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Overburdened Responsibility

At the front line you have no room to run away. Do you think, in my heart as a human being, that I am glad to work in America? Do you sympathize with me, that if I could, I would get out of this mess? Why cannot I do that? Because there is no place to go. I am fearful of Heavenly Father. It's a fact; it's true.

I found all pioneers scared of me during the conferences on my national tour. I made no gesture or remark that might make them fear me, but they themselves felt fearful of me. Now, frankly: Here I am... are you afraid of me? (No.) Why? What's the difference? It's because you have no responsibility in the front line; you are just trainees.

Responsibility is the fearsome item. Your responsibility is your life. Your total value is right there. The greatest person becomes nothing when he does not fulfill his responsibility. You must feel that sense of responsibility in your heart, in your thinking.

If, in the dungeon of circumstances you are risking your life to fulfill your responsibility, God has responsibility to protect and save you, and He is afraid of you. This is why Jesus Christ said, "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it." Matt. 10:39.

Of millions of young people, how did you end up in the troubled and controversial Unification Church? You are here to cooperate with Rev. Sun Myung Moon because Heavenly Father sent you. Will you be a good cooperater or a bad cooperater? That is the question; and to what extent? I have to wait and see what you are doing, instead of totally believing what you say.

You should understand my position. I want to produce the 100% responsible leaders that God is desiring and demanding. Under present circumstances, it is impossible. If we practice more strictness and discipline, how many people can remain here? I am afraid of it.

Heavenly Father wants to admire me and praise me, but as a principled Heavenly Father, He must wait until I have fulfilled 100% of the responsibility given to me. Instead of comforting me, He



is pushing, disciplining me well and telling me harshly what I must do. If we applied this method to you, all of you would have gone somewhere with the wind.

If I or you receive praise in the middle of fulfilling our responsibility, everything will be nullified. I want you to wait until the end to receive the full praise. So instead of admiring you, I am pushing you into something else, disciplining, always moving ahead. You never see that I am admiring and praising you.

Complete your mission bearing the fruit. Everything is consummated right there, and next you will be the leader. There is no more dreadful thing in the world than the accomplished person.

Efforts in the past are measured by results in the present. Present accomplishment will be measured by the future. That's why accomplishment overruns history. Accomplishment will overrun history, but only the accomplishment of goodness and righteousness will overrun, control history. Therefore our movement never fights in violence.

No one forcibly changed you or gave

you pressure to come this way. You have perfect freedom to go back. Without shooting cannons on the battlefield, I have accomplished something more powerful than the atomic bomb. You people have completely changed your life-styles and are going to build the ideal world. In one sense you are more powerful and fearsome than the atomic bomb.

Korea opposed me but because of my accomplishment they are coming to me. In Japan, the same thing. Now America is opposing. So I feel I will take responsibility over the most difficult thing in America and fulfill it. Then America has to acknowledge my accomplishment and accept me.

I myself am overburdened. I am a religious leader, but am referring to politics, the cultural area, the financial area, the scientific area... I am overburdened with all of this. It must be done by the nation.

How much overburdened responsibility will you assume? If you say, "I will take care of it when the time comes," you are not ready. You have to have extraordi-

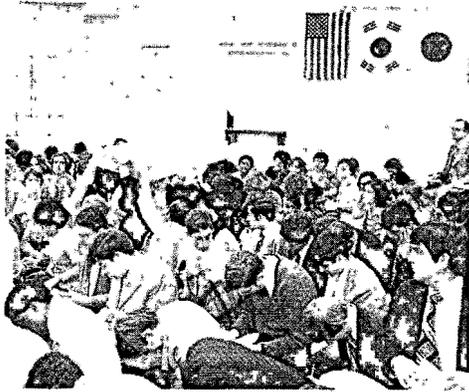
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nary thinking. Think of yourself as the future leader. You must know the overburdened responsibility. You have to willingly, intentionally, put it on your shoulder.

The more burden you carry, the more useful leaders you will be. If you want to be a leader without carrying the burden of



responsibility, you are a thief and robber. Without putting the burden on his shoulder, that kind of leader is a bad influence to the group; very harmful results will come.

The secret for success when you are pioneering is to look for the most difficult job, the one most people don't do, and pick it up. The short cut to success lies right there. What's the most difficult job in front of Heavenly Father? Number one: the problem of Communism. Number two: how we can revive declining Christianity? Number three: how are we going to establish a new ideological value system?

You have to give a counter-proposal. Just seeing the problem is not enough.

