

The Triumph of Hope

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Ti Panagballigi ti Namnama

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My dear brothers and sisters across the world, as we begin this very special time of general conference, the eyes of heaven will certainly be focused upon us. We will hear the voice of the Lord through His servants; we will feel the “guiding, directing, [and] comforting” influence of the Holy Ghost, and our faith will be strengthened.

Three years ago, President Russell M. Nelson began general conference with these words: “Pure revelation for the questions in your heart will make this conference rewarding and unforgettable. If you have not yet sought for the ministering of the Holy Ghost to help you hear what the Lord would have you hear during these two days, I invite you to do so now. Please make this conference a time of feasting on messages from the Lord through His servants.”

The scriptures link three words powerfully together: faith, hope, charity. The gift of hope is a priceless endowment from God.

The word hope is used for many things we want to happen. For example, “I hope it won’t rain,” or “I hope our team wins.” My intent is to speak of our sacred and eternal hopes centered in Jesus Christ and the restored gospel and our “confident expectation[s] of ... the promised blessings of righteousness.”

Our Hope for Eternal Life

Ti namnama ket sibibiag a sagut, maysa a sagut a dumur-as bayat ti panangpatibkertayo iti pammattitayo ken ni Jesucristo.

Patpatgek a kakabsatko, iti panangrugitayo iti daytoy naisangsangayan a panawen ti sapasap a komperensia, sigurado a maipamaysa kadatayo dagiti mata ti langit. Mangngegtayo ti timek ti Apo babaen kadagiti katulonganna; mariknatayo ti “mangiwawan, mangiturong, ken makaliwliwa” nga impluensia ti Espiritu Santo, ket mapatibker ti pammattitayo.

Tallo a tawen ti napalabas idi ni Presidente Russell M. Nelson rinugianna ti komperensia kadagitoy a balikas: “Ti puro a paltiing kadagiti saludsod iti pusoyo ti mamagbalin iti daytoy a komperensia a makagunggona ken di malipatan. No dikay pay nagkiddaw iti tulong ti Espiritu Santo tapno mangngegyo ti kayat ti Apo a mangngeganyo kadagitoy dua nga aldaw, awisenkayo nga aramidenyo itan. Aramidenyo koma daytoy a komperensia nga oras ti panagbussog kadagiti mensahe ti Apo babaen kadagiti katulonganna.”

Pagnanaigen ti nasantuan a kasuratan ti tallo a nabileg a balikas: pammati, namnama, kaasi. Ti sagut ti namnama ket di magatadan a sagut manipud iti Dios.

Ti sao anamnamaket mausar iti adu a banag a kayattayo a mapasamak. Kas pagarigan, “sapay koma ta di agtudo,” wenno “namnamaek a mangabak ti team-mi.” Panggepko ti agsarita maipapan kadagiti sagrado ken agnanayon a namnamatayo a naisentro ken ni Jesucristo ken ti naisubli nga ebanghelio, ken dagiti “natalek a namnamatayo iti ... naikari a bendision ti kinalinteg.”

Ti Namnamatayo iti Biag nga Agnanay-

Our hope of eternal life is assured through the grace of Christ and our own choices, allowing us the remarkable blessing of returning to our heavenly home and living forever in peace and happiness with our Heavenly Father, His Beloved Son, our faithful family and precious friends, and the righteous men and women from every continent and every century.

On earth we experience joy and sorrow as we are tested and proven. Our victory comes through faith in Jesus Christ as we triumph over our sins, difficulties, temptations, unfairness, and the challenges of this mortal life.

As we strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ, we see beyond our struggles to the blessings and promises of eternity. Like a light whose brilliance grows, hope brightens the darkened world, and we see our glorious future.

Hope Comes from God

Since the beginning, our Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son have eagerly blessed the righteous with the precious gift of hope.

After leaving the garden, Adam and Eve were taught by an angel of the promise of Jesus Christ. The gift of hope enlightened their lives. Adam declared, “My eyes are opened, and in this life I shall have joy.” Eve spoke of “the joy of [their] redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient.”

Just as the Holy Ghost brought hope to Adam, the power of the Lord’s Spirit enlightens the faithful today, illuminating the reality of eternal life.

The Savior sends us a Comforter, the Holy Ghost, a companion bringing faith, hope, and peace “not as the world giveth.”

“In the world,” the Savior said, “ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer [keep a brightness of hope]; I have overcome the world.”

