

God Loves All His Children

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'Ua here te Atua i tāna mau tamari'i ato'a

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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

E pi'i noa ā Iesu Mesia ia tātou, 'e e fa'āhipa 'oia ia tātou, tāna mau tāvini mātauhia, nō te tauturu iāna 'ia 'āfa'i mai i tāna mau tamari'i iāna ra.

E aha tā tō tātou Metua i te ao ra e hina'aro nei ia 'outou ? 'Ua ta'a ānei ia 'outou ē i roto i tō 'outou ao hou teie nei orara'a tahuti, 'ua fa'aineine te Metua i te ao ra ia 'outou nō tō 'outou orara'a i ni'a i te fenua nei ? Mā te paraurā'a i te feiā 'āpī, 'ua ha'api'i te peresideni Russell M. Nelson, « ua fa'aherehere tō tātou Metua i te ao e rave rahi o tāna mau vārua hau atu i te hanahana—penei a e [...] tāna pupu maita i roa a e—nō teie tuha a hope a ». Nō te mea 'ua fa'ahereherehia tātou nō teie mau mahana hope'a nei, e mea titauhia ia tātou 'ia ha'api'i mai 'ia riro 'ei mau pipi nā Iesu Mesia.

'O te Fatu Iesu Mesia te Tia'i māmoe maita'i 'e 'ua 'ite maita'i 'oia i tāna nana, 'e 'ua 'ite maita'i tāna nana i tōna Tia'i māmoe nō te mea « e ta'o atu ā 'oia i tāna iho māmoe mā te fa'ahiti atu i te i'oa ». E pi'i noa ā 'oia ia tātou, 'e e fa'āhipa 'oia ia tātou, tāna mau tāvini, nō te tauturu iāna 'ia 'āfa'i mai i i tāna mau tamari'i iāna ra.

E mea maoro a'enei, 'ua tere atu vau 'e te hōē peresideni titi e fārerei i te mau melo nō te 'Ēkālēsia i roto i te hōē tūha'a 'oire o te fenua iho. I muri iho i te otira'a tā māua fārereira'a tei fa'ata'ahia, 'ua ani mai te peresideni titi iā'u e nehenehe ānei māua e haere e fārerei i te hōē atu 'utuāfare. 'Ua hina'aro roa 'oia e haere e paraparau ia rātou.

'Ua pātōtō atu māua i te 'ōpani 'e 'ua 'iriti mai te hōē tuahine i te reira. 'Ua hi'o mai 'oia iā'u 'aita rā 'oia i ta'a mai 'o vai ra vau, nō reira 'aita 'oia i parau rahi mai. 'Ua fa'atoro atu vau i tō'u rima i ni'a i te peresideni titi, 'o tei aroha atu iāna ma

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 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 great-

tōna iōa. I tōna iho ā fa'aro'ora'a ē te 'ite-mata-ra'a atu iāna, i reira 'oia i te 'o'aoara'a. I te 'ūputa noa, 'ua tauahi rāua ia rāua ē 'ua tā'i 'āmui. Nā te reira i ha'amata i tō māua tere i reira. 'Aita māua i 'ite ē, 'ua fāri'i teie tuahine i tōna rapa'aura'a chimio i nanahi ra. Nō te reira 'ua paruparu roa 'oia nō te 'atu'atu atu i tāna tamaiti pa'ari. I reira 'ua tauturu atu vau i te peresideni titi 'ia fa'a'ahu i te tamaiti, ē 'ua ha'apārahi atu i ni'a i tōna pārahira'a tūra'i. 'Ua fa'a'amu māua iāna i te mā'a tā te hōē tuahine i hōpoi mai nā mua a'e ia māua, ē 'ua tauturu ato'a atu nō te tahi atu mau 'ohipa ri'i. Hou māua 'a fa'aru'e atu ai i tō rāua fare, 'ua ti'a ia māua i te ha'amaita'i ia rāua.

Te hōē mea noa tei tae mai i tō'u ferurira'a i roto i teie fārereira'a 'oia ho'i, te hōē ha'apāpūra'a ē 'ua here hōhonu mau Iesu Mesia ia rāua. 'Ua hāro'aro'a 'oia ia rāua ē 'ua 'ite maita'i 'oia iho i te māuiui o tō rāua iho orara'a. Fa'atata te tā'ato'ara'a o te fārereira'a 'ua tupu mā te māniania 'ore. I te reira taime tā'a ē, 'aita māua i fa'arahi te para-parau 'aore rā i fa'a'ite i tā māua 'irava au roa a'e, 'ua ha'amaitai rahi roa mai rā te Fatu ia māua i tōna Vārua.

