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Andrew Muh: ① Let's take a five minute break here and then we'll come back for the next meeting.

Albert Lee: Brothers and sisters, please wait a minute. We have something that needs to be taken care of. Brother Wang, can we invite the English-speaking saints over to the meeting here? Don Hardy is here (in the Chinese-speaking meeting) and we would like him to have some fellowship with all of us together.

Pang Ho Chen: Brothers and sisters, we all need to understand what has taken place among us.

Andrew Muh: ① Brothers and sisters, it's going to be like this: we will have our regular second meeting until 11:45. Then, after that, we will have the meeting together with Don Hardy. The brothers and sisters that have questions can ask Don their questions in that meeting.

Pang Ho Chen: ① Brother Muh, we feel that 15 minutes is not enough time because there are many problems here in our family. We need to be concerned about taking care of these problems in our family. We all need to know what actually happened here among God's children. Many of you are saying "amen" to what I have said: 15 minutes is simply not enough time. We all need to be made clear what has happened; because here in the home of God's children, many things have happened which should never have happened.

Andrew Muh: ① The time is not limited to 15 minutes. It can start at 11:45 and continue until everything is finished.

Pang Ho Chen: ① I think that we all want to know what is going on now; otherwise, it is difficult to continue on with a regular meeting.

Abel Chu: ① We have some problems in our family. We need this time to fellowship with all the saints. Because we love the church, we love the Lord, and we also love our brothers and sisters, we are willing to share and fellowship openly with the brothers and sisters (about these problems). I believe the brothers and sisters have a lot of questions, and I believe we have a brother who can answer all these questions for us. Because of the loving relationship between us, I have one request. I have no position in the church other than the fact that I am an older brother. Based on this, I request that you brothers and sisters, because of love, that you all speak honestly before the Lord. We are having fellowship with one another in love. So please, do ask your questions. However, do not use any word that is very sharp. We would like to perfect the feeling of the saints in love.

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Well, there are a lot of questions among the brothers and sisters, especially with our brother David Wang. Although he has already resigned, he is still one of the leading brothers among us; this is because of the growth in life. It is a matter of life to lead the church. We would like to have fellowship in life, and this is based upon the truth of the Bible. So I request, brothers and sisters, that you do not use any word that is sharp.

Finally, I would like to say one more thing. Our brother is the leading brother in life. It is not like in the military service where you have rank. Because brother Wang and brother Joseph Chu are both here, we would like to speak the truth in life. Please let me repeat just one more time: we are not here to argue or quarrel, but to speak the truth in love. We have our Lord in first place. He is our Lord. He always is our Lord. Our goal is the Lord. Our center is the Lord. Our boundary is also the Lord. We don't want to say anything more than what the Lord would have us to say.

Mike Dwyer:

I would also like to say a word. The last song we sang (in the Lord's table meeting a few minutes ago) speaks of our Father (God) as two things, not just one. The song says, "Thou art Love and Thou art Light". Some of you may not understand what the word "light" means in the Bible. The Bible says, "Whatever makes manifest is light". It also says that we are those who "have renounced the hidden things of darkness" Don't be afraid of anything that makes manifest here this morning. We're all here and we just want to know the truth. Please remember that our Father is both love and light, and that light makes manifest everything that is dark. We are not those that remain in ignorance. Rather, we are those who are "the children of light". We are those who "walk in the light". May there be a lot of light in this room this morning.

David Wang:

According to the principle of the Bible, whatever we do is under the light of the Lord --- whatever we do, whether it be in public or in private. This is the reason why we are here today. Our Lord does not like any hidden thing (any matters done in a secretive way) among the saints. If we don't make this thing open now, it will all be opened one day before His judgment seat.

According to my own personal experience in Rosemead all these years, we definitely do have some kind of problem here in our family, the church in Rosemead. The church here has suffered so many years simply because we tried to hide certain facts, to cover up certain facts. It's just like when we have a growth on our body, and for a whole year we let the growth grow. One day the growth breaks and then puss comes out. But now I feel is the time that we should deal with this sore among us in order that the church may go forward.