In times of difficulty, we choose to trust the Lord in faith. We quietly pray, “Not my will but thine be done.” We feel the Lord’s approval for

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Masigurado ti namnamatayo iti biag nga agnanayon babaen ti parabur ni Cristo ken dagiti pilitayo, a mangipaay iti naisangsangayan a bendision a panagsubli iti nailangitan a pagtaengantayo ken agbiag nga agnanayon iti talna ken ragsak a kadua ti Nailangitan nga Amatayo, ti Anakna, ti napudno a pamilia ken gagayyem-tayo, ken dagiti nalinteg a tao manipud iti tunggal kontinente ken siglo.

Ditoy a mapasarrantayo ti rag-o ken ladingit bayat ti pannakasubok ken pannakapaneknemtayo. Umay ti balligitayo babaen ti pammati ken ni Jesucristo bayat ti panagballigitayo kadagiti basbasoltayo, rigat, sulisog, kinaawan hustisia, ken karit iti daytoy mortal a biag.

Bayat ti panangpatibkertayo iti pammatitayo ken ni Jesucristo, makitatayo a temporario dagiti panagrigattayo ngem kadagiti bendision ken kari nga agnanayon. Kas iti lawag a dumakdakkal ti kinaraniagna, ti namnama ti mangsilnag iti nasipnget a lubong, ket makitatayo ti nadayag a masakbayantayo.

Ti Namnama Aggapu iti Dios

Sipud idi punganay, sigagagar a binendisionan ti Nailangitan nga Amatayo ken ti Anakna dagiti nalinteg babaen ti napateg a sagut ti namnama.

Kalpasan ti ipapanawda iti hardin, insuro ti maysa nga anghel kada Adan ken Eva ti kari ni Jesucristo. Ti sagut ti namnama ti nanglawlawag iti biagda. Kinuna ni Adan, “Nalukatan dagiti matak, ken maaddaanak iti rag-o itoy a biag.” Nagsao ni Eva maipapan iti “rag-o iti pannakasubbotda, ken ti agnanayon a biag nga ited ti Dios kadagiti amin a managtungpal.”

Kas ti panangyeg ti Espiritu Santo ti namnama ken ni Adan, ti bileg ti Espiritu ti Apo ti manglawlawag kadagiti napudno ita, a mangsilnag iti kinapudno ti biag nga agnanayon.

Ibaon ti Mangisalakan ti Mangliwliwa, ti Espiritu Santo, maysa a kadua a mangyeg iti pammati, namnama, ken talna a “saan a kas iti panangited ti lubong.”

“Ditoy lubong,” kinuna ti Mangisalakan, “parigatennakayto: ngem papigsaenyo ti nake-myo; naparmekkon ti lubong.”

Iti panawen ti rigat, pilientayo ti agtalek iti Apo nga addaan pammati. Siuulimek nga ikararagtayo, “Saan a maaramid ti pagayatak no di

our meek willingness, and we await the promised peace the Lord will send in His chosen timing.

The Apostle Paul taught, “The God of hope [will] fill you with ... joy and peace ... , that ye may abound in hope;” “rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation;” “through the power of the Holy Ghost.”

A Lesson of Hope

The prophet Moroni knew firsthand about having hope in Christ during tribulation. He explained his harrowing situation:

“I am alone. ... I have not ... whither to go.”

“I make not myself known ... lest they should destroy me.”

Remarkably, in this dark and lonely hour, Moroni records his father’s words of hope:

“If a man have faith he must needs have hope; for without faith there cannot be any hope.”

“What is it that ye shall hope for? ... Ye shall have hope through the atonement of Christ and the power of his resurrection, to be raised unto life eternal.”

My brothers and sisters, hope is a living gift, a gift that grows as we increase our faith in Jesus Christ. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for.” We build this substance—the evidence blocks of our faith—through prayer, temple covenants, keeping the commandments, continually feasting on the scriptures and the words of modern-day prophets, taking the sacrament, serving others, and worshipping weekly with our fellow Saints.

A House of Hope

To fortify our hope in a time of increasing wickedness, the Lord has directed His prophet to dot the earth with His temples.

As we enter the Lord’s house, we feel the Spirit of God, verifying our hope.

The temple testifies of the empty tomb and

ket ti pagayatam.” Mariknatayo ti anamong ti Apo iti napakumbaba a kinatuloktayo, ken ur-uray-entayo ti naikari a talna nga ibaonto ti Apo iti tiempo a pinilina.