Hōē o te mau tumu rahi roa a'e nō reira tō 'outou Metua i te ao ra i tonu mai ai ia 'outou i teie iho taime, 'oia ho'i 'ia nehenehe ia 'outou 'ia fa'atupu i tō 'outou fāito pūai rahi. Tē ha'api'i nei te 'Ia poro haere i ta'u nei 'evaneliaia tātou ē 'ei pipi nā te Mesia, e ti'a ia tātou e 'ape i te fa'aau ia tātou iho ia vetahi ē. E mau 'aravihi pae vārua hōē roa tō 'outou, nō 'outou iho ē mai te fānaura'a mai ā, ē tē hina'aro nei tō 'outou Metua i te ao ra e tauturu ia 'outou 'ia fa'ananea atu ā te reira. Tē vai ra iho ā te hōē tā'ata tā 'outou e nehenehe e tauturu 'ia putapū i te here o tō 'outou Metua i te ao ra. E mea hanahana tō 'outou fāito pūai. Noa atu e mea pāpū maita'i e mea faufa'a 'ia fa'a'ineine ia 'outou iho 'ia manuia i roto i teie ao tata'ura'a mau, hōē o tā 'outou misiōni faufa'a roa a'e i te roara'a o tō 'outou orara'a o te rirora'a 'ia 'ei pipi nā Iesu Mesia ē te pe'era'a i te mau fa'aurura'a a te Vārua. 'A nā reira ai 'outou, e ha'amaita'i mai te Atua i tō 'outou orara'a ; e ha'amaita'i mai 'oia i tō 'outou 'utu'afare tō teie nei 'aore rā tō ananahi ; e ha'amaita'i 'oia i te orara'a o tāna mau tamari'i o tā 'outou e fārerei atu.

Tē ora nei tātou i te hōē tau nō te mau rāve'a rarahi. Noa atu tē fa'aruru nei tātou e rave rahi fifi, i te hōē pae, 'ua 'ite au tei reira teie mau mea nō te fa'ati'a ia tātou 'ia tauturu ia vetahi ē 'ia putapū i te here o te Metua i te ao ra. 'Ua ha'api'i

estmanifestations 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 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,

te peresideni Nelson, « i te mau mahana i muri nei, e 'ite tātou i te mau fa'aitera'arahi a'eo te mana o te Fa'aora'aita atō te ao nei i 'ite a'enei ». E ti'ara'a nō tātou 'ia ha'apa'o i te mau ta'ata e hi-na'aro nei i te rima tauturu, te tauahira'a, te nino'a mana'o o te tamahanahanara'a, 'aore rā 'ia pārahi mai ma te māniana 'ōre. Mai te mea e nehenehe tātou e tauturu i te ha'amāmā i tā rātou hōpoi'a, nō te hō'e noa a'e taime poto, i reira rātou e 'ite ai i te fa'aitera'a rahi o te mana o te Fa'aora i roto i tō rātou orara'a.

'Ei pipi nā Iesu Mesia, e nehenehe te fei'a mo'a i te mau mahana hope'a nei e rave i te hō'e ti'ara'a ta'a ē nā te ao nei. E nehenehe tātou e 'āfā'i mai i te hō'e nino'a mana'o nō te 'oa'oa 'o te 'itehia i ni'a i tō tātou hōho'a mata, hō'e 'oa'oa 'o tā tātou e 'ōpere nā roto i te mau parau o te here 'e te mau 'ohipa o te hāmani maita'i. 'A riro ana'e 'ei mau ta'ata tupu maita'i, 'ei mau fatu 'ohipa maita'i, 'ei mau rave 'ohipa maita'i, 'A tūtava ana'e 'ia riro 'ei keretitianō maita'i i te mau taime ato'a.

'Ua fa'aho'i mai te Fatu i tāna 'evanelia 'e te mau 'oro'a ato'a e titauihia, 'ia ti'a i te mau tamari'i a te Metua i te ao ra 'ia roa'a i te mau parau fafau ato'a 'o tē tāamu ia tātou 'e 'ōna. Ma te tauturu-ra'a i tō tātou mau tuahine 'e mau tae'a'e i roto i tō rātou mau tamata-ra'a tamahana, 'eiaha 'ia mo'e'hia i te tauturu ia rātou 'ia rave 'e 'ia ha'apa'o i teie mau parau fafau mo'a 'e tō rātou Metua i te ao ra, 'ia ti'a iāna i tōna pae e parau fafau mai ia rātou i te mau ha'amaita'ira'a faufa'a rahi a'e nō teie orara'a 'e nō te ao mure 'ōre. E fa'atupuhia teie mau fafau-ra'a nā roto noa i te fa'aho'i-fa'ahou-ra'a mai i te 'evanelia a Iesu Mesia 'e tāna mau tāviri o te autahu'ara'a.