What is the most difficult job to do in America? The youth problem. They are dying away. America's second great problem is the destruction of the family. The family is all but lost and all law centering on the family is vanishing.

Individualism has gone too far; no one is concerned about prevailing big evils. The racial problem—can ministers solve it? Can philosophers or theologians take care of this matter? Only strong, out-going religious organizers can do this.

The problem is that American youth have no concept of the nation of America. We have a concept of nations centering on God. Does America have the supreme world concept? The concept of the nation must be restored.

We are going to change this tide. We are different from established Christian churches. They wanted to be individually saved and go to their own heaven. You are the people who are going to bring the kingdom of heaven on earth.

You people are responsible for the salvation of America. Even if God is planning to destroy this nation, we have to

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Testimony of Pat St. Onge

Trustworthy Parent

Father isn't just Father for Unification Church members but for everyone. But Father can't be everywhere, so that's why we are here. That's why he keeps telling us we have to be small Sun Myung Moons. From that point of view, I went to be the parent of West Virginia.

I began doing all sorts of things. I was going to do this and I was going to do that. I took dominion over the main center with my ideas. Thinking I was the best witnesser, I would come home and teach someone else's guest. It was really not so good.

So I had to find some other alternative. I decided to mobilize spirit world. I knew that spirit world had to trust me. Faithfully everyday I would pray; I would write three letters; I would read Father's words; I would clean the house. Many, many small conditions like that led spirit world to trust me enough to literally bring me a spiritual son.

If you were at Belvedere on Children's Day, you may have seen him. His coat was a blanket with a hole in it. Gungy, with long hair and lice. He knocked on the door and asked, "Can I rake your leaves?" I told him that I had no money and would have to pay him with lunch. He said "Okay," had lunch and raked the leaves. Then I taught him the parallels,

Father as Father



At the conference many members experienced Father as intimate and warm, just like... a father. May we all become familiar and comfortable with that aspect of Father's heart, and Heavenly Father's!

and through the whole thing he just sat with with "big mouth open." I knew he had a lazy spirit, so I told him, "Go to Boston and go through 3, 7, and 21-day training. Don't plan to come back to West Virginia for at least a month." So he said, "Okay," picked up his things and off he went.

Two weeks ago there was a knock on the door, and I asked Yosukosan, "Who's that?"

"That's Rainbow." He came in and I said, "Hi, how are you?" He said, "My name is Denny now. Rainbow died in Brooklyn." He was really fired up. To be sure all the lice were gone we poured charcoal starter on his hair. Now he wears a suit, coat and tie, has short hair and a bright face.

I really loved him; I loved him unconditionally. I became a parent. I really experienced being a mother, fixing his collar, cooking good meals for him. If he stayed up late, I would stay up late with him. Whatever he needed. I would be his mother. I knew that went along with spirit world trusting me. If they could trust me to be a mother, then they would bring me another child.

I kept fulfilling those conditions and loving the people I had, and last Thursday a person came to the house. As he walked in, I said, "That boy has to join." After the meeting, I pulled him aside and said, "I think you should come to workshop this weekend. It starts tomorrow night. Bring your sleeping bag and plan on staying until Sunday night."

He came and I taught him Chapters 1 and 2. Then we sat down and I told him to pretend he was Joseph, and we went through the first part of Jesus's life. Then I told him to pretend he was John the Baptist, and we went through the public ministry. Then I told him to pretend he was Jesus and again we went through the public ministry. He was so moved. It was an incredible experience for both of us. The next day I was teaching him the world wars and he suddenly jumped up and told me conclusion. He already knew.

I feel so much that these are not my spiritual children because spirit world literally brought them to the house. I didn't witness to either of those boys. If spirit world can trust us to be mothers, then it can trust us to do what we are supposed to do.

I really like being a mother. It means giving unconditional love. In our center we have a sign which says, "We are not here for knowledge or power or position. We are here to learn how to be parents."

Am I Doing All That I Can Do... For Spiritual Children?

Rev. Ken Sudo

Without confidence in giving lecture, it is impossible to be successful in pioneering. If you are confident in giving lecture, then even though someone is spaced out or not so positive, you can feel you can change him within 10 minutes. You must be confident that God can work through you.

When Mr. Choi first went pioneering, no one heard his talks. He went up on a mountain and began praying strongly. His heart was filled with pain and sorrow; he shed tears.

