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making decisions in the church!!! I am curious and I don't think that is right.

(of Oct 4, 1987)

Daniel Chu:

In that Lord's day morning's meeting, we had 120 brothers and sisters. I would like to ask you all: if we did lock the meeting hall gate, what would these 120 brothers and sisters have done? Should they all just have gone home? Are we really for the Lord's recovery? Are we for the spirits of the brothers and sisters? If so, we should have that kind of meeting! All the brothers and sisters who attended the meeting here in Rosemead that day, I believe they all can testify to this: that meeting was full of Christ!!! I talked to some of the brothers and sisters who went down to Anaheim that morning for the meeting. They said they all should have stayed here in Rosemead for the meeting.

The reason why we meet at my house on Saturday nights is because we have a group of brothers and sisters that have fellowship ~~with~~ among themselves. They ~~feel~~ that lately, in the church meetings, there is too much propaganda; there are too many activities; and there is not enough life supply. They feel that there is a real lack of spiritual feeding. For this reason, we felt that we should have the desire and be willing to meet together with the saints to only do this one thing: to enjoy the Lord in a very simple way, to go after the Lord with those who ~~have~~ a pure heart. This is why we have that meeting on Saturday night. Praise the Lord!

Including last night's meeting, we have had 11 such meetings. In each one of those meetings, we all touched our Lord! Whenever we want the Lord, there is always His blessing among us. All together, we met a total of 11 times. Brother Francis Ball and David Dong ~~were there~~ ^{CAME} only one time. Sorry, I should say half a time, because they were late by 45 minutes. They walked in slowly. They only came half a time, and immediately, there was a problem. We had such a big problem after only half a time! Immediately, there was such a big problem! It caused brother David Wang to resign. I was thinking in the Lord right now: in our Lord's Day morning meetings, every time they (Francis Ball and company) are here, are we going to have no problems???

The Church is our sweet home. But in a meeting in my home, my very small sharing that was shared before 30 brothers and sisters was twisted in such a way that I was accused, and an attempt was made to do away with me! Brothers and sisters, this is actually not worth fighting about. I really don't want to vindicate myself or fight regarding this, but I also don't want what I said to be twisted and used as a tool for damaging the oneness among the brothers and sisters. Brothers and sisters, is this our sweet home? Is this the church we love? I would like to ask, who will give fellowship (if the situation is like this among us)? Why is it like this!?

Who can say the church is not my life, my heart, my dwelling? I now can only put the facts in front of all the brothers and sisters. Two weeks ago, Francis Ball stood here and he said concerning brother Joseph Chu, that before He (Francis) came here, nothing had been made final. He said that if this matter (of

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on the telephone
Joseph Chu being excluded from the Rosemead eldership) had not been leaked out to brother Joseph Chu, nothing would have come of it and everything would have been okay. I have the recording tape (of the meeting in which he said this). I have listened to it three times. I still cannot believe my ears. I would like to ask a question. Please answer me. Before Francis Ball came here (to the church in Rosemead), why did brother Lee call brother David Wang? What was that all about? Do you really think that if that phone call (and its content) had never been leaked to brother Joseph Chu, that we would have peace here? Regarding the words said about brother Joseph Chu, we know there are lots and lots of wrong accusations that have been made about our dear brother. I cannot mention these things here. However, I would like to ask: who made up these accusations? Who spread these accusations?

I would like to ask another question. Most of the brothers and sisters sitting here know brother Abel Chu. A few weeks ago, someone told brother Lee that on Wednesday nights, in brother Abel Chu's house, Abel Chu gathers a group of people to create division. I would like to ask brother David Wang to verify these matters.

David Wang:

Brother Lee called me on the telephone. He wanted to know what the situation was regarding brother Joseph Chu. He asked me to tell him everything. I asked brother Lee, "Where do you want me to start? Which aspect, brother Lee? Do you want me to tell you concerning brother Chu's following of the 'new way'?" Brother Lee said, "Okay, you can start with this." I then told brother Lee that brother Joseph Chu, relatively speaking, was quite slow in following this "new way". Brother Lee asked, "In which aspect?" I said, "For example on the Lord's day morning, we are not supposed to bring new people (the newly-saved ones) to the meeting in the meeting hall." Brother Lee denied that he had ever said this. He used a lot of words (very difficult to translate here) and said, "These words (regarding not bringing new ones to the meeting hall on the Lord's day) are from the devil." Brother Lee told me, "This is not my leading. The leading of the 'new way' is not this." Brother Lee then asked me, "What else is there? Is there anything more." I said, "Also, concerning the releasing of your spirit, you must jump on the chairs raising both your hands: brother Chu cannot agree with this either." Brother Lee said that he is not teaching these words and, "Who are these teachings from? I don't have these kind of teachings." I said, "These are two points."

