

God Loves All His Children

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Jumal armastab kõiki oma lapsi

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What does our Heavenly Father desire from you? Do you understand that when you were in your premortal existence, Heavenly Father was preparing you for your life on earth? Speaking to youth, President Russell M. Nelson taught, “Our Heavenly Father has reserved many of His most noble spirits—perhaps ... His finest team—for this final phase.” Because we have been reserved for these latter days, it is crucial for us to learn to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd, and He knows His flock, and the flock knows its Shepherd because “he calleth his own sheep by name.” He is always calling upon us, and He uses us, His ordinary servants, to help bring His children to Him.

A while ago, a stake president and I were visiting members of the Church in a local neighborhood. After we finished our scheduled visits, the stake president asked me if we could go see one more family. He felt impressed that we should talk with them.

We knocked on the door, and a sister opened it. She looked at me, but she didn’t know who I was, so she didn’t express much. I pointed my hand toward the stake president, who greeted her by name. As soon as she heard and saw him, she rejoiced. Standing there at the door, they both hugged each other and cried together. This set the tone for our visit. We didn’t know that the sister had received chemotherapy the day before. She felt too weak to care for her adult son. So I helped the stake president dress her son, and

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Mida meie Taevane Isa teilt soovib? Kas te mõistate, et kui te olite surelikkusele eelnenu elus, valmistas Taevane Isa teid ette eluks maa peal? Kõneledes noortele, õpetas president Russell M. Nelson: „Meie Taevane Isa on hoidnud paljusid oma kõige õilsamaid hingesid, võiks lausa öelda, et oma parima võistkonna, selle viimase faasi jaoks.” Kuna meid on hoitud selleks viimseks ajaks, on meil ülioluline õppida, kuidas olla Jeesuse Kristuse jüngrid.

Issand Jeesus Kristus on Hea Karjane ja Ta tunneb oma karja ning kari tunneb oma Karjast, kuna „ta kutsub omi lambaid nimepidi”. Ta kutsus meid kogu aeg ja kasutab meie, oma tavaliste teenijate abi, et Ta lapsi Tema juurde tuua.

Mõni aeg tagasi külastasin ma koos ühe vaiajuhatajaga Kiriku kohaliku naabruskonna liikmeid. Kui me olime planeeritud külaskäigud lõpetanud, küsis vaiajuhataja, kas me võiksime käia veel ühe pere juures. Ta tundis õhutust, et peaksime nendega rääkima.

Koputasime uksele ja üks õde avas selle. Ta vaatas mulle otsa, kuid ei teadnud, kes ma olen, ja ei öelnud seega suurt midagi. Osutasin käega vaiajuhataja poole, kes tervitas teda nimepidi. Niipea, kui ta teda kuulis ja nägi, sai ta rõõmsaks. Mõlemad kallistasid teineteist sealsamas uksele seistes ja valasid üheskoos pisaraid. See lõi meie külastusele meeleolu. Me ei teadnud, et õde oli saanud päev varem keemiaravi. Ta oli liiga nõrk, et oma täiskasvanud poja eest hoolitseda. Nii aitasin ma vaiajuhatajal naise poega riidesse panna

we put him in his wheelchair. We fed him the food that another sweet sister from the ward had brought earlier, and we helped with other tasks. Before we left their home, we were able to bless them.

All that was going through my mind during this visit was a confirmation that Jesus Christ loves them deeply. He understands them and personally knows the pain of their unique situation. Almost the entire visit happened in silence. On this occasion we did not give a big sermon or share our favorite scripture, but the Lord blessed us with His Spirit abundantly.

One of the greatest reasons your Heavenly Father sent you here at this time is so that you can realize your full potential. Preach My Gospel teaches us that as disciples of Christ, we should avoid comparing ourselves to one another. Your spiritual abilities are unique, personal, and innate, and your Heavenly Father wants to help you develop them. There will always be someone you can help feel the love of your Heavenly Father. Your potential is divine. While it's certainly important to prepare yourself to succeed in this very competitive world, one of your crucial missions throughout your life is to become a disciple of Jesus Christ and to follow the impressions of the Spirit. As you do this, God will bless your life; He will bless your current or future family; and He will bless the lives of His children who you encounter.

We live in a time of great opportunity. Although we face many difficulties, I know they are there in part to allow us to help others feel the love of our Heavenly Father. President Nelson taught, "In coming days, we will see the greatest manifestations of the Savior's power that the world has ever seen." We have the privilege to watch over people who need a helping hand, an embrace, a feeling of comfort, or for us simply to be with them in silence. If we can help lighten their burdens, even if only for a moment, then we will be able to see the great manifestations of the Savior's power in their lives.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, Latter-day Saints can make a positive difference in the world. We can provide a sense of joy that is reflected in our countenance—a joy that we share with words of love and acts of kindness. Let us be good neighbors, good employers, good workers. Let us strive to be good Christians at all times.