Two young girls were passing by and found a young man crying on top of the mountain. They thought he might commit suicide, and approached in concern. Then he stood up and explained, "I came to the city as a pioneer with a heavenly message which no one has heard before, but the people are stubborn and hard-hearted."

The two girls became serious and asked, "Can we hear you? Can you teach us?" He began to teach and the girls were inspired.

One girl had a connection with a group of scoundrels. I think she was the daughter of the boss of the group. She was nice, but the father was a terrible man.

He found out where she was, and with six or seven thugs came crashing into the room where Mr. Choi was. They were about to kill him. Mr. Choi looked at him and said, "You can kill me, but before you kill me, let me have 30 minutes to speak to you. You are drunk now, so I can't speak to you, but come tomorrow morning. I will wait for you. I will never run away. I will be waiting. Come then." The boss agreed.

They returned the next morning. Mr. Choi began to speak about the destiny of Korea and how miserable the people of Korea were. He said he could sacrifice himself and die if Korea could be happy and mankind could be happy.

When the speech was finished, the boss became possessed by God. He told his rascals, "I must obey him. I must obey him; therefore, you should obey him." They bowed to Mr. Choi and promised to obey him. Mr. Choi told them to gather all their members for a training session.

The next day 30 or 40 gathered for the training session. It was strict: rise at 5:30 or 6:00 and wash faces in coldness, breaking ice in the water basins; dash to breakfast and lectures. It was the first training session in the world. Father himself was amazed. Based on this foundation, training sessions started in Korea.

This is the pioneer. Is he different from you? You must exceed him in the pioneer spirit. This is the start of the restoration of the world; therefore, you must exceed past history. You must do something others couldn't do. Otherwise, you can't be a pioneer.

Let's come back to reality. I want to say one thing before you go out. Already, as you know, Father is totally depending on you. The success or failure of Yankee Stadium totally depends on you. In order to be successful in pioneering, we must pay greater indemnity than in the past. Without indemnity, no restoration.

From this point of view, I discussed with you the topic, "Am I Doing All I Can Do?" Do you remember? Never forget. Only when man fulfills man's portion of responsibility can God start to work.

When man comes to his limitation and is almost dying, this is the starting point of God's work. Therefore, if every one of us can do all we can do, even at the price of our lives, the next moment God will start to work.

In order to find the spiritual children whom God prepared you must witness desperately to the extent that you can say, "I did all I could do. I witnessed every way, to the greatest possible degree." Then I am sure you can find someone.

What I want to present to you is this point: Not only from your point of view, from your internal aspect and external aspect, but also concerning your guest, you must check one by one: Did I do all I could do for him? Am I doing all I can do for Mr. A? Am I praying enough for him? Am I giving love to him to the extent I can say I am doing all that I can do? Am I giving lecture enough to him to the extent I can say I am doing all I can do?

If your lecture is not enough, check with yourself. Am I preparing to the full extent, so that I can say, "I am preparing all I can"? Check your guests one by one. This is the internal aspect: prayer, love, truth. The external aspect is letters, visitation.

Check with yourself. Am I giving love all I can? Am I praying all I can? Am I giving truth all I can? Am I sacrificing myself all I can for him? Am I serving? Am I calling? Check yourself, then you can see.

In the morning you can check. At night you can check. If something is lacking, next day you can do that. You must do that. Prepare and pray about how to do

everything.

If you can say, "Yes, I am doing all I can do for A, for B, for C, for D," then five or six people will be your deep core contacts. If you continue this attitude one week, two weeks, what do you think? Isn't it possible for them to obey you? Is it possible to make them deep core contacts? I am sure you can work in this way.

If you are not confident in giving lecture, you are not qualified to sleep. You must prepare at nighttime. One o'clock, two o'clock, three o'clock. You must prepare to give lecture.

Pray for your spiritual children until you cannot stop crying and shedding tears. Even when you are visiting, pray, "God is looking for His son through me. How long has God been looking for him?" This is the spirit of the pioneers, the spirit of witnessing. If such is the case I am sure they can come back to God.

I myself had one precious experience. My spiritual son was blessed, but after the blessing he had many difficulties and left the family. I couldn't find him anywhere. I searched all over Japan. I was living in Tokyo but I went to Osaka and visited his family, visited his relatives. I visited all over; all I could.

It was cold and at night I visited. I prayed and I couldn't help crying. I could understand God's heart. His wife was worried and was praying also. After a couple of months, I got news of him. He was living in a city close to Tokyo. He was in some small corner of Tokyo. The location was terrible, like the rock bottom of hell.