Brother Lee mentioned the fact that, from the start, he never appointed Joseph Chu to be an elder. I told brother Lee that, according to my recollection, right after brother Chu first migrated to America, he told him to go to Elden Hall to help there. Brother Lee acknowledged this. However, he said that he had asked brother Chu to go to Elden Hall as a co-worker (not an elder). *THIS IS THE REASON* that's why 2 weeks ago, I stood up here to explain to you all that brother Chu, in all of the ~~the~~ years that he was with us three elders (me, Don Hardy, and John Kwan), that he coordinated together with us as an elder. We felt that he had been standing

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in an elder's position.

Brother Lee also asked me about another matter. He had gotten a report. He asked why brother Abel Chu was gathering some people to have a meeting in his house? He said that this was a very serious matter. I explained to brother Lee that he probably heard wrong. I told him that the Wednesday night meeting is a Chinese-speaking church prayer meeting. Before we started having this Chinese-speaking prayer meeting (on Wednesday nights), I think the brothers and sisters can still remember, the Chinese-speaking saints from Monterey Park and Montebello met on Tuesday nights in brother Abel Chu's house for prayer; all the rest of the Chinese-speaking saints met at my house. Later, after "door knocking" started, Tuesday nights began to be used for a training meeting. We then decided to combine the two prayer meetings into one and to all meet in brother Abel Chu's house for a single prayer meeting on Wednesday nights. This is the church prayer meeting; this is not brother Abel Chu gathering a group of people to cause a division. So, after brother Lee heard my explanation, he said, "Good. The report I heard is not accurate. So now, this matter has been cleared up."

Daniel Chu:

I ask you, brothers and sisters, "Is this devilish or not devilish, fearful or not fearful, that these kinds of words can be transferred into brother Lee's ears?!?" I want to ask one more time, "Who is the one making up these words? Who is putting these things out?" Brothers and sisters, I want to ask all of you who are sitting here: among all of us "little brothers" and "little sisters" here in the church in Rosemead, who has the ability or the way to put these kinds of things into brother Lee's ears??? Even if any of us wanted to call brother Lee on the telephone, who among us has brother Lee's (Taiwan) telephone number?!? In the church in Rosemead, who has the ability to spread these kinds of words???

Brothers and sisters, let's think a little about all of this. Two weeks ago, in a meeting here in this meeting hall, John Kwan publicly said that he never said a single negative word regarding Don Hardy. And now, here in this same meeting hall this morning, we have all heard Don Hardy's side of the same story. Brothers and sisters, we should all be clear. I can't believe my ears. In front of the public, he (John Kwan) ~~talks randomly~~ ^{SPEAKS WORDS} and devoid of the truth. This one is supposed to be our model? This one is a responsible brother among us?!? A person who talks like this wants us to go to "The Tree of Life" when he, himself, is under "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" building a makeshift shelter! Last week, after our Lord's day morning meeting, Don Hardy himself told me that John Kwan should take 90% of the responsibility for the condition of the church in Rosemead today. Brothers and sisters, all of this was not an accident!

At the same time, regarding Don Hardy's matter (of being removed from the eldership in an unrighteous manner), we have now been made clear this morning (from Don Hardy ^{HIMSELF}), that Francis Ball was involved in ~~all of this~~ ^{THE WHOLE THING} right from the beginning. Francis Ball was very clear about the real situation ^{ALL AROUND}. And yet, knowing

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the truth as he did, he did not rise up against John Kwan (to expose him), but instead, allowed him to lie to all of us here in the meeting, passing over it indulgently. He, all along, intentionally was hiding the real situation. He wanted to fool us. Brothers and sisters, what kind of mind and what kind of mentality is this? In Taiwan, they have a saying, "To know an evil person and not go against him is to sin together with him." I am not willing to give ~~another~~ ^{MORE} examples.

Inside of me, I am very hurt and full of sorrow. Brothers and sisters, this used to be our sweet home. Someone has changed it into a circus. ^{THESE DAYS} there are lots of suspicions and false accusations among the saints, many evil reports, many lies. The church is full of confusion. This is the situation here today. The sweet oneness among us has been ~~taken away~~ ^{LOST}; it is gone.

