

God Loves All His Children

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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

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O le a le mea e finagalo i ai lo tatou Tama Faalelagi mai ia te oe? Pe ua e malamalama a o e i ai i lou muai olaga, sa saunia oe e le Tama Faalelagi mo lou olaga i le lalolagi? O le tala-noa atu i le autalavou, na aoao atu ai Peresitene Russell M. Nelson e faapea “Sa faapolopolo e lo tatou Tama Faalelagi Ana agaga aupito sili ona tamalii—atonu ... o Lana ‘au aupito lelei—mo le toe laasaga leni.” Talu ai ua faapolopoloina i tatou mo nei aso e gata ai, e taua tele mo i tatou le aoao e avea ma soo o Iesu Keriso.

O le Alii o Iesu Keriso o le Leoleo Mamoe Lelei, ma e Na Te silafia Lana lafu, ma e iloa e le lafu lona Leoleo Mamoe aua “e valaauina e ia ana lava mamoe i o latou igoa.” E valaau mai pea o Ia ia i tatou, ma e Na te faaaogaina i tatou, o Ana auauna masani, e fesoasoani e aumai Ana fanau ia te Ia.

I se taimi ua mavae, sa ma asiasi atu ai ma se peresitene o le siteki i tagata o le Ekalesia i se pitonuu i le lotoifale. Ina ua maea le ma asiasiga faatulagaina, sa fesili mai le peresitene o le siteki ia te au pe mafai ona ma o e vaai se isi aiga se tasi. Sa ia lagona le uunaiga e tataua ona ma talanoa ma i latou.

Sa ma tuitui i le faitotoa ma sa tatala e se tuafafine. Sa ia tilotilo mai ia te au, ae sa na le iloa po o ai au, o lea sa le tele ai ni ana faamatalaga. Sa faasino atu lo’u lima i le peresitene o le siteki, o le na faafeiloaia o ia i lona igoa. O le taimi lava na faalogo ai o ia ma vaai ia te ia, sa olioli o ia. A o tutu ai iina i le faitotoa, sa fusi e le tasi le isi ma fetagisi faatasi. O leni mea na seti ai le tulaga mo

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 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.

la ma asiasiga. Ma te lei iloaina na faia se togafiti o le kimo a le tuafafine i le aso na muamua atu. Sa ia lagonaina le vaivai tele e tausia ai lona atalii matua. O lea, sa ou fesoasoani ai i le peresitene o le siteki e fai ofu o lana tama, ma tuu o ia i lona nofoa faataavalevale. Sa ma fagagaina o ia i meaai na aumaia muamua e se isi tuafafine alofa mai le uarota, ma sa ma fesoasoani i isi galuega. Ae ma te lei tuua lo latou fale, sa mafai ona ma faamanuiaina i laua.

Pau lava le mea na oo i lo'u mafaufau i le taimi o lenei asiasiga o se faamaoniga lea e alofa tele Iesu Keriso ia i laua. E malamalama o Ia ia i laua ma e silafia patino le tiga o lo laua tulaga uiga ese. Na toetoe lava o le asiasiga atoa na faia gugugu. I lenei taimi ma te lei tuuina atu ai se lauga tele pe faasoa atu se mau e sili ona ma fafia i ai, ae sa matuai faamanuiaina i ma'ua e le Alii i Lona Agaga.

O se tasi o mafuaaga silisili na auina mai ai oe e lou Tama Faalelagi iinei i le taimi lenei, ina ia mafai ona e iloaina lou gafatia atoatoa. Ua aoaoina i tatou e le Tala'i La'u Talaleleie faapea, i le aveai ai ma soo o Keriso, e tataua ona tatou aloese mai le faatusatusaina o i tatou lava i le tasi ma le isi. O ou tomai faaleagaga e tulaga ese, patino, ma e masani ai, ma e finagalo lou Tama Faalelagi e fesoasoani ia te oe e atiina ae na tomai. O le a i ai pea lava se tasi e mafai ona e fesoasoani i ai ia lagonaina le alofa o lou Tama Faalelagi. O lou gafatia e paia. E ui e mautinoa lava le taua o le saunia o oe lava ia e faamanuiaina i lenei lalolagi faatautava, ae o se tasi o au misiona taua i lou olaga atoa o le aveai lea ma se soo o Iesu Keriso ma mulimuli i uunaiga a le Agaga. A o e faia lenei mea, o le a faamanuiaina e le Atua lou olaga; o le a Ia faamanuiaina lou aiga i le taimi nei po o le lumanai; ma o le a Ia faamanuiaina olaga o Lana fanau o loo e fetaiai ai.

Ua tatou ola i se vaitaimi o avanoa maoae. E ui lava tatou te feagai ma le tele o faigata, ae ou te iloa o loo i ai iina i se vaega ina ia mafai ai ona tatou fesoasoani i isi ia lagonaina le alofa o lo tatou Tama Faalelagi. Na aoa mai Peresitene Nelson: "I aso a sau, o le a tatou vaai ai i le faailoagasili-silio le mana o le Faaola e le'i vaaimuamualava i ai le lalolagi." Ua tatou maua le avanoa e leoleo ai tagata o loo mana'omia se lima fesoasoani, se opo, se lagona o le faamāfanafanaga, po o le na ona tatou faatasi ma i latou ma le filemu. Afai e mafai ona tatou fesoasoani e faamāmā a latou avega, e tusa lava pe na o sina taimi, ona mafai

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 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.

lea ona tatou vaaia faaaliga silisili o le mana o le Faaola i o latou olaga.

