through was very critical because I think it really highlights True Father's heart, that despite going through this torture, He was able to still love New Testament Age Christianity. And it's not only in Heungnam death camp that he suffered. There were many other prisons and it was directly because of the body of Christ that could not accept the Second Coming of Christ. That is why He suffered. But still He was able to overcome that resentment and work with Christians in Korea, America, South America, Europe, Japan, everywhere. Worldwide, He worked with New Testament Age Christianity and did not harbor any resentment towards them.

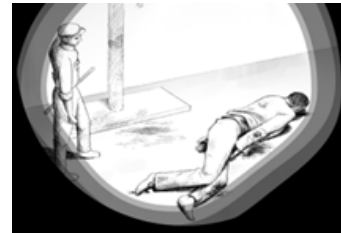
True Father exemplified this throughout His entire life, but I just wanted to give more examples.

*** Another one was **Danbury Prison**, where He was unjustly prosecuted. He didn't pay \$7 ,500 worth of tax dollars; that's why they threw Him in prison, right? And people knew it was unjust. People knew. That's why thousands of Christian ministers who thought Reverend Sun Myung Moon was a cult leader supported Him; they thought He was a bad guy, but they knew that Danbury was unjust. That was very clear. That's why they supported Him, famously with Jerry Falwell, right? They supported Him, because it was unjust.

But when He was prosecuted and eventually convicted, He went to shake the hands of the prosecutors, the very two people that threw Him into prison. He forgave them and asked to shake their hands. But they're the ones who turned away from Christ, right? So, this is a principle that Father really exemplified.

*** A final example is **Father's case before Heungnam under the Japanese occupation**. I was really wondering whether I should share this or not, because there are a lot of Japanese members here, but I think it's good to really exemplify the heart of Father toward the Japanese people despite Him suffering under them. He was severely tortured, but when Korea was finally liberated in 1945 with the end of World War II, **Father helped the torturers**, the very people that tortured Him. He helped them **escape before they were killed**. Because what the Korean people would do was, they would round up all the Japanese and they would basically take out all their anger upon them. But Father, despite Himself being tortured did not harbor any resentment; he helped the Japanese escape to the boats.

So, this is a principle that He not only talked about. He not only talked about it; He really LIVED this life of loving His enemy and praying for those who persecuted Him. He really embodied Jesus' heart when Jesus was on the cross, *"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."* And Father, as the substantial body of God, He resembled and was unified with God. So, He truly loved His enemy and prayed for their repentance. This is a slide that I really wanted to share: Father loving His enemy despite He Himself being under the torture.



God's protection during the heavy bombing and eventually the release.

And from this, I want to go back in history because this is what we are celebrating today, the liberation from Heungnam, God's protection during the heavy bombing and eventually the release. Father was scheduled to be executed on October 14th. It was actually an occasion for sadness. Today when we are celebrating True Father's victorious course in Heungnam, it's actually supposed to be the date of his scheduled execution. But He was liberated during the scheduled execution, therefore it is a tremendous VICTORY for Christ. So, I want to kind of go into the history behind this.

God's protection during heavy bombing.



"On August 1st, 46 B -29 bombers appeared in the clear sky in the same V formations and bombed the factory for three hours, putting the plant completely out of operation." Here is an image of the B -29 bomber. And apparently, this is testified by another eyewitness, Park Jung-hwa. I think I mentioned him before, but he testified that: *"Father had been working in the area when the bombing began. However, Father stated that God had told Him that no one within 12 meters or 40 feet would be harmed from the bombs. Despite 272 people being killed, those who*

stayed close to Father survived." So, God told Him to gather everyone. He shouted that no one within 12 meters would be harmed from the bombs. Park Chung-hwa said he remembers exactly how many people died from that bombing.



And this is incredible! This photo here, this photo is not just a random photo of the bombing that took place. This IS them bombing the Heungnam Fertilizer Company. They call it a company at the front. But this is where True Father was working. It may not have been taken on the exact day, but somewhere under there, Father was. Maybe not on the exact day of August 1st, but eventually the factory was completely put out of operation. So, somewhere under these

huge bombs that are going off - I mean they're as tall as skyscrapers - somewhere underneath there, Father WAS.