After Brother David Wang's resignation, on that same day in the afternoon, Francis Ball came to see me. In front of ~~3~~ ^{THREE} saints he said that I was disturbing the church. I really feel that he lifted me too high. I would like to ask each and every one of you brothers and sisters who are sitting here this morning --- please, let the Lord inside of you be the Judge --- who is actually the one who is disturbing the church? Is it really Daniel Chu? Or is it actually someone else? Is it clear inside of you or not!! Brothers and sisters, this is our home! We should all wake up! We need to find out the source of the ~~disease~~ ^{THE} the cause of all this sickness, and use the right medication.

Last Tuesday night, there was a training meeting here in the meeting hall in Rosemead. A brother from the church in Hacienda Heights encouraged all the saints to read "The Normal Christian Church Life" written by brother Watchman Nee. In order to prevent anyone from saying that I am here taking things out of context, I hope we all can go home and read this book thoroughly. I chose and wrote down five points from this book for everybody to use as a reference. Lately, people coming back from Taipei said that brother Lee in Taipei was leading the brothers and sisters that are over there to read this book. ^{IT SEEMS THAT WE ARE REALLY} "ONE".

(The page numbers in the following references are the page numbers ~~of~~ the abridged English version. Please read the entire page referred to.)

1.) Chapter 4, page 51:

Please remember that the church is "local". It is "local", intensely "local". If any factor enters in to destroy this local character, then they cease to be the church revealed in the Bible.

2.) Chapter 4, page 54:

In order to protect and preserve the local character of the church, we must guard against the development of a relationship between the local church and the workers. ("Workers" are both apostles and co-workers.) There is one thing that we must pay special attention to: that is, we cannot at any time or under any circumstance let a worker

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influence the church. As soon as a church belongs to a worker, then it becomes a sect. After a locality has its elders, the apostle (with his co-workers) should immediately take his hand away. God's worker must remove his hands.

3.) Chapter 4, page 56:

If God's children want to preserve the church's local character, then there must not be a spiritual center of union other than Christ. Any time God's children gather together as a group larger than a locality, it doesn't matter for what reason, then they are no longer "local". Once they are no longer "local", they are no longer the church.

4.) Chapter 4, page 56:

This arrangement of God (and being "LOCAL") (regarding the separation of the local church and the work) is because Christ in heaven wants to preserve his preeminent position (or 'first place'). All the local churches are to be only under Christ's control, and not under the control of any other organization or any other churches.

5.) Chapter 3, page 39:

Nowhere did the apostles (WORKERS) settle down and assume responsibility (as elders) for the local church, but in every church they founded, they chose from among the local believers faithful ones (to be elders) upon whom such responsibility could be placed. They (the elders of a local church) are not to be transferred in from elsewhere (outside of the locality). In this way, the character of the local ground can be maintained."

We now can come to a few conclusions:

- 1.) Francis Ball is not a local brother. Therefore, he should not be an elder here. He should leave the eldership immediately.
- 2.) Who is the one who has appointed Francis Ball to be an elder here??? This person does not walk according to the truth of the Bible and does not follow brother Watchman Nee's burden. He has already gone astray and deviated from the truth. Could this be one of the reasons why there is such great confusion here in the local church in Rosemead?
- 3.) The church is local and its administration (GOVERNMENT) is independent. Regarding my little bit of sharing in our home meeting, why should Francis Ball ask Philip Lee anything before he fellowshipped with brother David Wang? This totally damages the ground of the local church.
- 4.) I would like to ask a very pertinent question at this point: last Thursday in Anaheim, who is the one who gathered all the elders of every church in Southern California with ~~all the co-workers~~ to discuss the matter of the local church in Rosemead? (It was Philip Lee, ~~brother Lee's son,~~ I ask you, is this

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according to the truth of the Bible???

5.) One Tuesday night here in the meeting hall in Rosemead, in the training meeting on "door knocking", all of a sudden a brother announced that both the church in Alhambra and the church in Hacienda Heights would combine together to meet on the Lord's day morning in Rosemead. I believe all the Chinese-speaking brothers and sisters should all remember this. But ^{PRIOR TO} the announcement, even brother David Wang (who was an elder in Rosemead) ~~HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF~~ ~~AND NOT KNOW~~ about this. Is this the principle of the local church? Is this the burden of brother Watchman Nee? Last week Francis Ball talked to me in the office. Both John Kwan and brother Muh were there. He (Francis Ball) said, "Someone can appoint certain ones to be an elder; this person can also take the eldership away from them." Brothers and sisters, ~~this is our situation here today.~~

Some brothers: Who, who can do that?

A brother: Who is this person? Who is the one who gave him such great power?

Daniel Chus: I would like to ask: is there one person, is there an organization, whose position is higher than a local church and ~~is~~ ^{CAN} control all the local churches? (The answer according to Watchman Nee's "The Normal Christian Church Life" is "absolutely not!!!"). Is this ^(WHAT IS TAKING PLACE TODAY) the truth of the bible? Is this the principle of the Spirit?