I le avea ai ma soo o Iesu Keriso, e mafai e le Au Paia o Aso e Gata Ai ona faia se eseese lelei i le lalolagi. E mafai ona tatou tuuina atu se lagona o le olioli lea e atagia mai i o tatou foliga—o se olioli tatou te faasoa atu i upu o le alofa ma galuega agalelei. Ia avea i tatou ma tuaoi lelei, pule lelei o galuega, ma tagata faigaluega lelei. Se'i o tatou taumafai e avea ma Kerisiano lelei i taimi uma.

Ua toefuatai mai e le Alii Lana talalelei i sauniga e tata ai ina ia mafai ai e fanau a le Tama Faalelagi ona maua folafolaga uma e fusia ai i tatou ia te Ia. E ala i le fesoasoani atu i o tatou uso ma tuafafine i o latou luitau i aso taitasi, ia tatou manatua foi e fesoasoani ia i latou e faia ma tausia nei folafolaga paia ma lo latou Tama Faalelagi ina ia mafai ai e Ia ona folafola atu ia i latou faamanuiaga silisili mo lenei olaga ma le faavavau. O nei folafolaga e na o le Toefuataiga o le talalelei a Iesu Keriso ma Ana ki o le perisitua e mafai ai.

I se isi faaupuga, e mafai ona tatou fesoasoani i isi ia tumau i le ala o feagaiga. O nisi o i tatou e o ese mai le ala mai lea taimi i lea taimi, ma o lea e tata ai ona tatou manatua mo lo tatou Tama Faalelagi, e i ai lava i taimi uma lo tatou avanoa e toe foi mai ai. E tusa lava pe le sili ona atoatoa lo tatou ala, e faamanatu mai lava e le Faaola ia i tatou e faapea, “o le tele lava o taimi [tatou te salamo ai] ma [saili] le faamagaloga, ma le faamoemoe moni, [o le a] faamagaloina i tatou.”

O se tasi o galuega a le fili i aso nei o le faia lea ia tatou mafaufau ma talitonu e leai se auuala tatou te suia ai pe ua le toe i ai foi so tatou faamoemoe. O lenei mafaufauga faataumaoi ua mafua ai ona taofia i tatou mai le taumafai. Ma o le taimi lenei e mafai ai e lo tatou alofa, a tatou upu faamalosiua ma le lagolago, o tatou taimi, ma la tatou fesoasoani ona tuuina atu i se tasi le faamoemoe e toe taumafai ai.

Atonu o loo e mafaufau, “Ua lelei, ae o ai e auaina mai ia te au?” O le o atu ma faamanuiaina olaga o o tatou uso ma tuafafine, o le a tatou aoina mai ai molimau o le a faatumulia ai o tatou olaga i le faatuatua i le Alii o Iesu Keriso. O nei molimau o le a toe faaolaola ai i tatou e toe taumafai ai i tatou lava. O le a toe faaolaolaina i tatou e le Agaga Paia ma fesoasoani ia i tatou i molimau faafouina e faaauau ai pea i o tatou lava faigata ma tofotofoga patino. Soo se taimi lava tatou te saili ai e faamanuia olaga o isi, e sili

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 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.

atu ona alofa mutimutivale le Alii ia i tatou; Na te faamalosi i tatou ma fesoasoani ia i tatou i o tatou olaga.

Faamolemole ia manatua o le Alii o Iesu Keriso o lou Faaola ma e malamalama patino ia te oe. Na te silafia le uiga o le faataunuuna o se valaauga ma tuua mea ina ia fesoasoani ai i fanau a le Atua. Ua ia te Ia le mana e faamanuia ai oe i mea uma, pe afai e te talitonu ia te Ia ma aua le masalosalo.

O'u uso e ma tuafafine pele, i lena aso ina ua lagona ai e se taitai perisitua le musuia mo i ma'ua e asiasi i se tina ma se atalii e le'i i ai i la ma'ua lisi, ou te folafola atu na silafia e le Atua la te manaomia i ma'ua. Ma i le iuga, o a'u lea sa auauna mai i ai. I lena aso, sa ou maua ai se tasi o lesone silisili o le alofa o le Faaola mo i tatou.

Ou te molimau atu o Iesu Keriso o le Faaola o le lalolagi, o loo soifua o Ia, sa soifua o Ia ma maluu mo oe ma au, ma sa toetu mai o Ia mo oe ma a'u ina ia mafai ona tatou saili atu i ni faatasi-ga faaselesitila e tumu i le olioli ma i latou o e ua i ai i le isi itu o le veli. Ou te iloa e Na te malamalama atoatoa ia te oe ma a'u. E malamalama o Ia i o tatou taimi faigata taitasi, ma ua Ia te Ia le mana e fesoasoani ai ia i tatou i na taimi tatou te lagona ai le sili ona vaivai. Ou te iloa na faaali mai le Alii o Iesu Keriso ma lo tatou Tama Faalelagi ia Iosefa Samita e toefuatai mai le talalelei i nei aso. Ou te iloa o lo tatou perofeta pele, o Peresitene Russell M. Nelson, o se perofeta a le Alii, ma ou te molimau atu i lenei mea i le suafa o Iesu Keriso, amene.