And North Korea apparently was almost completely leveled. Apparently, cities like Pyongyang, Hamheung, Wonsan which is basically where Heungnam was- a little off from Hamheung, and Wonsan- were 70 to 90 percent destroyed. So basically, all the buildings were completely leveled to the ground. The US and UN troops and the South Korean troops dropped more bombs on Korea than in the entire Pacific theater of World War II.

These are the conditions that Father was surviving in, and this was the miracle that took place. I mean, there are not going to be many survivors seeing this photo, right? That's

just devastating. This is a photo of the Heungnam Fertilizer Company. It's straight from the Korean War memorial.



This photo here is the building right next to where Father was working at. This building here. I don't know exactly what building this is, but I guess this building is the building directly adjacent to where Father was working at. You can see the complete demolition that took place of this building. There are not going to be many survivors in that building. This is just a representative sample of what happened on that day.

Liberation on the day of Father's scheduled execution.

“Because UN, US, and South Korean forces were nearing closer, common criminals started to get drafted while political prisoners started to be executed en masse”. So, the people who were just common criminals who didn't really pose a threat to revolution or something like that, they were just drafted in the Korean War. But the political prisoners and the societal disruptors started to be executed.

The communists have a very extensive history of doing this to cover up their war crimes, right? Even the Nazis and the Soviets, in order to hide what they did, they would march the prisoners out into the wilderness, into the mountain or the forest somewhere, somewhere discreet, and they would be forced to dig a hole. They basically were digging their own grave. And once they finished digging that hole, they would be mowed down by the machine guns, and the communists would then bury those people who had just dug their own graves. The Nazis and the communists Soviets especially would do this, and even the North Koreans since they got a lot of their tactics from the Soviets; it was a proxy state.

This is what Father was suffering through. The people who were with Him in the cells would be taken, and the people who had the longest prison sentences were taken first. Knowing the other inmates' sentences, Father knew that His turn was coming up the very next day. There were only around 10 people within Father's cell at that point.

Father was scheduled to be executed on the 14th. However, on October 13th, the bombing and gunfire were extremely heavy, causing the guards to escape. They retreated. And on October 14th, in the early hours of the morning, Father and other inmates were able to walk out of the prison gates unharmed.

So, can we all just give a hand for God who saved True Father from the Heungnam death camp? (Applause) Thank you very much. This is what we are celebrating in the Freedom Festival.

I really did not know too much about Father's course in Heungnam. I'm really glad that I searched and looked for what Father went through. And this is what we are celebrating at the Freedom Festival. I know today is not the 14th. It's the 12th. But this is the spirit in which we are celebrating and glorifying God through the Freedom Festival.

The Tradition of *Three Cheers of Mansei*

Oh, my goodness, I really need to share this! This is incredible! This is where our tradition of the three cheers of Ok Mansei comes from. THIS, I need to share. (Applause) Wait, wait! I didn't explain it. Wait, wait, wait, wait! I didn't explain it. This is amazing. This is from Kim In-ho, the same person that we were talking about in the very beginning. The three cheers of Ok Mansei come straight from here in the Heungnam death camp. I didn't know this.

Kim In-ho is it writing it in his book. After the section of the Saint of Heungnam, later on, he's mentioning how he escaped and how he was liberated by the US, UN, and South Korean forces. *"I was watching the members of the sanctuary for a long while..."* Obviously not this Sanctuary right now. I guess it was like a safe haven area that the UN forces made so that people who were able to escape would go there and be safe.

"I was watching the members of the sanctuary for a long while when I saw many people walking in through the entrance". This is because Kim In-ho was liberated first. As we said in the first slide when I was giving a brief introduction of Kim In-ho, he was with Father for a time, but later on he was transferred to a different camp in 본궁 Bongung. That's like six kilometers, I believe, from the Heungnam death camp. I guess he was liberated first and he was at the sanctuary there. So, *"I was watching the members of the sanctuary for a long while when I saw many people walking in through the entrance. They were comrades from the Heungnam camp",* where Father was. *"Everyone embraced one another, shedding tears and sharing the joy of survival."*

I mean, you can imagine how happy they must feel, right? They were literally in a death camp. They thought they were going to die in there. All their friends are dead. Words cannot express how happy these people must be feeling, right? Words cannot express.