Insuro ni Apostol Pablo, “Ti Dios a pag-gapuan ti namnama, punwennakayo iti ... rag-o ken talna ... , tapno dumakkel ti namnamayo,” “siraragsak gapu iti namnamayo; ibturanyo dagiti rigatyon;” “babaen ti pannakabalin ti Espiritu Santo.”

Maysa a Leksion ti Namnama

Ammo ni propeta Moroni ti maipapan iti kaadda ti namnama ken Cristo bayat ti panagrigat. Inlawlawagna ti makapaupay a kasa-saadna:

“Maymaysaak. ... Awan ... asino man a papanak.”

“Saanko nga inyam-ammo ti bagik ... aman-gan ta patayendak.”

Nakaskasdaaw ta iti daytoy nasipngat ken naliday nga oras, insurat ni Moroni dagiti balikas ti namnama ni amana.

“Gapuna, no adda pammati ti tao masapul nga adda namnamana; ta no awan ti pammati awan ti uray ania a namnama.”

“Ania ti namnamaenyo? ... Addanto namnamayo gapu iti panangsubbot ni Cristo ken ti pannakabalin ti panagungarna, nga agungar iti biag nga agnanayon.”

Kakabsatko, ti namnama ket sibibiag a sagut, maysa a sagut a dumur-as bayat ti panangpat-ibkertayo iti pammatitayo ken ni Jesucristo. “Ti pammati ti pammataged kadagiti banag a ninamnama.” Bangonentayo daytoy a banag—ti pammaneknek a bloke ti pammatitayo—babaen ti kararag, dagiti katulagan iti templo, panangtungpal kadagiti bilin, agtultuloy a panagpiesta iti nasantuan a kasuratan ken dagiti balikas dagiti propeta ita, pannakiranud iti sakramento panagserbi iti dadduma, ken panagdaydayaw iti linawas a kadua dagiti padatayo a Santo.

Balay ti Namnama

Tapno mapatibker ti namnamatayo iti panawen nga umad-adu ti kinadakes, binilin ti Apo ti propetana a mangpunno iti daga kadagiti templona.

Bayat ti iseserrektayo iti balay ti Apo, mari-knatayo ti Espiritu ti Dios, a mangpaneknek iti namnamatayo.

Ti templo paneknekanna ti awan nagyannan

that life beyond the veil continues for all.

For those who do not have an eternal companion, the ordinances powerfully confirm that every righteous person will receive every promised blessing.

There is sublime hope as a young couple kneels across the altar to be sealed, not just for time but for eternity.

There is an immensity of hope for us in the promises made to our posterity, whatever their current circumstances.

There is no pain, no sickness, no injustice, no suffering, nothing that can darken our hope as we believe and hold tightly to our covenants with God in the house of the Lord. It is a house of light, a house of hope.

When Hope Is Discarded

We shed tears of sorrow as we see the sadness and despair in those who have no hope in Christ.

I recently observed from a distance a couple who at one time had faith in Christ but then decided to discard their belief. They were successful in the world, and they found pleasure in their intellect and the rejection of their faith.

All seemed well until the husband, still young and energetic, suddenly fell ill and died. Like an eclipse of the sun, they had blocked the light of the Son, and the result was an eclipse of hope. The wife, in her disbelief, now felt disoriented, painfully unprepared, unable to comfort her children. Her intellect had told her that her life was in perfect order until suddenly she could see no tomorrow. Her despair brought darkness and confusion.

Hope in Heartbreaking Tragedy

Let me contrast her painful despair with another family's hope in Christ during a heartbreaking time.

Twenty-one years ago the newborn son of my nephew Ben Andersen and his wife, Robbie, was life-flighted from their Idaho farming community to Salt Lake City. I arrived at the hospital, and Ben explained the severe, life-threatening complications with their baby's heart. We placed our hands on Trey's tiny head. The Lord blessed

a tanem ken agtultuloy ti biag kalpasan ti ipapayat para iti amin.

Para kadagiti saan a naasawaan, nabileg a pasingkedan dagiti ordinansa nga umawat ti tunggal nalinteg a tao ti amin a naikari a bendision.

Adda natan-ok a namnama bayat nga agparintumeng ti agassawa iti altar tapno mailan-tipda, saan laeng a para iti daytoy a biag no di ket iti agnanayon.