The Lord has restored His gospel with the

ja me tõstame ta tema ratastooli. Me toitsime teda söögiga, mille üks teine armas õde oli varem kohale toimetanud, ja aitasime teiste ülesannetega. Enne nende kodust lahkumist õnnestus meil neid ka õnnistada.

Kõik, millele ma selle külaskäigu ajal mõtlesin, kinnitas mulle, kui sügavalt Jeesus Kristus neid armastab. Ta mõistab neid ja teab isiklikult, kui valus on nende ainulaadne olukord. Peaaegu kogu see külaskäik toimus vaikuses. Seekord ei pidanud me suurt jutlust ega jaganud oma lemmikut pühakirjakohta, kuid Issand õnnistas meid külluslikult oma Vaimuga.

Üks tähtsamaid põhjuseid, miks teie Taevane Isa teid just sel ajal siia saatis, on see, et te võiksite saavutada oma täit potentsiaali. „Jutlusta minu evangeeliumi” õpikus õpetatakse, et me ei peaks end Kristuse jüngritena üksteisega kõrvutama. Teil on ainulaadsed, isiklikud ja kaasasündinud vaimsed võimed ja teie Taevane Isa tahab aidata teil neid arendada. Alati on keegi, kellel te saate aidata tunda oma Taevase Isa armastust. Teie võimekus on jumalik. Kindlasti on oluline end ette valmistada, et selles väga konkurentsitingimustes maailmas edu saavutada, kuid üks olulisi missioone on saada elu jooksul Jeesuse Kristuse jüngriks ja järgida Vaimu õhutusi. Kui te seda teete, õnnistab Jumal teie elu, Ta õnnistab teie praegust või tulevast perekonda ja Ta õnnistab ka oma laste elu, kellega te kokku puutute.

Me elame võimalusterohkel ajal. Ma tean, et ka paljude raskustega silmitsi seistes on need raskused osalt selleks, et lasta meil aidata teistel meie Taevase Isa armastust tunda. President Nelson on õpetanud: „Eesootavatel päevadel näeme Päästja väesuurimaidilminguid, mida maailmkuinaginäinud on.” Meil on eriline võimalus pidada valvet inimeste üle, kes vajavad abikätt, kallistust, trööstitunnet või kasvõi seda, et me vaikselt nendega oleksime. Kui me saame aidata nende koormaid kasvõi hetkeks kergendada, näeme nende elus suuri Päästja väe ilminguid.

Viimse aja pühad saavad Jeesuse Kristuse jüngritena maailma paremaks muuta. Me saame pakkuda meie endi näoilmes peegelduvat rõõmutunnet, sellist rõõmu, mida jagame armastavate sõnade ja lahkete tegudega. Olgem head naabrid, head tööandjad, head töötajad. Püüdkem olla igal ajal head kristlased.

Issand on taastanud oma evangeeliumi koos

necessary ordinances so that Heavenly Father's children can have all the promises that bind us to Him. By helping our sisters and brothers in their daily challenges, let us also remember to help them make and keep these sacred promises with their Heavenly Father so that He in turn can promise them the richest blessings for this life and for eternity. These promises are only made possible through the Restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ and His priesthood keys.

In other words, we can help others stay on the covenant path. Some of us deviate from the path from time to time, and so we must remember that for our Heavenly Father we always have the possibility of returning. Even if our course is not the most perfect, the Savior always reminds us, "As oft as [we repent] and [seek] forgiveness, with real intent, [we will be] forgiven."

One of the crafts of the adversary today is to make us think and believe that there is no way for us to change or that we no longer have hope. This destructive thinking causes many of us to stop trying. And it is at this moment when our love, our words of encouragement and support, our time, and our help can give someone hope enough to try once more.

Maybe you are thinking, "OK, but who ministers to me?" By going and blessing the lives of our brothers and sisters, we will collect testimonies that will fill our lives with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. These testimonies will revitalize us to try once more ourselves. The Holy Spirit will revive us and help us with renewed testimonies to continue with our own difficulties and personal trials. Whenever we seek to bless the lives of others, the Lord takes mercy upon us even more; He strengthens us and helps us in our lives.

Please remember that the Lord Jesus Christ is your Savior and understands you personally. He knows what it is to have to fulfill a calling and leave things behind to help the children of God. He has the power to bless you in everything if you believe in Him and do not doubt.