Last week, brother Don Hardy said he would come back this week (and share with us what happened to him that caused him to leave us). I believe many brothers and sisters are concerned about why Don Hardy left the church in Rosemead. Many brothers

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and sisters called me on the telephone. They all asked questions, but it was difficult for me to answer. Since Don Hardy is here today, I think it is best for Don himself to answer all those questions, whether they are positive questions or negative ones. In this way, we will shorten the suffering of the church.

Don Hardy: Lord Jesus!!!

David Wang: I had a number of saints ask me what was the cause of five brothers coming to you to fellowship with you about your removal from (the church in) Rosemead.

Don Hardy: I feel strongly, brothers and sisters, that before answering that question, we need to review a little bit of history. We must be clear that all of us here today in this meeting, that what we say or even don't say, we are all going to stand before the Lord. Lord Jesus! Let's just consecrate ourselves, renew our consecration to the Lord at this time, shall we? Father, under the blood of Jesus, we do put our hand on the head of Jesus. We agree that we are nothing but sin. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for being the sin offering! Father, we agree with Jesus as the trespass offering! Oh Lord! Lord, in many things we trespass against You. Lord, we thank You that You are also the peace offering. Lord, You are the meal offering. Especially Father, we thank You for the whole-burnt offering. We thank You, Father, that there is someone in us that is entirely for You. We are one with That One. We renew our consecration and our love to You. Oh Lord, build Your church! Father, may Your name be hallowed and Your glory be here and may Christ build the church.

I am not very good at dates, but as Brother John Kwan related to you several weeks ago, that at an elder's training and an elder's meeting several years ago, brother Lee had a heavy burden inside of him. In the elders' meetings, brother Lee never bars his heart. He opens everything to the elders because he realizes that the churches, the Lord's economy, cannot go on without the elders, without the churches. He realizes that the churches cannot go on without the eldership, and the ministry cannot go on, and the Lord's recovery cannot go on, without the elders and the churches with all the saints. Brother Francis Ball, brother John Kwan, and I can witness to you that for months, months before Max Rappaport left the recovery, our brother (Lee) was faithful to minister to that brother at the elders' meetings. Isn't that right, brothers? When our brother (Lee) made a mistake (what he felt was a mistake, and what some of us felt was a mistake) in doing business with Daystar (the company formed by brother Lee called "DAYSTAR, INC.") and the Lord revealed it to him and to us, he publicly confessed and repented to all the churches. Isn't that right, brothers? He went around to all the elders all around America, both personally, privately, at elders' meetings, and publicly. He repented and asked them to forgive him. The point I am making, brothers, is that this brother (Lee) tries, as much as

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he knows how to walk in the light, and to minister Christ to all the churches and be faithful to all the elders. So, he shared with us (at that elders' meeting) that from his impression after travelling through America and the Far East (he visited some of the churches in America), he felt that the churches were almost at a stand-still. David (Wang), you were there when he shared this. Right? You were at that elders' meeting. Joseph (Chu), you brothers were there when he shared this. Am I right? He was faithful to us. Then, he went even further.

I don't remember details, but you brothers shared faithfully several weeks ago that he felt that the elders were highly responsible for this. This is the effect of what he shared. He felt that if we did not make a big turn, that we stood in danger of becoming another Christian movement or even a denomination. Isn't this right? Isn't that right, Francis (Ball)?

Francis Ball: You just go ahead and share.