Adda dakkel a namnama para kadayo kadagiti kari a naited kadagiti kaputotantayo, aniaman ti agdama a kasasaadda.

Awan ti saem, sakit, kinaawan hustisia, panagsagaba, ti mangpakapsot iti namnamatayo bayat a mamatitayo ken sititibker a tungpalentayo dagiti katulagantayo iti Dios iti balay ti Apo. Maysa daytoy a balay ti lawag, balay ti namnama.

No Mailaksid ti Namnama

Agladingittayo no makitatayo ti panagliday ken pannakaupay dagidiay awan ti namnamada ken ni Cristo.

Nabiit pay a napaliwko ti maysa nga agassawa a namati idi ngem kalpasanna inkeddengda a tinallikudan ti pammatida. Naballigida iti lubong, ket nagrag-oda iti kinasiribda ken iti panangilaksidda iti pammatida.

Kasla nasayaat ti amin agingga a nagsakit ken natay ti asawa a lalaki, nga ubing ken naregta pay laeng. Kas iti eklipse ti init, linapdandanda ti lawagti Anak, ket ti resultana isu ti eklipse ti namnama. Gapu ta nadismaya unay ti asawa a babai, nariribukan, saan a nakasagana, ket dina kabaelan a liwliwaen dagiti annakna. Imbagbaga ti panunotna a nasayaaten ti biagna agingga a kellaat nga awanen ti masakbayanna. Ti panna-kaupayna ti nangyeg iti kinasipnget ken panna-kariribuk.

Namnama iti Nakaro a Trahedia

Palubosandak nga idiligko ti nasaem a panna-kaupayna iti namnama ti sabali a familia ken Cristo bayat ti makapaladingit a panawen.

Duapulo ket maysa a tawenen ti napalabas, a ti kappasngay nga anak ti kaanakak a ni Ben Andersen, ken ti asawana a ni Robbie, ket naibiyahe manipud Idaho a nagturong idia Salt Lake City. Simmangpetak iti ospital, ket inlawlawag ni Ben ti nakaro, mamagpeggad-biag a komplikasion iti puso ti maladagada. Imparabawmi dagiti imami

him with continued life.

Trey had heart surgery the first week of his life, and more surgeries followed. As the years passed, it became apparent that Trey would need a heart transplant. Although his physical activities were limited, his faith expanded. He wrote, "I have never felt sorry for myself because I have always known the importance of having faith in Jesus Christ and a testimony of the plan of salvation."

Trey kept on his phone this well-known quote from President Nelson: "The joy we feel has little to do with the circumstances of our lives and everything to do with the focus of our lives."

Trey wrote: "I have always looked forward to serving a full-time mission, but ... my doctors won't let me serve a mission until at least a year after my transplant. ... I've put my faith in Jesus Christ."

Trey was excited at being accepted into the accounting major at BYU beginning this semester, but even more excited in late July when he received the very anticipated telephone call to come to the hospital for his heart transplant.

"One year," Trey said, "and I will be on my mission."

There were great expectations as he entered the operating room. However, during the surgery there were devastating complications, and Trey never regained consciousness.

His mother, Robbie, said: "Friday had been the most heartbreaking day ... just trying to wrap our minds around it. ... I had stayed up late just trying to process everything. ... But Saturday, I woke up with a feeling of absolute joy. It wasn't just peace; it wasn't denial. I felt joy for my son, and I felt joy as his mother. ... Ben had gotten up a lot earlier than me, and when we finally got a chance to talk, Ben had awakened with the exact same feeling."

Ben explained: "Clarity came to my soul as God taught me through His Holy Spirit. I awoke at 4:00 a.m. and was filled with indescribable peace and joy. How is this possible? ... The passing of Trey is so very painful, and I miss him so much. But the Lord does not leave us comfortless. ... I look forward to a joyful reunion."

iti bassit nga ulo ni Trey. Binendisionan ti Apo iti agtultuloy a biag.

Naoperaan ni Trey iti puso iti umuna a lawas ti biagna, ket simmaruno ti adu pay nga operation. Bayat ti panaglabas dagiti tawen, nabatad a kasapulan ni Trey ti heart transplant. Nupay limitado ti pisikal nga aktibidadna, dimmakel ti pammatina. Insuratna, "Diak pulos naladingitan gapu ta kanayon nga ammok ti kinapateg ti kaadda ti pammati ken ni Jesucristo ken pammaneknek iti plano ti pannakaisalakan."