My dear brothers and sisters, on that day when a priesthood leader felt impressed for us to visit a mother and a son that we did not have on our agenda, I proclaim that God knew they needed us. And at the end, I was the one who was ministered to. On that day, I received one of the greatest lessons of the Savior's love for us.

I testify that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world, that He lives, that He lived and died for

vajalike talitustega, et Taevase Isa lastel oleksid kõik lubadused, mis meid Temaga seovad. Kui me oma õdedele ja vendadele nende igapäevastes väljakutsetes abiks oleme, siis pidagem meeles aidata neil ka sõlmida oma Taevase Isaga neid pühi lubadusi ja neist kinni pidada, et Ta saaks omalt poolt lubada neile rikkalikemaid õnnistusi selleks eluks ja kogu igavikuks. Need töötused on võimalikud üksnes Jeesuse Kristuse evangeeliumi ja Ta preesterluse võtmete taastamise tõttu.

Teisisõnu saame aidata teistel lepingurajal püsida. Osa meist kaldub sellelt rajalt aeg-ajalt kõrvale ja nii tuleb meil meeles pidada, et meie Taevase Isa silmis on meil alati võimalus tagasi tulla. Isegi kui meie rada pole kõige täiuslikum, tuletab Päästja meile alati meelde: „Nii sageli, kui [me] paranda[me] meelt ja otsi[me] andestust tõsise kavatsusega, [m]eile ka andestat[akse].”

Nüüdisajal on üks vastase kunsttükke panna meid arvama ja uskuma, et meil pole mingit võimalust muutuda või et meil pole enam lootust. See purustav mõtteviis paneb paljusid meist isegi üritamast loobuma. Ja just sellisel hetkel võivad meie armastus, meie julgustussõnad ja tugi, meie aeg ja meie abi anda kellelegi piisavalt lootust, et veelkord proovida.

Võib-olla mõtlete, et „heakene küll, aga kes mind teenib?”. Kui me läheme ja õnnistame oma vendade ja õdede elu, kogume tunnistusi, mis täidavad meie elu usuga Issandasse Jeesusesse Kristusesse. Need tunnistused annavad meile uut elujõudu ka ise veelkord proovida. Püha Vaim taaselustab meid ja aitab meil uuenenud tunnistusega omaenda raskuste ja isiklike katsumustega edasi toimetada. Alati, kui me püüame õnnistada kellegi teise elu, on Issand meie vastu veelgi halastavam, Ta tugevdab ja aitab meid elus.

Palun pidage meeles, et Issand Jeesus Kristus on teie Päästja ja Ta mõistab teid isiklikult. Ta teab, mida see tähendab, kui te peate kutset täitma ja osa asju jääb Jumala laste aitamise tõttu tegemata. Tal on vägi teid kõiges õnnistada, kui te Temasse usute ega kahtle.

Mu kallid vennad ja õed! Ma kuulutan, et kui see preesterluse juht tundis tol päeval õhutust külastada ema ja poega, kes polnud meie ajakavas, teadis Jumal, et nad meid vajavad. Ja lõpuks olin mina see, keda teeniti. Ma sain tol päeval ühe suurima õppetunni, kuidas Päästja meid armastab.

Ma tunnistan, et Jeesus Kristus on maailma Päästja, et Ta elab, et Ta elas ja suri teie ja minu

you and me, and that He was resurrected for you and me so that we can aspire to celestial reunions full of joy with those who are already on the other side of the veil. I know that He understands you and me perfectly. He understands each of our difficult moments, and He has the power to help us in those moments when we feel most vulnerable. I know that the Lord Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father appeared to Joseph Smith to restore the gospel in these days. I know that our dear prophet, President Russell M. Nelson, is a prophet of the Lord, and I testify of these things in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

eest ning et Ta tõusis ka üles teie ja minu pärast, et me võiksime pürgida rõõmuküllaste seestiliste jälleägemiste poole nendega, kes on juba teisel pool eesriiet. Ma tean, et Ta mõistab meid teiega täiuslikult. Ta mõistab kõiki meie keerulisi hetki ja Tal on vägi aidata meid just nendel hetkedel, mil tunneme end kõige haavatavamana. Ma tean, et Issand Jeesus Kristus ja meie Taevane Isa ilmusid Joseph Smithile, et neil päevil evangeelium taastada. Ma tean, et meie kallis prohvet president Russell M. Nelson on Issanda prohvet, ja ma tunnistan sellest Jeesuse Kristuse nimel, aamen.