Don Hardy: Okay. Alright. Anyway, he even said that some of us, some of the elders in some of the localities, needed to even step aside. This put all of us in fear and trembling before the Lord. We did not want to be old. We did not want to be at a stand-still. We all have given ourselves completely to this move of the Lord, and we were much before the Lord. Some of us got together daily to pray, some of the elders and co-workers; and much came out of that daily prayer. We met as many as five days a week. And then, because it was too much, we cut it down to three days a week. We met for many hours to pray together and to open to the Lord for His recovery. Okay. Out of this came an elders' training, and out of that training, brother Lee was very frank with all the workers and the elders. He asked us to go back to our own localities and to open to the Lord about what we should do, whether some of us should resign or whether we should step aside, what we should do. Before he said this, on my side, I felt that although ... , I felt there was, I would say, to me, much blessing here in the church in Rosemead even though we brothers (in the church in Rosemead) had some problems. You have some problems in your family, yet your family is still there! Even with our problems, we were still going on. In every family there are problems. Anyway, we were still going on as much as we knew how. And brother Abraham Chang's testimony was that he loved to come to the church in Rosemead because he sensed such a sweet oneness and the Lord's blessing here. At one time, he even said that he wanted to move here and prayread with me every morning.

Okay. Out of brother Lee's fellowship, and even before he mentioned about some of us resigning, David (Wang) and I went to visit a sister who was sick in the hospital. While we were driving there David said to me, "Brother Don, how do you feel about your situation here in Rosemead?" (This was before brother Lee's fellowship with us [about resigning]). I replied, "David, I have not been happy here. I feel in my own personal life and regarding even in the church in Rosemead, there hasn't been that

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much fruitfulness." Even though at USC (the University of Southern California campus) gospel meetings we saw as many as fifty receive the Lord, I still felt we were not that fruitful; I still felt I was not that fruitful. So I said to David, "David, I've been wanting to open to you brothers." And he said, "Brother Don, Joseph (Chu) and I have had some fellowship; we feel the same way." And so, we felt that I should go seriously before the Lord. And these dear sweet brothers said, "Brother, we have a burden that if you have a burden to move, that the church in Rosemead continue to support you and you be full-time in the work regardless of what locality you feel led to go to." So, we brothers were very much before the Lord even prior to brother Lee's fellowship.

So, when brother Lee fellowshiped, we opened up all the more, and we felt we were short of fellowship with the ministry, with brother Lee. So, to make a long story short, we four brothers (David Wang, Joseph Chu, Don Hardy, and John Kwan) went to brother Lee. Brother Lee said one time that the one that you rebuke the most is the one that you love the most. At that meeting with the four brothers, I was heavily rebuked; so I felt greatly loved. Even though we had a migration to Alhambra and to Hacienda Heights, and even, we felt a part with Torrance, and we felt thankful for this, brother Lee rebuked me and said, "Brother Don, I blame you for holding up the church in Rosemead." I Oh Lord Jesus! I feel that basically brother Lee is always right --- you can't defeat him! I said, "Lord Jesus! Brother Lee, you're right." He said, "Brother," He said, "Brother Don and brothers," he said, "there should have been much more increase out of Rosemead." I said, "Amen." Amen! Then, he became positive and he said Then David (Wang) spoke up and said, "Well, brother, we had a burden about your fellowship, and we feel that we all should open to you to resign, for us to resign or do whatever you want us to do." A few minutes before this, brother Lee had rebuked me for being short of fellowship with him through the years; but when David shared this about all of us resigning or putting ourselves into his hands to do whatever he felt led to do, immediately!, he spoke to me again. He (brother Lee) said, "Brother Don, don't you feel that you have been there too long?!? You need to move, and have a fresh start, and start" --- I don't know whether he used the words "start a new church" or "bring in a new church"; I don't know whether he even used that term, but it was something like that. And I said, "Amen, brother! We brothers fellowshiped this; we all feel the same way." And, as soon as we left brother Lee's fellowship, out on the curb by the car, we had more fellowship (about Don's departure from Rosemead): "Brothers, how can we work this out so that we have a good, sweet, harmonious transition?"

During the time between that fellowship (on the curb) and the sweet transition of me sadly, but lovingly, departing from here (the church in Rosemead) in open fellowship with you all, something happened! Even to this day, we still don't know exactly what happened. But I beg you, brothers and sisters, in the light of God's presence, please don't try to dig and ask what happened. I will tell you just briefly and quickly what happened to cause me

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to leave you without saying a word and just disappearing and falling off the map. And I beg you not to dig into it. After today, take the blood, forgive one another, and let's go on! The Lord cover your mind as we share what we are about to share. Lord, we open our spirit to you right now!