Pinagtalinaed ni Trey iti teleponona daytoy nalatak a sasao ni Presidente Nelson: "Ti rag-o a mariknatayo ket bassit ti pakainaiganna iti kasasaad iti biagtayo ngem ti amin ket mainaig no ania ti pokus iti biagtayo."

Insurat ni Trey: "Kanayon a segseggaak ti agserbi iti full-time mision, ngem ... di ipalubos dagiti doktorko agingga iti di kumurang a makatawen kalpasan ti pannaka-transplant-ko.... Intalekko ti pammatik ken ni Jesucristo."

Maragsakan ni Trey a naawat iti accounting major iti BYU a mangrugi itoy a semestre, ngem ad-adda pay a magagaran idi Hulio idi naawatna ti awag iti telepono a mapan iti ospital para iti heart transplant-na.

"Maysa a tawen," kinuna ni Trey, "ket addaakto iti misionkon."

Dakel ti inanama bayat ti iseserrekena iti operating room. Nupay kasta, bayat ti operasion adda dagiti nakaro a komplikasion, ket saanen a pulos a nakapuot ni Trey.

Kinuna ti inana a ni Robbie: "Ti Biernes ket ti aldaw a makapaladingit unay ... padpadasenmi nga awaten. ... Nabayag a nakariingak tapno lang maawatak ti amin. ... Ngem iti Sabado, nakariingak nga addaan iti naan-anay a rag-o. Saan laeng a talna dayta; saan met a panangilibak. Maragsakanak iti anakko, ken maragsakanak kas inana. ... Nasapsapa a bimmangon ni Ben ngem siak, ket idi nakapagsaritakami met laengen, nakariing ni Ben a kasta met laeng ti riknana."

Imbaga ni Ben: "Nalawlawagan ti panunot ken riknak bayat nga insuro kaniak ti Dios babaen ti Nasantuan nga Espirituna. Nakariingak iti alas 4:00 ti parbangon ket napnoak iti di mailadawan a talna ken rag-o. Kasano a posible daytoy? ... Nasakit unay ti ipapatay ni Trey, ket mailiwak unay kenkuana. Ngem ti Apo saannatayo a baybay-an nga awanan liwliwa. ... Sigagagarak a mangnamnama iti naragsak a panagtitiponto manen."

The Promise of Hope

Trey had noted in his journal these words from President Nelson’s general conference talk: “It doesn’t seem possible to feel joy when your child suffers with an incurable illness or when you lose your job or when your spouse betrays you. Yet that is precisely the joy the Savior offers. His joy is constant, assuring us that our ‘afflictions shall be but a small moment’ [Doctrine and Covenants 121:7] and be consecrated to our gain.”

Brothers and sisters, the peace you seek may not come as quickly as you desire, but I promise you that as you trust in the Lord, His peace will come.

May we nurture our precious faith, pressing forward with a perfect brightness of hope. I testify that our hope is our Savior, Jesus Christ. Through Him, all our righteous dreams will be realized. He is the God of hope—the triumph of hope. He lives and He loves you. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Ti Kari ti Namnama

Insurat ni Trey iti journalna daytoy a sasao manipud iti mensahe ni Presidente Nelson: “Kas-la saan a posible a marikna ti rag-o no agsagaba ti anakmo iti saan a maagasan a sakit wenno no napukawmo ti trabahom wenno no niliputan-naka ti asawam. Ngem dayta ti pudno a rag-o nga idiaya ti Mangisalakan. Manayon ti rag-ona, a mangipatpatalged kadatayo a dagiti “panag-tutuoktayo ket apagkanito laeng” [Doktrina ken Katulagan 121:7] ken mapasanto para iti pagimbagantayo.”

Kakabsatko, ti talna a sapsapulenyio mabalin a saan a dumteng a dagus a kas iti tarigagayyo, ngem ikarik kadakayo a no agtalekkayo iti Apo, dumtengto ti talna.

Sapay koma ta papigsaentayo ti napateg a pammatitayo, nga agtultuloytayo nga addaan iti naan-anay a kinalawag ti namnama. Paneknekak a ti namnamatayo ket ti Mangisalakantayo a ni Jesucristo. Babaen Kenkuana, matungpalto amin a nalinteg nga arapaaptayo. Isu ti Dios ti namnama—ti balligi ti namnama. Sibibiag ken ay-ayatennakayo. Iti nagan ni Jesucristo, amen.