Brothers and sisters, I would like to say: right now, we are under a system, where we have all kinds of people. It is full of personal color and things.

Mike Dwyer: He is saying, saints, we are under a system that is not local!!!! Listen!!!! Follow what he is saying: we are not local anymore!!!!

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Daniel Chus: We are under a system, where we have all kinds of people. It is full of personal color and things to push the so-called "orders" from "the top" to accomplish "activities" or "movements" that come one right after another. Please listen very closely and carefully. He does not care about the local situation of each church. Everything is without regard to the feelings or needs of the local brothers ^{AND} sisters. He only knows to push his own things and using lies, false numbers, for encouragement. If you don't follow, you will be condemned; if you don't amen, you will be accused. I would like to ask you, is this the Lord's recovery today? Or ^{HAS IT BECOME} is it a denomination (sect) that ^{IS} ~~has~~ greatly fallen?

Last week, the brothers asked us to wait. They wanted us to give them a little more time. Brothers and sisters, if today we

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were standing ~~IN~~ ^{IN} the ~~right~~ ^{POSITION} ~~ground~~, we could wait. If we are standing ~~ON~~ ^{IN} the wrong ~~place~~ ^{POSITION}, should we still be good and be stupid while waiting? For example, there was a little girl named Jessica in Texas. She fell into a narrow well in the ground and got stuck down there. Should they have taken their time and waited until she grew older to dig a hole herself to climb out? Or should they go immediately to save her? Brothers and sisters, if we stand on the wrong place, ~~you~~ ^{you} don't ~~call~~ ^{JUST} it waiting; ~~you~~ ^{you} call it waiting ~~for~~ ^{TO DIE} death.

Today, for the sake of the Lord's name, let us all rise up! Today, for the sake of the Lord's testimony, let us all stand up firmly. First of all, I would like to ask, brothers and sisters, should these two brothers (John Kwan and Francis Ball) still be elders here?

Unanimously "No!"

(FRANCIS BALL WHO IS Brother Lee's worker and JOHN KWAN) who brought about & allowed

Daniel Chu

Would you brothers please give us back our normal church meetings? Give us back the normal church life so that we can make the church once again our sweet home. We should all turn to the Lord together. We have been in this system too long. We are already used to it. We all need to rise up! We all need to turn, to get out of this system, to get out of this organization. What we need and desire is this lovely Lord. He is our only goal! He is our only source ^{PROSAPPLY!} He is our real locomotive! There is nothing that can replace our Lord! In today's difficult environment, in today's difficult situation, brothers and sisters, we cannot be disheartened; we cannot be discouraged. We should become even more alert. We should go forward more. We need to be more aggressive. Lots of brothers and sisters who have talked to me personally said, that even though there are problems happening in the church, in this period of time, there has never been so much prayer to the Lord, there has never been so much joining together with the Lord, there has never been so much union with the Lord. Brothers and sisters, let us all be Stephen for the Lord's testimony: even being stoned to death, we still would not draw back. ^{SITUATION} Let us all be Daniel: in this crooked and perverted ~~generation~~, let us coordinate and join with the Lord to be the person that would change this age. Let us have lots of prayer for the Lord's recovery and the Lord's testimony on the earth.

Mike Dwyer:

I would like to summarize what Daniel Chu has just said. Everybody, wake up! Open your eyes! These brothers are not appealing on no bases. They are appealing on a number of bases to you to wake up and to do something about the situation instead of going along with the tide that has been brought in.

Number one, John Kwan lied! He lied. Number two, Francis Ball knew about the lie and he did ~~not~~ ^{NOT} do anything about it. So this is dark. I have been going through hell for the last year with English-speaking side. I deserve this (this time to speak). I love the Lord! I love God's economy! I have never left

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even though I have been grieved to the maximum. I have stayed here because God gave me the revelation and it is the same revelation that you got. We are appealing to you all based on these things. These brothers lied to you and these are the brothers that are in position.

Now, regarding Francis Ball, he (Daniel Chu) read portions of the book by Watchman Nee. I read this book. It's too clear! This brother (Daniel Chu) only pulled out a couple of portions. Francis Ball does not belong here as an elder. He is a ~~USA~~ worker. If he comes here, the book says that if we don't want to receive a ~~USA~~ worker, we have every right to say "no". If we don't want a ~~USA~~ worker, we can say "no". But if we want ^{TO HEAR} him, that is good too. So these brothers are not just making an appeal to your conscience.