As I understand it, the next thing that happened is that brother John Kwan went to see brother John Ingalls for what John (Kwan) told us later was "some personal fellowship". John Kwan told me last Tuesday morning that he went again to John Ingalls to see if there was anything he said that incriminated ---- I don't like to use that word ----, that involved us brothers (David Wang, Joseph Chu, and Don Hardy). He said that he did not mention my name and, as I understand it, he didn't mention the name of any of the other brothers (David Wang and Joseph Chu). He shared his personal life. However, I believe he also shared some things about his personal life with the church in Rosemead, or involving the church in Rosemead.

Let me just quickly mention here three principles. When elders are in responsibility, they should have much fellowship, many elders' meetings. When they fellowship in a meeting and they come to a conclusion, there should not be any speaking outside of that fellowship. Secondly, the elders surely should not go home and tell their wives anything that transpired in the elders' meetings. Thirdly, if you as a brother or sister or elder see a problem in the church where you are, or in what you call the Lord's recovery, be careful how you deal with that problem. You should have a strong spirit and, brother Lee would even want you to do it, to try the apostle! It's scriptural to do this. You, whenever you receive the ministry from brother Lee or from any other brother representing the New Testament economy of God, you should use your spirit, get the spirit of what is being said, and go before the Lord and have dealings with the Lord about it.

Anyway, out of our brother's fellowship (that is, John Kwan's fellowship with John Ingalls), my understanding is that John Ingalls got very alarmed about something. He (John Ingalls) said something to this effect: "This is very serious! Call the brothers." And my understanding is that John Kwan, after he fellowshiped with brother John Ingalls, called Bill Duane and Minoru Chen ... or a chain reaction took place and five brothers (Francis Ball, Al Knoch, Minoru Chen, Bill Duane, and Ken Unger) came together. ~~(This was the first meeting of these five brothers.)~~ Joseph (Chu), and David (Wang), and I knew nothing about John Kwan's fellowship *(WITH ANY OF THESE 5 BROTHERS)*.

One night, after a Tuesday night prayer meeting, I heard Joseph (Chu) and David (Wang) talking. And while they were talking, something Joseph or David said caught my attention. They said something about a meeting with some brothers. ~~(This was the second meeting of the five brothers.)~~ *COMING TOGETHER* And I said, "What?!" And I believe it was brother Joseph that turned to me; and he said, "Don't you know we had a meeting with five brothers and you were not there! And something is happening! We don't know exactly what." It was something to this effect. I was shocked! I said, "What!?" He said, "Yes. David asked the brother when he called to have the meeting, 'What about Don Hardy?'" And my understanding

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For approximately eleven years, brother Bill Duane and I had weekly fellowship either by telephone or in person as much as possible, sometimes many times a week. You can prove this by the telephone bills (of the church in Rosemead). As much as once a week, brother John Kwan and I would have lunch or supper together. In my feeling, something took place between John Kwan and I that alarmed me very much. I will not go into detail. I just called Bill Duane. I said, "Bill, something's wrong. I feel I must go to John Kwan. Pray for us." And then, at the same time, I called brother Francis Ball, because I wanted to have some serious fellowship with him concerning two things: about my moving and about my family who didn't want to move. The next thing I did was call Francis Ball to meet together with him. When I did, he said, "Brother, some other brothers also have a burden to get together with us and fellowship. Why don't we meet at the elders' office in Anaheim?", and he set a time (to meet). When I came to this fellowship in Anaheim, before I even went in, I was in a state of shock because there was Bill Duane. I said, "Hi, Bill. What are you doing here?" He said, "I don't know!" He said, "I was just called to come here." I began to wonder, "What is this?", and I walked into the room. The room contained these brothers, five brothers: Francis Ball, Minoru Chen, (Al Knoch, Bill Duane, and Ken Unger) David Wang and Joseph Chu were not present at this meeting.) I won't go into detail, but there they were. I was in a state of shock! I said, "What is this? Something is very serious!"