Te tahi atu parau, e nehenehe tātou e tauturu ia vetahi 'e 'ia fa'aea noa i ni'a i te 'ē'a nō te fafau-ra'a. E hahi 'e vetahi o tātou i ni'a i teie 'ē'a i te tahi taime, 'e e ti'a ra ia tātou e ha'amana'o ē nō tō tātou Metua i te ao ra, tē vai noa ra ia tātou te rāve'a nō te ho'i fa'ahou mai. Noa atu e 'ere tō tātou rāterera'a i te mea maita'i roa, e fa'aha'ama-na'o noa mai te Fa'aora ia tātou, 'a « tātarahapa pinepine [ai tātou] 'e ['ia] tītau i te fa'āorera'a hara, ma te hina'aro mau, [e] fa'āorehia ia te hara ».

Hō'e o te mau rāve'a a te 'enemi i teie mahana, 'oia ho'i 'o te fa'afururira'a 'e te fa'atī'aturira'a ia tātou ē, 'aita e rāve'a fa'ahou nō tātou 'ia tau'i, 'aore rā 'ia ti'a'i fa'ahou. Nā teie ferurira'a ha'amou e tūra'i i te rahira'a o tātou 'ia fa'aea i te tamata fa'ahou. 'E i te reira taime mau tō tātou here,

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 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.

tā tātou mau parau fa’aitoito e te pātūrurā’a, tō tātou taime e tā tātou tautūrurā’a e hōrō’a ai i te hōē tā’ata i te tiā’irā’a e nāva’i maita’i nō te tāmata fa’ahou hōē taime fa’ahou ā.

Pēnei aē tē uiui nei ’outou ē, « nā reira ia, ’o vai ia te aupuru iā’u ? » Ma te haerera’a e ha’amaita’i i te orara’a o tō tātou mau taeā’e e mau tuahine, e ha’aputu mai tātou i te mau ’itera’a pāpū ’o te fa’ā’i i tō tātou orara’a i te fa’arō’o i te Fatu ia Iesu Mesia. E ha’afa’aitoito teie mau ’itera’a pāpū ia tātou ’ia tāmata fa’ahou ā tātou nō tātou iho. E fa’aoraora te Vārua Maita’i ia tātou e e tauturu ia tātou, ma te mau ’itera’a pāpū fa’āpīhia ’ia tāmata ā e tō tātou iho mau fifi e mau tāmatarā’a. I te mau taime atō’a ’a ’imi ai tātou i te ha’amaita’i i te orara’a o vetahi ē, e aroha rahi fa’ahou mai ā te Fatu ia tātou : e ha’apūai ’oia ia tātou e e tauturu ia tātou i roto i tō tātou orara’a.

Tē tāparu atu nei, ’ia ha’amana’o ē ’o te Fatu ’o Iesu Mesia tō ’outou Fa’aora e ’ua ta’a maita’i ia ’outou iho. ’Ua ’ite ’oia e aha te aura’a te ti’ara’a ’ia rave fa’aoti i te hōē pī’irā’a e ’ia vaiiho i te mau ’ohipa i muri iāna nō te tauturu i te mau tamari’i a te Atua. E mana tōna nō te ha’amaita’i ia ’outou i roto i te mau mea atō’a, mai te mea e ti’aturi ’outou iāna ma te fē’a’a ’ore.

Tō’u mau taeā’e e mau tuahine here, i taua mahana ra ’a putapū ai te hōē tā’ata fa’atere o te autahu’ara’a ’ia haere e fārerei i te hōē metua vahine e tāna tamaiti ’o tei ’ore i tāpurahia, tē fa’ā’ite nei au, ’ua ’ite maita’i te Atua ’ua hinā’aro mau rāua ia māua. ’E i te hope’a, ’o vau nei te hōē ’o tei aupuruhia. I taua mahana ra, ’ua fa’ari’i au i te hōē o te mau ha’apī’irā’a rahi roa aē nō te here o te Fa’aora nō tātou.

Tē fa’ā’ite pāpū nei au ē ’o Iesu Mesia te Fa’aora o te ao nei, tē ora nei ’oia, i ora na ’oia e ’ua pohe nō ’outou e nō’u nei, e ’ua ti’afa’ahou ’oia nō ’outou e nō’u nei ’ia ti’a ia tātou ’ia titau i te fāre-reira’a tiretiera tei ’i i te ’o’aoa e te feiā tei ho’i a’ena i ’ō mai i te pāruru. ’Ua ’ite au, tē hāro’aro’a maita’i roa nei ’oia ia ’outou e iā’u. ’Ua māmarama ’oia i tō tātou mau taime fifi tāta’itahi, e e mana tōna nō te tauturu ia tātou i roto i te mau taime ’ia putapū ana’e tātou i te tāfīfira’a rahi. ’Ua ’ite au, ’ua fā mai te Fatu ’o Iesu Mesia e tō tātou Metua i te ao ra ia Iosepha Semita nō te fa’aho’i mai i te ’evanelia i teie mahana. ’Ua ’ite au, tō tātou peropheta here, ’o Russell M. Nelson, e peropheta ’oia nā te Fatu, e tē fa’ā’ite pāpū nei au i teie mau mea i te i’oa o Iesu Mesia, ’āmene.