I went to his room just like a thief, to attack him when he was sleeping; otherwise, he might sneak away. He had a job in a restaurant. When I visited, his small room was messed up. There were cigarettes and many things, but seeing a Bible on his table gave me hope.

In a couple of days I attacked him, and caught him. Now he is a director of education in VOC in Japan. I felt God heard my prayer. There were many prayers beside my prayers, but I was so sure that the tears and prayers were received by God.

Therefore, check with yourself. Are you praying enough? Deeply, to the extent that you can't help crying? Love, truth, everything. Check one by one, one by one, one by one. For A, for B, for C, for D. Then you can understand if you are doing all you can do or not. This is my final advice and suggestion to you before sending you off to the field.

Revelations

These revelations were received by American family members. The first was received several years ago; the one following the asterisks is composed from two that were received more recently. They are abridged.

Why must I wait for you to come to Me? Why don't you let Me come with you? Is it that you can't visualize me sitting in your chair or your car, sharing your table and your thoughts, interested in your daily existence?

Is My place in your life to be relegated to brief visits every day or so? That is not enough for Me. I hope it is not enough for you.

Above all else it is your willingness I seek. It is not that you should not bring to Me that which is you, but that you actively express desire to leave behind all that is not of Me. I would not have you arrive here as empty shells, waiting to be filled with whatever I see fit. You have been created once, and it is only the superfluous trappings which need to be removed.

Approach not in emptiness but in nakedness. The self you seek to protect is infinitely more beautiful than the ugliness with which you hide it. Your coverings serve only to keep out the light and heat, not to keep them in as you suspect.

You speak of ridding yourself of your ego. Is your ego not your self? I would not have you without wit nor feeling. On the contrary, My desire is to have you dedicate all your thought and love to Me. I would assume that you seek union not merely to please Me, but to please yourself as well. Love seeks a return on its investment, or it could not exist.

Do you realize you question My wisdom when you speak of your unworthiness? If I did not think you worthy, you would not be where you are. You are not capable of judging your own worth, and it is not flattering to Me to have you constantly test My judgment.

I want and need your individuality. Without your unique personality, the universe would not be complete. This self which is peculiarly you finds its counterpart in Me. It is the excess which is an abomination to Me. Must you have it otherwise?

Please, I want to work through you, each of you. I love you so much—you will be so sorry if you don't listen. I feel all caged up. I want to come out. I have so much to say and do. I want to do it through you.

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We are holding back God's chastisement of this nation. "Please hold back your punishment on this nation 3 years; 7 years."

The world political situation is tense and getting more tense. We have to know that from 1972 to 1978 is a crucial period in which this nation either goes to heaven or goes to hell.

Abraham in his day prayed to God with the same feeling I have to save this nation. Even though Heavenly Father may not trust this nation, He temporarily wants



How precious each and every one of you is. You were all picked by Me especially to be here. You all can contribute a vital thing to this group. If you all unite, you will be a mirror of Me.

Care so much about your brothers and sisters that you can judge them with love. Feel parental towards everyone. You must ask Me always, about how I see you, and all your brothers and sisters.

Care about your brothers and sisters so much that you can put yourself out on a limb for them. It will be hard, but please do it for Me. Please. Your lives and the lives of all your brothers and sisters in America depend on it. You are My last hope.

You have no idea how close to the end of the line we are at right now. Time is so precious. We must force ourselves 100 % each minute. Please never think of yourself.

The suffering My Son and I are in now should be enough motivation for you to do much more. Pray so that you can feel Our hearts. We are broken-hearted. We feel everyone's pain. We feel everyone's misery. We feel helpless that we cannot die for the sake of all of you.

to try to believe this nation, to try to save it. That's why I am bleeding inside. Because of my deep dedication to dispensational fulfillment, heaven has to send the cooperators, through the thinkers, through the ancestors, through you people coming to me to help me. If you become irresponsible, if you fail, where can I turn? There will be more agony in heaven, more trouble than before you came.

You are the person, as a sacrifice, an offering to the nation to bring this nation to be saved or to be eternally destroyed. You are the person to decide the choice between the two.

We must try somehow to raise you all up so that you can help yourselves.

You are all so young and fragile, we don't really want to push you. But soon We must. My Son will be increasing the pressure soon. You all must start living My words.

I want to speak through you all. Please let Me! Don't cut Me off. The only way you will grow is if you pray to receive My words. You all truly are at the center of My providence. I am close with you. This is truly the most important time in history.

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