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To sum it up, at that meeting, at that fellowship, some of these brothers suggested to me They asked me how I felt about leaving Rosemead and living Because my home was in Anaheim, they asked, "Why don't you just stay in Anaheim?" I said, "Well, is that really what you brothers feel?" They said, "That's what we feel." And I believe I started to fellowship with them about brother Lee's fellowship with the four of us (David Wang, Joseph Chu, John Kwan, and Don Hardy), which was for me to migrate or go to a new locality and possibly to work (the work of the ministry) there; and one of the brothers said, "Brother Don, no more work (of the ministry)!" And then, I got I got a little bit I mean I really got bothered. I wanted to make this whole thing clear, so I said, "No more eldership, no more work (of the ministry): is that what you brothers feel?" They all, or at least 3 of them said, "Amen, that's what we feel." One of them said, "Go We feel you should go to work (secular work)." And I said, "Well, if that's what you brothers feel, amen." I said, "Brothers, I don't know what kind of work. I am 55 years old. I have no college degree. I don't know what I should do. What should I do?" One brother (Al Knoch) said, "Go to work in a hot dog stand!" I said, "Brothers, I just bought a house; I don't know how I'll make the payments." He (that same brother) said, "Lose it for Jesus' sake!" And I said, "Okay, brother. Amen," and I left.

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When this happened, I felt, "Lord, what should I do about Rosemead?" Then I got real "hyper-spiritual" and I felt, "Well, I'll just be like brother Nee. I had heard from brother Chang

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what he did so often. I'll just disappear. I won't even say anything, just disappear."

Jane Chen: These 5 brothers, do they have the authority to represent the work? And do they have the authority to remove you? (David Wang, as the translator, translated this into English for her.)

Don Hardy: You're asking me that? (Don asked this question to David Wang as if it was David Wang who had asked him the question.)

David Wang: She's (the one) asking you.

Don Hardy: Brothers and sisters, I do not know, I do not know what happened. I do not know whether they represented the work?!? The Lord cover me with his blood. Joseph (Chu), forgive me; I don't care. And I say that in a positive way. Brothers and sisters, I am not here for sympathy or I am here first of all to ask you to forgive me for doing such an immature thing as just disappearing. I ask you to forgive me. I feel that we brothers, especially when we take the lead, we should not be political in any way. You should speak the truth; even if they kill you, you should speak the truth. But! But! There are also governing principles that You must speak for the building up of the Body. Sometimes, to speak out so much will damage the Body rather than build it up.

Brothers and sisters, personally, I feel that we are in the days of Revelation 1, 2, and 3. And if you have the reality, God recognizes you as an angel. He recognizes who is the responsible one. We should not think in this way. We should just walk with the Lord instead. Go home and read Revelation 1, 2, and 3 over and over again. I feel, brothers and sisters, that even if the brothers made a mistake, God I told John Ingalls because I was offended And the scripture says that if you're offended, go to the brothers and tell them. So I went. After several months of prayer and bothering, I went to certain brothers to open the whole matter to them. So brother John (Ingalls) said, "Despite certain things happening: these five brothers, despite this; despite John Kwan; despite another brother (Philip Lee) that you got into some problem with; I don't care about any of that. We all still feel the same, the same about you stepping aside, resigning, and going to work (a secular job)." So I said, "Okay, brothers, if that's the way you feel, then that's what I must accept." But realizing inside (and I don't say this about me personally, but it is the principle): if you have the reality, just like brother Nee, they imprisoned him; (but still,) millions have gotten saved through Watchman Nee. (Here, at this point in Don's speaking, brother Ed Michioka stood up in the meeting to say something.) Just a minute, Ed. (Ed remained standing.) "If you can be put down," brother Chang used to say, "If the brothers do something to you and you go down, you need to go down because that

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was not resurrection life. And the sooner you find it out, the more blessed it is." Hallelujah! They imprisoned brother Nee, but still, life came out! It doesn't matter whether you are an elder or not, you need to just go for life and go for the church. Even though I was out of the work (of the ministry) and out of the fellowship with the elders, the Lord cover me, souls still got saved! and added to the church! Glory to God!