All the meetings that I have ~~been in~~ ^{ATTENDED} lately here in the church in Rosemead on the English speaking side, do you know what they are? Hype! Hype! More hype! More hype! More numbers! More statistics! And even last week, we didn't open our bibles once. And this is a steady diet with us. Everybody rants and raves about the footnotes (in the Recovery Version), right? How many of you (from the English-speaking side) in the last three months got up and shared one footnote or something you've enjoyed from the Word? It's always the "new move", the "new move", the "new move". Where is Christ?

Wake up! Wake up, saints!!! Rise up!!! Brother Lee didn't save me, brother Lee's ministry didn't save me. He fed me, and I say amen, and I stand on all that I've gotten from him, and he has a rightful place in my heart, ---- But he is not my Christ!!!!!! I walk according to my inner feeling.

I have known about these things (that are being revealed here this morning) for some ~~time~~ ^{SO CALLED} ~~time~~, and ~~that's why~~ ^{THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY} I have never entered into this "new move". It's because these are the kind of people that are implementing it. Do you get my message? Moreover, I never got the inner sense to do it. I started to do it with John Vidinoff. It's too bad that he is not here this morning. I canvassed my neighborhood, I took my money out of my wallet, I bought hundreds of copies of ^{THE} "Mystery of Human Life", I sent my wife to the post office to get I don't know how many 38 cent stamps. But I tell you, when I began to see what these brothers were doing in these meetings (that is, in the English-speaking coordination meetings for the general English-speaking church meetings), I appealed to the elders to stop this "English-speaking coordination meeting". It is devilish. It is dividing the church. You get clear. You wonder, George, why Ed and I dropped out? You should have come to us and questioned us and gotten clear from us. We didn't want to cause any troubles. We just thought we would just drop out like Don Hardy. Well, we are not dropping out anymore! We are rising up! This thing is wrong! ^{EMPH} This is a local church! And I am part of this local church! I don't want "workers" coming in here to make it non-local. I am not here for any pope. I am here for Christ! Don't send any "workers" here as elders. According to the book ("The Normal Christian Church Life"), they (the elders) are supposed to be raised up from among us. And I say, brothers, David Wang is an

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elder. Joseph Chu, even though he was sent here, the mistake has been made. Right? Ten years he has been among us and we all looked at him as a what? An elder! And in his sharing, he was what? An elder! I say, "We need to restore the eldership!" You brothers (Francis Ball and John Kwan) need to be removed! Leave here! or if you decide to stay here, John (Kwan), you come as a brother, and that's all! That is the only way we would know that you have repented.

I hope, saints on the English-speaking side, I have made my position clear. You all know my living. You all know what kind of brother I have been for 18 years. This is not a small thing that I am doing. I fully stand with everything that happened here this morning. I have known these things for over a year. And I have done my best not to cause any kind of division by going to you. Who among you can say that I came to you on the side, to make you negative? I never did! You all are my witnesses. Who among you can accuse me?

Even when John Kwan got up two weeks ago when I was telling the things about Don Hardy, he said, "This is hearsay! We need to get Don up here (from Anaheim)!" But do you know that when Don came here last week, do you know who was the one that was in the most fear and trembling? and tried to stop Don from speaking? Who, Don? You tell them, brother! It was John Kwan. He (John Kwan) said, "Brother (Don), I did wrong." Well, that's good! You did wrong and it's good that you repent! But, I say like John the Baptist, you "bring forth fruit meet for repentance!": You leave the eldership! You don't belong there!!! All we need is two elders. Put Joseph back in the eldership and put David back in the eldership; that's good enough! Anybody that's vying for the eldership, you watch out, because we got our eyes on you.

EMPH We care for Christ!!! I don't want Philip Lee! He has no right to be calling these elders together. Even, Francis Ball was over at my house on Thursday night and (to justify his oneness with this Philip Lee) he gave me an example of Joab in the Old Testament, that even David the king appointed Joab in the Old Testament over his affairs. As if I was suppose to accept that! As if I was supposed to accept that brother Lee is what? the king!!! (and that I was supposed to accept that Philip Lee is Joab!!!) I said to Francis, and he is my witness regarding this, "That's okay if, if you take brother Lee as the king!!!" But I got news for you, brothers. Brother Lee is not my King. He (Christ) is my King who has flowed ~~inside~~ *through* of him (brother Lee). Brother Lee has given me the King (Christ) very much. But, that does not make him (brother Lee) the king over me. You must, if you are going to bend my knee and make it bow in reverence to my God, you got to touch me with Christ! Because I am one rebellious person! But He (Christ) has done a pretty good job on me, and He'll continue to do the same until the end.

