

The Eye of the Typhoon

One day during Her detention at a police station, Oyasama said to Her granddaughter who was accompanying Her, “Oh, Hisa, buy a cake.” Asked what She would do with it, She said:

“That officer is so bored that he is dozing off. So I want to give it to him.”

The Life of Oyasama, p. 209

A typhoon is a very violent storm that can cause extensive damage. However, there is an area in the middle that is normally very calm, with no rain or clouds, even allowing the blue sky to be seen.

If we try to run away from difficulties that we encounter in our lives, they will follow us relentlessly. If we continue trying to run, we may end up exhausted in mind and body. In such a situation, some of us may even find that our facial features begin to change.

The alternative is to stop trying to run away and, instead, face the storm head-on. Letting go of our worries, thoughts, and ideas, we can leave everything to God the Parent. We can leap into God the Parent’s embrace where we will find that calm area, the eye of the typhoon, where peace and serenity will allow our mind to thrive again.



There are some who look calm and collected in the middle of what seems to us to be an extremely difficult situation, such as a serious illness or some other grave circumstances. Those people have found the eye of the storm.

Oyasama's Divine Model was a series of severe storms. She lived in the depths of poverty, was subjected to slander and ridicule by fellow villagers, and endured persecution at the hands of the authorities. Yet the way She went about her daily life showed absolutely no hint of sadness or sorrow.

Even though She was treated harshly by the police during Her detention, She tried to offer a cake to an officer who looked bored. She embraced everyone with infinite loving-kindness, saying, "Those who oppose Me are also children dear to My heart."

In every violent storm She encountered, She found its eye and remained calm, composed, and serene.