One more thing, Ed. (Ed was still standing and waiting to speak. However, Don continued.) Brothers and sisters, when I listened to the tape of these brothers (an audio tape of the October 18, 1987 Lord's day morning meeting of the church in Rosemead), when I heard about brother David Wang's resignation, when I heard about Joseph (Chu being excluded), my heart was absolutely crushed, broken, more than when the five brothers came to me. I said, "Lord, what is happening?!? I don't understand it." But none of them called me. We didn't gossip about it. I just went to the Lord and I said, "Lord, vindicate Your name and Your glory! Head this whole thing up to Your glory."

Again I ask you to forgive me for leaving here in such an immature way, and such a "hyper-spiritual" way. It was wrong. I'm probably the one that caused so much trouble and gossip. I ask your forgiveness.

Daniel Chus: You are not (the one that caused so much trouble and gossip.)!

Don Hardy: Just one other word, brothers and sisters, and I will sit down. Brothers and sisters, I am very bothered that it appears that certain ones seem to be taking sides for and against the ministry or against what brother Lee is sharing these days in the gospel.

Ed Michioka: Brother, that's not what this meeting is all about this morning!!!

Don Hardy: Okay. But I do have that burden (At this point, a number of brothers reacted together [in unison] against Don's speaking any further about this matter because they felt that it had nothing to do with the purpose of his being asked to share.) Alright. Fine.

Ed Michioka: What you are starting to talk about is altogether another matter. I just have two questions: #1 - Do you know the reason why you were removed to this day?

Don Hardy: "No."

Ed Michioka: Okay. Then, #2 - "Were Joseph and David present at that

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Anaheim meeting when they removed you?"

Don Hardy: "No".

Ed Michioka: Then I have to say, brothers and sisters: Brother, it's not a matter of you forgiving someone personally or not. The eldership in the church in Rosemead got touched and the government was defiled! We are not talking about something personal! That's between you and John Kwan and Francis Ball and John Ingalls. Brother, you have to realize that the eldership here was destroyed! It has nothing to do with anything personal! The saints here want to know why the elders were removed! two of them!! and why one resigned!!! Brothers, if there was just something personal, we could let it go! This has affected the whole church in Rosemead! I don't understand how we could let this kind of thing happen among us!

Mike Dwyer: Okay. He (Ed) just wanted to ask these two questions so that everybody could get clear that the eldership, the government among us, was touched in such a way that nobody knew what was going on except one brother in the eldership who had a part to do with that. That's all we wanted to make clear. I say "we" because I stand one with Ed. We wanted to make clear. Don't be ignorant! The eldership, the government among us, was touched in a way that was not fully in the light.

Pang Ho Chen: I have to ask a question here. About a week ago, I was in Taiwan. I was there because of something related to my personal work. Through this opportunity, I was able to fellowship with some brothers there and also with brother Lee personally. We fellowshiped about the situation here in Rosemead. They told me they had already heard. However, there was a big difference here. What they had heard was from those young workers that were among us for a while recently here (in Rosemead) and also from some fellowship from Francis Ball and John Kwan. I discovered from what I heard over there in Taipei, that what they had heard was almost totally different ^{from} what is actually happening here.

Prior to my fellowship with brother Lee, I received a letter. This was a letter from the brothers here to brother Chen in Taipei. This letter was concerning something that happened three weeks ago. It was an open letter from brother David Wang to the saints here in the church (in Rosemead). It was his resignation letter to the public. There is a sentence in that letter, that I feel everyone present here, everyone in the family in the church in Rosemead, should have explained to them. I actually need to read it to you: "Brothers and sisters, in the past two months, especially since brother Francis Ball came here, I have tried my best to go on with the brothers in a positive manner and I did. But, about a week ago, something happened. I changed my attitude and I gave up my efforts because I feel that I am unable to help

