

True to the Faith That Our Parents Have Cherished

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Mau māite i te fa'aro'o tei poiherehia e tō tātou mau metua

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Please learn and receive strength from the faith and testimonies of those who came before you.

While I was visiting the Nashville Tennessee Temple for a temple review, I was privileged to do a walk-through as part of this assignment, reviewing this beautiful house of the Lord. I was especially impressed with the painting of Mary Wanlass called Carry On hanging on the wall in the office of the matron.

This is the story behind the painting:

“In Missouri in 1862, the 14-year-old Mary Wanlass promised her dying stepmother that she would see to it that her disabled father [and her four much younger siblings would all make] it to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake. ... Mary drove the oxen and milk cows that pulled the wagon, in which her father [was bedridden, and] she cared for her ... siblings. After each day's journey, she fed the family by foraging edible plants, flowers, and berries. Her only compass was the instruction she had received to keep traveling west 'until the clouds become mountains.’

“They reached [the] Utah Valley in September, having traveled all spring and summer. Her father died not long after the family settled in Utah County, where Mary later married and raised her [own] family.”

This is an amazing story of the faith and

'A 'apo mai na 'e 'a fa'ari'i i te pūai nā roto mai i te fa'aro'o 'e te mau 'itera'a pāpū o te feiā tei nā mua mai ia 'outou.

I tō'u tere māta'ita'i i te hiero nō Nashville Tennessee nō te hōē hi'opo'ara'a, 'ua fāna'o vau i te hāhaerera'a nā roto 'ei tuha'a nō teie fa'auea'a 'ohipa, te hi'opo'ara'a i teie fare nehenehe o te Fatu. 'Ua fa'ahiaha-roa-hia vau e te hōē hōho'a pēni a Mary Wanlass tei pi'ihia Haere i mua, tei fa'atautauhia i ni'a i te papa'i o te piha 'ohipa a te Matarona.

Teie te 'āamu i muri i teie hōho'a pēni :

« I Missouri i te matahiti 1862, 'ua fafau Mary Wanlass e 14 matahiti tōna i reira ra, i tōna māma 'āpi e fātata ra i te pohe ē, e ara 'oia i ni'a i tōna metua tāne huma 'e [tōna mau teina to'oma-ha 'āpi roa, 'ia tae rātou pāto'a] i te 'Āfa'a Rahi nō Roto Miti. 'Ua arata'i Mary i te mau pua'atoro 'e te mau maia'a pua'atoro e hōro'a i te ū 'o tē huti ra i te pere'o huti, tei roto tōna metua tāne [e tārava ra i ni'a i te ro'i, 'e] 'ua ha'apa'o maita'i 'oia i tōna mau teina. I muri mai i te mahana tāta'itahi o te rāterera'a, e fa'āamu 'oia i tōna 'utuāfare ma te pā-fa'ira'a i te mau rāau tupu, te mau tiare 'e te mau hotu na'ina'i e au 'ia 'amuhia. Tāna noa 'avei'a 'o te ha'api'ira'a ia 'o tāna i fa'ari'i 'ia tāmau noa i te tere i te pae to'o'a o te rā, 'e tae roa i te taime e tau i te mau ata 'ei mau mou'a.

« 'Ua tae rātou i [te] 'āfa'a nō Utaha i te 'āva'e Tetepa, i muri a'e i te rāterera'a i te tau fa'atupura'a rāau 'e te tau māhanahana tāto'a. 'Ua fa'arue mai tōna metua tāne i muri noa mai i te nohoro'a te 'utuāfare i te tuha'a fenua nō Utaha, i reira Mary i te fa'aipoipora'ahia 'e i te patura'a i tōna [iho] 'utuāfare ».

Teie te hōē 'āamu fa'ahiaha roa nō te fa'aro'o

strength of a 14-year-old young woman that can help each one of us today to “just carry on.”

“Just carry on”—or freely translated in my native Dutch language, *Gewoon doorgaan*—is also my mom and dad’s lifelong slogan.

My parents and in-laws are the pioneers in our family. They have crossed their own “plains,” just like all those who are coming into the Church, the Lord’s fold, every day. Their stories have little to do with oxen and wagons but have the same effect on future generations.

They embraced the gospel and were baptized in their young adult years. Both my parents had a difficult childhood. My father grew up on the island of Java in Indonesia. During World War II, he was forcefully separated from his family and interned in a concentration camp, where he suffered unspeakable hardships at a young age.

My mother was raised in a broken home and also suffered from hunger and the hardships of World War II. At times she even had to resort to eating tulip bulbs. Due to her father’s actions and his subsequent divorce from her mother, it was sometimes difficult for her to see Heavenly Father as a loving Father.

My parents met at a Church activity and shortly after decided to get married and sealed in the Bern Switzerland Temple. Waiting at the railway station, having spent the last of their little savings for the trip to the temple, they wondered how they would make ends meet but were confident that it would all work out. And it did!

They started to raise their family from a very humble single attic-room apartment in the heart of Amsterdam. After several years of washing their clothes by hand, they had finally saved up enough money to purchase a washing machine. Just before they would make the purchase, the bishop visited them, asking for a contribution to build the meetinghouse in Amsterdam. They decided to give all they had saved for the washing machine and continued to do the laundry by

‘e nō te pūai o te hōē vahine ‘āpī 14 matahiti, ‘o tē nehenehe e tauturu ia tātou tāta’itahi i teie mahana ‘ia « haere noa i mua ».

« Haere noa i mua »—‘aore rā ‘ia huri-vata-hia nā roto i tō’u reo Hōrane, *Gewoon Doorgaan*—‘o te parau poro ato’a ‘ia a tō’u māmā ‘e tō’u pāpā i te roara’a o tō rāua ‘orara’a.