Saints, wake up! Wake up! Please! Talk to these brothers. Talk to Joseph (Chu). I would love to hear you (Joseph) get up; I hate to see you sitting there by yourself. You get up and give your true feeling, I would say. You (saints) got Don Hardy; you got David Wang; these brothers haven't lied to you. I was very watchful over Don because I knew the whole story. I was waiting

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for Don to give you some kind of "snow job". He didn't give you a "snow job". He was faithful this morning. I would even say based on that faithfulness in exposing this situation, you put him back in the eldership.

Don Hardy: Mike, may I just say something? Brothers and sisters Brother Daniel I love you. Uh, regarding what Daniel quoted me as saying about John Kwan, I do not recall saying that John Kwan was 90% responsible for the problem here. If I said that, I ask you to forgive me. I did not mean that in that way. We are all How do you explain it, Mike (Dwyer)? We are all responsible.

EMPH.
Mike Dwyer: I am not, brother. Once I knew (what was going on here), I stopped what I was doing. Immediately!!! And I have suffered for it on the English-speaking side. Every one of those brothers can testify.

Don Hardy: I know that. This is a test. It is a great test to us, brothers and sisters. When you say something about the Lord's servant who ministers the word, and those whom he sends We must all go and read Watchman Nee, but we must read it in spirit! We must go before the Lord. I tried to tell you interweaved in my testimony. Let's not kill one another. The reason the brothers Yes, John was shaking, so was I shaking, because I did know what was going on when I came here last Lord's day.

Mike Dwyer: He (John Kwan) didn't want you to share, Don. You tell the truth now! And that exposes him!

Don Hardy: Well, anyway, whether he wanted me or not, the word that came out of his mouth was, "Brother, consider the younger ones. Consider the little ones." I said, "Brother, it isn't that. I don't know what's going on. I want to have fellowship with you brothers and try to find out what's going on." I would not speak, just like David would not accuse Daniel. God forbid that we would do such a thing until we find out. So I did not. I just want to make it clear.

Dan Lin: To be fair, I like to hear both sides' ^{OF THE} story. Can we let John ^(KWA) say something about this? I like to ^{HEAR} ~~know~~ because I didn't know all this.

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John Kwan: I really don't want to say anything, but I just want to point out one thing. I went to John Ingalls a few days ago, last Monday night. I said, "Brother John," in front of Francis Ball "I went to you one year ago and fellowshiped with you. I said, 'I come as a brother. I don't represent the church in Rosemead. I don't

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represent the elders.' Now, after the fellowship, brother John, do I have any impure motive? Do I have any accusing spirit? Do I have any condemning spirit?" Then he thought about it. He said, "No." So, the next day I called Don. I said, "My conscience is clear." He said, "Okay. Your conscience is clear."

Now brothers, let me say to you one fact: you keep on talking but no facts! Can anyone raise his hand? Did he ever talk to John Ingalls about the facts. So, that's why I said let's not talk anymore. Whatever, I like brother Joseph's pattern. He said, "I want to sit down; I don't want to speak anything more; and be quiet". And I want to do the same.

(OF ALL THIS)

Ed. Michioka: Brother, the fact is, that once the fellowship took place between John Kwan and John Ingalls and then between John Kwan and the five brothers, the hand come to the eldership! You were the start, John! Whether you had the intention or not, the hand of the ministry came against the eldership. And that is the point!! This brother (John Kwan) went without the knowledge of these 2 other brothers (David Wang and Joseph Chu) and something happened! I say it again: this is not something personal. But the fact is that after the fellowship, 2 elders were removed, and to this day we (the saints in the church in Rosemead) have no reason! Is that the light? I would say to you brothers, this is darkness!

Francis Ball: I am really grieved..... I understand your reasons. And I don't blame you. I think first I will speak something specifically about the situation with Don Hardy. I don't blame any of you for putting the pieces together the way you have, because you found out that John Kwan went to John Ingalls. He also went to 2 other brothers because John Ingalls was leaving the country at that point. And he also called me.

During that time he was expressing his frustration, mainly with the English-speaking side. I don't know if it is worth saying too much, because I get the feeling that, whatever I say, it will be difficult to accept. But I certainly agree with brother Don when he said in any position in the church whether just a saint, or any kind of leadership, we should be frank. And we shouldn't play politics. What was the outcome of some brothers hearing about John's frustration was picked up by some brothers and 5 of these brothers came together. I won't answer everything for them, for all 5. But we have had some serious opening to one another. And we, all 5, confess to Don Hardy and to the church that we overstepped our standing.