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to remedy the situation in Rosemead." I feel in our family that this is very important. I would like to ask brother Wang to tell us what it was that actually ~~took place?~~ ^{happened}

David Wang:

I think it is easier for me to express myself in Chinese. Brother Francis Ball came here because of the fellowship of brother Lee. But after six months (of him not coming), we still had not heard a thing (regarding his coming or not coming). We had felt that this brother's experience in the Lord could perhaps help the situation here in Rosemead (after what had happened between Don Hardy and John Kwan). In my resignation letter, I mentioned that something had happened the week before to "change my attitude". That "something" was actually two things. These are the two things that really changed my attitude. I totally broke down and cried to the Lord. I felt that I didn't want to waste my time and energy in this kind of "co-ordination". I felt that when brother Chen mentioned this matter again, and and He again touched my sore Oh Lord!!!

Both of these things happened after 12:00 midnight on a Saturday night. The first thing was to do away with Daniel Chu, because he said that On that Saturday night, in Daniel Chu's house, there was a meeting. At the end of that meeting, (brother David Dong translated to Francis Ball [who had come to the meeting with David Dong] that) brother Daniel Chu announced, "Tomorrow, we're not going to Anaheim (for the Lord's Day morning meeting). We are all going to stay in Rosemead (for the meeting) instead." This was what Both Francis Ball and brother David Dong were there, and it was brother Dong who translated this to Francis. Francis Ball called me (on the telephone after midnight that same Saturday night) and he said that he had fellowshiped with Philip (Philip Lee, brother Lee's son) and that he also had fellowshiped with John Kwan. He (Francis) felt that this (what Daniel Chu did) was a serious matter. "Daniel Chu is not an elder; why did he stir up the saints in the meeting not to go to Anaheim to meet?" But I told the brother that, as responsible brothers in the church, we need to hear from both sides and that I couldn't stand on his (Francis') side and handle this matter simply based on what he had shared with me. (I told him that) I needed to check with Daniel Chu to find out what happened. I felt that I could not make a decision that was against my conscience. When I said this, the tone of the brother really changed toward me. He became very strong. The brother asked me, "Well, what exactly do you want me to do here?" At that time it was already 12:20 AM! He said, "Let's call brother Daniel Chu and get him out now." But I told the brother, "It is after 12:00 midnight; can't we do it tomorrow? I want to go to bed." (This was the first matter) ^{THAT CHANGED HIS ATTITUDE}

After about ten minutes, Francis Ball called me again. This time it was regarding the second matter. He told me that he and John Kwan felt this way: since there was to be a combined meeting in Anaheim (with all the churches in Southern California), and there will be 2 brothers from Taipei as well as brother Titus Chu ^{SINCE TAKING CARE OF} to have the meeting, he felt that we all should go to Anaheim. He and John Kwan felt that we should lock the gate of the meeting

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hall, and that we should put a notice on the gate telling the saints to go to Anaheim. I used a very strong tone to tell the brother, "I don't agree!" I told the brother that I did not agree because there was no way that I could contact all the saints. Also, from our past experience, even Don Hardy knows this, it doesn't matter what kind of meeting there is in Anaheim, people will still come to their locality for the meeting.

Then, how Francis Ball responded to me and what he said to me hurt me very much and made me feel very sorrowful. His attitude changed to be very strong and determined. He said that if we are still going to have a meeting here (in Rosemead), then we are not one with the ministry. But I told him that being "one" is a matter of being in Spirit. If we are not one in Spirit, even if we sit in that meeting in Anaheim, we are still not one. If we are one in Spirit, even if we sit here in Rosemead for the meeting, we are still one. "One" or not "one" is still a matter of the process of the growth of life. Because of this, there was no way for him to hang up his phone and there was no way for me to hang up my phone, because there was no way we could arrive at a conclusion. After a few minutes, he called me on the phone again to say, "We just decided in this way: whoever wants to go to Anaheim can go to Anaheim, whoever wants to stay in Rosemead can stay in Rosemead." I then asked Francis Ball if he wanted me to go to Anaheim or to stay here. He said that I should go to Anaheim. This is the reason why I went to Anaheim that morning.