"Everyone was sharing the joy of survival. I could also see Mr. Moon Sung Myung. Regaining our composure from excitement and joy, we followed someone's lead in three cheers of Mansei." And here, you know, Kim In -ho doesn't say who it was, right? This is my theory, but you know, he literally mentions Mr. Moon Sung Myung in the previous sentence. There

is no dot, dot, dot here. There is no break in the sentence. This is literally the sentence right before. So, he's saying he doesn't really know who did the three cheers of Mansei, but he kind of knows. You know what I'm saying? He kind of knows.

Because, what would Father do at every victorious event? He would end with three cheers of victorious Mansei, right? That was the tradition in the Unification Church. Everyone knows that tradition. Why else would he say, *"I could also see Mr. Moon Sun Myung?"* There's no reason for him to say that. But this is where our tradition comes from, that *"we followed someone's lead in three cheers of Mansei"*.

This was incredible. I really wanted to share this. This is where our tradition of the three cheers of Mansei comes from. And therefore, when we do the Ok Mansei, we have to have the same heart as True Father at the joyous liberation from Heungnam. (Applause) Yes, thank you very much. Thank you, Father! Thank you, Father!

So, this was incredible. I really wanted to share this with everyone. So, when we do the three cheers of Ok Mansei, please remember that same heart of True Father when He was liberated from Heungnam so that the providence of restoration could continue.

Summary of Father's Heart in Heungnam Death Camp



As a kind of summary of the heart that Father embodied in Heungnam death camp, I wanted to share this quote. This is a quote that kind of summarizes his entire Heungnam experience.

"I realized very clearly how God loved me and how much I was suffering."

So, He's literally being tortured and He's reminding himself how much God loves Him. I mean, this is another level, right? Many people would be complaining or in tears, weeping. I mean, that's just a natural response to the tortures, malnutrition and things like that.

"I realized very clearly how God loved me and knew how much I was suffering. Since He knew it, I could not ask Him to relieve or remove the suffering. Therefore, I prayed, 'God, do not worry about me'. I did not

say 'help me, Father'". He's saying this to God while He's being tortured. Remember the airplane crucifixion, the waterboarding, the stomach stomping, the pencil torture, the crane dance, the different tortures. So, while He's being tortured, He's praying that God would not worry about it, and reminding Himself how much God loves Him. I mean, that doesn't make any sense, right? That doesn't make any sense. Yet, this was Father's heart during the Heungnam death camp!

"Therefore, under no circumstances did I betray God or deny Him, but only trusted Him and never worried Him. I examined myself to see if I could be grateful under such circumstances and could carry on the high ideals of establishing His Kingdom on earth".

So, He's reminding Himself how grateful He must be feeling, how much God loves Him, that God should not worry about Him, and that this is a course that He should be grateful for! I don't think we have anything to complain about, right? if Father has a heart of being grateful under these squalid conditions. And Father would remind Himself that He's not there for His own failure or anything like that. He's there to carry on the providence, carry on the same ideal from the very foundations of the world. And to carry on the high ideals of establishing His Kingdom on earth, the very foundation of the ideal of creation.

I thought this was such a beautiful quote representing Father's heart during the entire Heungnam experience, that He was reminding Himself how much God loves Him while He's being tortured. How He prayed, *"God don't worry about me."* How He could be grateful in that circumstance where people are dying left and right, and you are being starved. It's literally slave labor designed to kill you that has further consequences too, as we saw in True Father's lungs later on. It's designed to kill you and He's grateful under these circumstances!! Then we have nothing to complain about in our situation here. So, I just wanted to share this quote.

Thank you, Father, for your victorious course in Heungnam death camp!



But again, from the very beginning, we want to offer all the glory to True Father. So please join me in saying "Thank You" to Father. (Applause) "For Your victorious course in Heungnam death camp, thank You very much. Thank You, Father. Thank You. Thank You!" Yeah, it's incredible. Yeah, it's amazing. Let us pray. I'll pray in Korean.

Sunday Service Closing Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father and True Parents of Heaven and Earth, we are gathered here today at True Parents' *Wonjeon* with one heart and one body. Father, today, as I watched Father's course



at Heungnam, I felt Father's sincere heart and *Shimjung* more deeply. Father, through this course at Heungnam, I know You have overcome everything and are now strongly working in the spirit world. Father, we give glory and praise to You as we learn about this Heungnam course. We give You our sincere devotion here. Thank You, thank You.

Father, please let us inherit Your *Shimjung* (heart) which is the same heart that Jesus had 2,000 years ago, and Your absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience, so that we can spread Your words proudly to the entire world. Your course of victory was truly a long and exhausting path. We know that it was not only through the Heungnam Prison course, but throughout Your entire life course, You had been wronged, rejected, and persecuted. Yet You never ceased to go forward for the better.