For John Kwan or any brother to have fellowship with any other brothers in the vicinity is no problem; but for these other brothers to act on this fellowship in the way we did was not proper ---- especially on 2 counts. One, we (the five brothers) met with the brothers here in Rosemead: brother Joseph Chu, brother David Wang and brother John Kwan. And to this day, I still don't know who called that meeting. But we met without fellowshiping and without the presence of brother Don. This is wrong. So we confess. We're very sorry. We realize this had a

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very, very negative effect.

As far as removing Don, we didn't consider that we were doing that because the decision was already made, through Don's fellowship this morning, that he was going to move. What was said that we should not have said is, "Don, you should go to work". Brother Lee never said this, Brother Lee's feeling was as Don has related. And we did not act on brother Lee's fellowship when we said he should go to work. Brother Lee said, "If the Lord leads him to get a job, or go to another locality, or go somewhere to preach the gospel and raise up a church, that's up to him."

All of us that attended those elders' trainings, were very exercised before the Lord, and I came here after fellowship with brother David and brother John (Kwan) in about January, and I was introduced to the church here as coming into the leadership. Brother Lee had said, "You better go." I was hesitant, because I was in ^(THE CHURCH IN) San Bernardino. But later, not too long, I was asked to come and help with the children ^{DE} in the families that were in Taipei, the English-speaking children. And I put all these things together and I felt that this was a good time for me to leave San Bernardino. I had been there from the start. Over 9 years, and brothers and sisters, it is really good I left; the church is going on there quite well. They are one with all the churches. They are one with the ministry, and they are going on happily. Not all of them are knocking on doors. This was never brother Lee's intention, that people should feel forced to knock on doors. He said it would be wonderful if one out of four in all the churches would go. Some, in their enthusiasm and zeal, have pressed this too far. And this has offended a lot of people. In that respect, you are not the only ones.

A sister:

What does it mean to be one with the ministry?

Francis Ball: Well, we need some time. I hoped to get to this when I came here. But, I have to confess saints, when I came back to Rosemead from Taipei, I wasn't very wise. I jumped in like gang busters. And I repent for handling it in this way. But what I said I felt was true: I gave you a report and I spoke concerning the leadership in the Lord's move. Daniel, while you are standing, may I say one thing to you.

Daniel Chu: I am waiting for you.

Francis Ball: I can say honestly from my heart, from my spirit, from my understanding, I never had any intention to ... what was brought out this morning: that I was going to put you what?, I don't know what.

Daniel Chu: You tell me what!

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Francis Ball: Yea, that's what I want to know. I never heard this before. One other thing, may I cover this other point first, Daniel.

Don Hardy: What you are saying, that you did not try to put him out of any.....

Francis Ball: Oh no, no, I had no intent.... didn't even have a thought. That never came to me. I heard this clear *(all the way)* from Taipei.

A sister: I would like to ask this: Does that mean you are saying that brother David Wang lied?

Pang-Ho Chen: Regardless what your intentions are, we would like to know what your conversation was about (with brother David Wang) on the phone?

Francis Ball: Okay, I do want to talk about this matter. Sorry to keep you so long. When I called brother David, I was concerned because of the way I understood what brother Daniel had said in the meeting. And I would say, without brother David's fellowship, I would have done something very foolish. But that's the reason you have more than one elder! So when anything comes up, you can fellowship. There is much fellowship among the elders, sometimes quite strong. But we all recognize one principle. What we fellowship should never be shared outside of the elders' meeting until a decision is reached as to what you'll do.

Daniel Chu: *(C)* I want to ask, why did you call Philip Lee before you fellowshiped with David Wang? Why do you have to tell other people regarding matters of the local church?

Francis Ball: This is a good question. I would like to answer this. Brothers, when we left brother Daniel's house, David Dong, who is related to the work, told me he wanted to call brother Philip (Lee), ---- nothing to do with that meeting, or with anything that happened there. Philip had nothing to do with any decision we made, to talk to David the way we did,..... *(in Rosemead)*

Daniel Chu: Brothers and sisters, do you believe what he said is really true?

A sister: You lie.

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Daniel Chu: Brothers and sisters, if what he said is true, then brother David Wang lied in front of me. Brothers and sisters, I want to ask, do you believe brother David Wang or Francis Ball?