I feel that the way we should take care of a matter is not a question of "should I" or "should I not"; neither is it a question of "being wise" or "not being wise". It is altogether a matter of your spirit. According to my realization, this spirit (that came out of Francis Ball) was not right. Yesterday, Francis Ball called me and apologized to me regarding this matter. He apologized to me. Before the Lord, if it was only regarding a personal matter, I would accept the brother's apology. I feel every one can make mistakes. But the fact stands before us that (because of all of this) the church has been damaged.

Mike Dwyer: This is the second thing now. We dealt with Don and got clear regarding the situation there, that the eldership was touched. Now, we find from David's sharing that two things caused him to write his resignation letter: two things. Actually, I am repeating these things mainly for the English-speaking saints because something may be lost during the time of translation. The first thing is that Daniel Chu was in a Chinese-speaking meeting in his home and made an announcement about coming here to Rosemead: he announced that there would be a meeting here in Rosemead while there was a joint meeting down in Anaheim. And that announcement was mistranslated to Francis Ball. Okay? Francis thought that Brother Daniel Chu was setting up a meeting here in Rosemead outside of the fellowship of the elders. So Francis thought that he needed to take care of that and he called some other brothers ---- Philip Lee and John Kwan. Then, after midnight, he called David Wang. He wanted David Wang to deal with

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Daniel Chu that night. And David said, "It's after midnight; it's not that important; it can wait until tomorrow." And another thing is that he (Francis Ball) wanted to deal with Daniel Chu without first getting Daniel Chu's side of the story. ~~Francis Ball~~
Actually, he (Daniel) ~~NEVER MADE~~ ~~any~~ such announcement. So David was bothered about that. So they hung up, and Francis Ball called back again; and this matter is no longer about Daniel Chu, but rather: "lock that meeting Hall gate". It is clear. Again, it is not a personal matter. In fact, I was at that meeting the next morning here in Rosemead, and there were 120 saints in this meeting hall. And literally, even though the things got straightened out and Francis got right again with David, we are trying to point out that there are some funny things going on here. They wanted to lock the gate and make sure that the meeting hall was locked up and then put a sign out there saying, "Everybody, you have to go to Anaheim." Alright? So this is the second problem. This defiled David's conscious. To go along with this ---- he could not do it!!! And I believe that anybody who is one with the Lord would have the same feeling. But at the time, initially, that was not the feeling of the so-called "fellowship". Okay? That is the situation we just went through with David. Now maybe we'll hear a third situation or problem.

Pang Ho Chen: The meeting at Daniel Chu's house, we have been meeting there for quite a while. We felt that we should go through some of God's Word, through the pure Word, so that we could get some spiritual feeding. That Saturday night, in Daniel Chu's home, he received a telephone call from a sister from another locality, outside of Rosemead. This sister said that there would be no meeting in Rosemead (the following morning) and that everybody attending the (Lord's Day morning) meeting in Rosemead should go to Anaheim. Because of ~~this~~ ^{LORD'S DAY}, brother Chu made an announcement after the meeting. He said, "Because we just received this notice, it's kind of an emergency situation. We hope we can notify all the saints. We would like to contact as many as we can, but there is no way we will be able to notify all of them. If we can go to Anaheim and are willing to go, please do go. But some saints who will not be able to go and some saints who will not get the notice will still come to the meeting hall (in Rosemead) for the meeting. If some of us are willing, we can stay here to meet with them." That Saturday night meeting, including Francis Ball and brother David Dong, totalled about 30 brothers and sisters. I think all of those who heard that announcement can testify to this. What Daniel Chu said in that announcement is definitely not what Francis Ball told brother David Wang he had announced.

Chang Liu: There was mention made about brother Lee's son, Philip Lee. The elders should be the ones to make decisions. Who is brother Lee's son? Brother Lee is an elder. It seems that brother Lee's son was the one who made the decision. To me, I just can't understand it. And his son, all I have heard about him, there is nothing good. There are only bad things. And he is the one