

The Messianic Heart Is What Today's World Needs, More Than Ever

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It was when I was sitting in the Chicken Palace at Booneville, hearing the Divine Principle for the first time, that I first heard that Jesus had failed his mission, I heard it with the worldly wisdom of my 22 years, i.e., my experience based on the fallen world. Well - phah!- he blew it. A failure, someone to be written off, discarded. The Israelites, boy did they blow it. John the Baptist? Don't get me started.

What I didn't hear, or understand at the time, was Father's way of studying providential history. He put himself in their shoes, went through how they poured themselves into their mission, right up to the point where they made a mistake. He vowed he would, in his own life, walk their path, get it right, not repeat the same mistake and go on to make the victory that eluded them.

When he spoke of Jesus' miracles as a mistake, he had already put himself in Jesus' shoes, shunned, not welcomed, ignored even by his cousin John the Baptist after he loudly proclaimed 'here is the One.'

Father had already vowed to walk their same path all the way to the end God wanted, and to avoid any of the mistakes along the way. This messianic attitude, that "I'm going to take your absolute best and do even better. I'm going to make up for it so

we all get there" was where that 'criticism' came from.

This is a far cry from a casual "Oh, they blew it, forget about them" from a cynical, disinterested observer holding up a template of how people should be and rejecting anyone with a flaw. Like quality control in a factory, tossing anything even slightly flawed on the trash pile.

So with that in mind, let's look at where Mother is coming from. After Father's ascension, she went to his Won Jeon every day for three years, in the snow, in the rain, preparing food for him and crying, talking and praying with him. She was vowing to complete True Parents' mission, to cover and make up for anything that had gone wrong.

We each have this challenge with our second messiahs, our spouses, as Dr. [Chung Sik] Yong taught us. We can see their flaws and criticize them for it, creating separation, or we can vow to cover and make up for it ourselves, creating unity.

Here the important words are not "They made a mistake" but whether we follow that with "How could you! Get away from them, don't trust them" - the basic chain reaction of fallen nature, or "Let me take care of that for you" from the original nature, the world of building unity. That's a realm of heart that's worlds apart from just sowing mistrust. When we see their flaws, do we walk with them or do we distance ourselves from them?

The fact that I couldn't understand that heart said more about me as a young and 'wise' member than it did about Father. It was my fallen understanding, and that's not the kind of heart or wisdom that builds heaven. Like me, a lot of Christians heard Father say Jesus failed and concluded he must be rejecting him. And I suspect the same applies today for those who think Mother is trashing Father.

It really takes a messiah, one with a messianic determination to set everything right, to speak of the mistakes of another messiah. Even as they say "that was a mistake" they're already moving to clean it up and stand together with them to make up for it. They've already shed many tears over that mistake.

Years ago, I was told of a training Mr Kamiyama did with MFT captains. He asked them to role play counselling a struggling member. Most of them tried to find the right words to say. Mr Kamiyama modeled this: "It's ok, you can sleep here in the van. I'll go out and make money for you so you can make your goal." That's the messianic heart. That's miles away from shaking your head and calling them a 'struggling member' or a 'Cain type, and trying to fix them.

This messianic heart is what today's world needs, more than ever. To embrace the other person, flaws and all, and make it better together