

## Kee-Won Hong story and choice to reject

Hi - Kee-Won Hong, 40 years old, married (my wife is not professing). Let me first say that I try to choose my words carefully during this time, even though it is hard to express my full sentiment here.

My mother and father professed after coming to the states from Korea after college. I was raised in the church and professed during high school. My faith in God and the way Jesus taught has always been one of the most important parts of my life, but like many here I have found the church has not always been an embodiment of the example Jesus set. I found that my faith was on a more personal level than simply following the rule of the church, which was reinforced in discovering the history of the church as a relatively recently founded institution (which is available on Wikipedia under 'two by two').

I have regularly attended meeting and found fellowship and many friends to be deeply helpful in making me a better person and sustaining my faith, but have recognized the church and workers as a human organization with human flaws. The recent revelations have confirmed some of my worst fears, and I feel there can be no justification or support of such an organization as it is currently structured and operated. Am deeply thankful for everyone who is helping, supporting and speaking out here, and hope we can enact real change.