Heavenly Father, I sincerely pray that You give us the guidance to truly inherit that holy *Shimjung* so that we can fight confidently as strong soldiers of the Holy Spirit every day. Please give us a new heart, take out the stone from our hearts, give us new life, so that we can be reborn every day and stay in the realm of Father's love.

Heavenly Father, we are still so inadequate. But Your will is complete and has never changed since the creation. I would like to dedicate this small presentation to God, who is eternal and unchanging. Father, as we stand here as one body and one mind, we want to dedicate everything to You. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said that we shall love the Lord with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. So please raise and train us to be such sons and daughters of God in the Completed Testament Age.

Father, I know that You are strongly working with macro and micro. I don't know how everything is connected in the macro, but I believe that the Will of God can be fulfilled on this earth. Please let us open our eyes and ears. We are blind and deaf. I sincerely, sincerely pray that You may help us move forward on the basis of Your words, Your truth, and Your principle, so that we may complete our 5% responsibility.

Father, You are working hard in the micro even at this moment. It must be so deplorable and sad for You to see that Han Mother is in prison right now. 2,000 years ago, Jesus said there would be a judgement because the Kingdom of God couldn't come due to the unfaithfulness of the Israelites. He lamented deeply that the people of Jerusalem would not let Him put His arms around them just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.

Father, with the same heart, You are now witnessing a tragic history. Father, in the prison of Heungnam, you still loved Your enemies and prayed for them to repent. It was not for the enemies to win victory, but for them to truly repent and come back to the arms of God. Father, You lived that life as we saw in this presentation.

Father, please open the hearts of those who are there, especially Han Mother, to have a heart of repentance and a new heart. Father, Your love is infinite and can reach any sinner. I sincerely pray that through Your infinite love, You will raise the blinds from their sinfulness.

Father, the 2nd King is working hard in Taiwan. I pray that all his work done in accordance with Your Will would be fruitful and Your Will be fulfilled on the land of Taiwan.

Heavenly Father, I pray for a big revival in the land of Taiwan. Please gather those who have awakened and are ready. When the Communist Party of China is destroyed, allow those who are ready to enter China and spread Your words, culture of the Completed Testament Age, and Your lineage. Just as Father crossed the Pacific Ocean from Busan and prayed for the United States in the 1950s, we pray here at True Mother's Wonjeon in Pennsylvania for China across the Pacific Ocean.

Father, I believe that you are making a big preparation. Please lead those people into Your realm of love. Father, please allow Your lineage to return to Your holy land of Your hometown, Jungju, through the Chinese continent. I sincerely pray for the work of Your Holy Spirit.

It may sound crazy now, but I believe there is nothing You cannot do. The Bible says, what is impossible with men is possible for God. Father, we believe in Your faith, and we live every day with our sincere devotion. So, we earnestly pray that Cheon Il Guk Kingdom may be established on that small land of Jungju.

Father, we want to join in Your *Shimjung* of pain, walking the path of thorns in Heungnam and in that little church in Pyongyang, and we offer up our prayer and sincere devotion. Heavenly Father, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, many prophets, and kings in history looked forward to the day the Kingdom would come – the Kingdom that You wished for from even before the creation, that have failed throughout history. It was not fulfilled at the time of Jesus because of the unfaithfulness of the Israelites. But through the victory of Jesus came True Father as the Lord of the Second Advent. You have been through many tribulations through the course at Heungnam Prison. As we stand on the foundation of Your victory, we are still in the last days.

I sincerely pray that we can become one in heart and body and that You may raise us to be warriors of the Holy Spirit who can truly bring glory, praise, joy, and victory to Father. We will gather our hearts as we look forward to the day of victory. It is prophesied in the Old Testament that in the last days ten men from the nations of every tongue will tightly grasp the arm, saying, "*Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is*

with you". The Book of Isaiah also prophesied the heart of people wanting to enter the holy ground of Israel like a waterfall in the last days.

Father, we are gathered here today at True Parents' Wonjeon in one heart, looking forward to that holy day of joy and victory. We offer up this prayer in the name of the Three Kingship. Amen. Aju. (Applause) Thank you, thank you.

*(*The prayer was originally offered in Korean and was translated.)*