Pang-Ho Chen: I want to give a testimony. At that Saturday night meeting, we had 30 people present. If there was no problem with what Daniel Chu said, why did they have to call brother David Wang three times after 12:00 midnight regarding this matter. We all heard his announcement that said if we were willing, we should try our best to go; if we can't notify all the saints, we could stay with the brothers and sisters who cannot not go. I don't know why there is any problem with this kind of announcement. Francis Ball called David Wang three times to handle this matter after midnight. If Francis Ball says that his three callings are just regarding his personal fellowship, I don't believe this is true. Any one who has a good intention and is righteous definitely would not have handled matters at this time of the day and then afterwards try to brush it off in a light way. I am not willing to listen to any lies on the explanation of this matter, and I believe it is the same with all of you.

Daniel Chu: I want to ask a question. Just now Francis Ball said that John Kwan had sought fellowship with them, said everyone had bad feelings about the meetings of the English speaking side. I feel funny about it, why don't he leave but instead wants Don Hardy to leave. You saints tell me the answer, is he the one who has the bad feeling? The second point, who is the one who mentioned that English speaking meeting is just like a circus? Brothers and sisters, you all can testify, he told us he never said anything, who is the one who first mentioned this, said English speaking meeting is just like a circus? Two weeks ago, John Kwan mentioned it here. The third point, I would like to make a small example, they said they don't know what has been told outside regarding Don Hardy. Don Hardy doesn't know what other people has said about him that had caused him to leave the church in Rosemead. I would like to mention a reason that is actually not so important, okay, brothers and sisters who are sitting here, whoever heard about this can help me to testify. There is a word saying "Don Hardy is privately reading a book that is not written by brother Lee". Brothers and sisters heard about this incident? I already talked to both Francis Ball and John Kwan last week, what we know is far more than what these two can imagine. If I reveal everything, brothers and sisters, then you all are going to fall off your chairs. We are not willing to destroy anything, we'll just show you the twigs and sap that are on this big tree, hope brothers and sisters through these twigs and sap can see. Today there are some problems here, we don't hope to dig the root, if we dig the root then the whole tree would fall, this is what we don't want to see, I just hope that the cause of this sickness can leave here, is just like a disease with its diseased cells, should have an operation to take away the disease. This is our burden!!!

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brother Kon: I want to say a little, I am just a brother in church in Rosemead. What I have heard today is the problem of the leadership in the church. We have to take care of the problem of this leadership. I feel, the relationship between Anaheim and Rosemead, as far as I am concerned is not very important. This is local church, I feel, I am a member, have the right, have the responsibility to say who we want to be our leader. Our church, in order to grow cannot lack of a leader, not even for one day. There are so many people here today, we can make a decision today. Who should be our the ideal leader in our hearts. This is a recording of the history, first, I would like to say, should we still ask brother Wang to be our leader, please raise your hand if you agree, good, more than 70%. The second one, we ask brother Joseph Chu to continue to be our elder, please raise your hand, good, more than 70%. The third one, We ask Don Hardy to continue to be our elder, please raise your hand, good, more than 60%, good. We want to get rid of John Kwan, please raise hand, 40%.....

Brothers and sisters: church is not by voting.

Abel Chu: I am not an elder, I am just a brother, I feel bad inside because something happened in our home. Elders are not by voting, and is not up to us to say yes or no here. First, we all have feelings inside, there is Lord inside of us, have the heart to love the Lord and love the church, love all brothers and sisters. But like this kind of meeting today, even 3 more hours would not be enough. I am a little bit older person, a little bit longer in the church, would like to ask brothers and sisters to turn back before the Lord, He is the only way of solving the problems. Before the meeting, I already shared a little bit of my feeling, in one aspect we have the truth of the bible, in another aspect we can see the burden of brother Watchman Nee, one more aspect is that we all know that there is life here. So according to these three aspects, we don't need to put to vote, very naturally we should be able to know which brothers should be our leading brothers, this should be very clear. Please forgive me to say this, the one who should be in such a position is not up to us to decide, rather we recognize according to our conscience before the Lord. Today our home in Rosemead has been disturbed greatly, apologies won't handle the situation. We should learn to confess before the Lord, and has sight, and also should act. I very much admire what Don Hardy said, His feeling is just like our feeling. If I feel I am not being respected among the brothers and sisters, I should take this feeling before the Lord. My feeling is of the brothers and sisters and is also of the first, the head, to receive this feeling. So this is a very clear matter. Should be just like brother Don Hardy, left quietly. Of course to Don Hardy, we don't want him to leave quietly. You should have fellowshiped with brothers and sisters, and being in the natural Life as an elder in the church, fellowship with them regarding

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your leaving soon. Even though is our own decision, but our decision is from the Lord, for the sake of the feeling of the body. Is not here to do something of power, we are here to build up our Lord's body, this is our goal, or should say is our vision, if anything outside of this, should not be brought into the church. I think we should end the meeting here, here we pray together.