Tō’u nā metua ‘e tō’u nā metua ho’ovai ‘o te mau pionie ‘ia i roto i tō mātou ‘utuāfare. ‘Ua rātere mai rātou nā roto i tō rātou iho « ‘āfa’a », mai te feiā ato’a ‘o tei tomo mai i roto i te ‘Ēkālesia, te ‘āua a te Fatu, i te mahana tāta’itahi. ‘Aita tō rātou ‘āamu i tū roa i te mau pua’atoro ‘e te mau pere’ōo huti, terā rā hōē ā tō te reira hope’ara’a i nī’a i te mau u’i nō ananahi.

‘Ua tauahi rātou i te evanelia ‘e ‘ua bāpetizohia i tō rātou matahiti ‘ei feiā-‘āpī-pā’ari. E orara’a fifi tō tō’u nā metua to’opiti i tō rāua tamari’irā’a. ‘Ua pā’ari tō’u metua tāne i nī’a i te motu nō Java, i ‘Initonetia. I roto i te tāma’i piti rahi II o te ao nei, ‘ua fa’ata’a ē fa’ahēpohia ‘oia i tōna ‘utuāfare ‘e ‘ua tāpe’ahia i roto i te hōē pūhapa ha’apūtahira’a, i reira tōna fa’arurura’a i te māuiui rahi i tōna ‘āpī-roa-rā’a.

‘Ua pā’ari tō’u metua vahine i roto i te hōē ‘utuāfare ‘āmahamaha ‘e ‘ua māuiui ato’a i te po’ia ‘e i te mau ha’atāfifira’a o te tama’i rahi II o te ao nei. I te tahi taime, ‘ua ti’a noa ato’a iāna ‘ia amu i te mau ‘ōniāni o te tiare hōrane. Nō te mau ‘ohipa tāno ‘ore a tōna metua tāne, ‘e te tā’ara’a i tōna metua vahine i muri mai, e mea fifi roa i te tahi taime nōna ‘ia hi’o i te Metua i te ao ra mai te hōē Metua here.

‘Ua fārerei tō’u nā metua te tahi ‘e te tahi i roto i te hōē ‘ativite a te ‘Ēkālesia ‘e ‘aita i maoro roa ‘ua fa’āoti e fa’aipoipo ‘e ‘ia tā’atihia i roto i te hiero nō Bern, i Herevetia. Ma te tiā’ira’a i te fare tāpe’ara’a pere’ōo auahi, i muri a’e i te ha’am-au’ara’a i tā rāua moni ha’aputu hope’a nō te rātere atu i te hiero, ‘ua uiui rāua nāhea ‘ia fa’arava’i i tō rāua orara’a, ‘ua ti’aturi rā rāua e tupu maita’i te mau mea ato’a. E ‘o te mea ‘ia tei tupu !

‘Ua ha’amata rāua i te patu i tō rāua ‘utuāfare i roto i te hōē piha na’ina’i haēha’a o te hōē fare patu, i roto i te ‘oire rahi nō Amsterdam. I muri a’e e rave rahi matahiti i te pu’a-rima-rā’a i tō rātou mau ‘ahu, ‘ua ti’a ia rāua i te ha’aputu i te moni e nava’i nō te ho’o mai i te hōē mātini pu’ara’a ‘ahu. Hou noa mai i te ravera’a i te ho’ora’a mai, ‘ua fārerei te ‘episekōpo ia rāua ma te anira’a i te hōē tauturu moni, nō te patu i te hōē fare purera’a i Amsterdam. ‘Ua fa’āoti rāua e hōro’a i

hand.

As a family we went through some hardships, just like any other family. These have only made us stronger and have deepened our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, just like when Alma was sharing his story with his son Helaman, where he told him that he had been “supported under trials and troubles of every kind” because he had put his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

How did two people who experienced so many trials in their younger years become the very best parents I could ever wish for? The answer is simple: they fully embraced the gospel and live by their covenants to this very day!

After more than 65 years of marriage, my mother, who suffered from Alzheimer’s disease, passed away in February. My father, at the age of 92 and still living at home, visited her as often as he could until she passed away. Some time ago he mentioned to my younger siblings that the dreadful experiences in the camp in Indonesia during World War II had prepared him to patiently care for his wife for so many years as she fell ill and deteriorated from this horrible disease and also for the fateful day he had to entrust her primary care to others and could not be by her side anymore. Their motto has been and still is to “Just carry on,” having a perfect hope in Christ to be raised up at the last day and to dwell with Him in glory forever.

Their faith and testimonies are a driving strength for the generations that have come after them.

In the village where my wife grew up, her parents, who were good churchgoing people, embraced the gospel as a young married couple with my wife as their two-year-old daughter and only child at that time. Their decision to become members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints had a great impact on their lives as they were shunned by the villagers and by their family. It took many years, loving notes to family members, and service to the community before they were finally accepted.

te tāāto’ara’a o te moni ha’aputu nō te ho’o mai i te mātini pu’ara’a ’ahu, e ’ua tāmāu ā i te pu’a rima i tō rātou mau ’ahu.

’Ei ’utuāfare, ’ua fa’aruru mātou i te mau tāmatarā’a mai te mau ’utuāfare ato’a. ’Aita te reira i ha’apūai noa ia mātou ’e i fa’ahōhonu i tō mātou fa’aro’o i te Fatu ia Iesu Mesia, mai ia Alama i te fa’ati’ara’a i tōna ’āamu i tāna tamaiti ia Helamana, ’a parau ai ’oia iāna ē ’ua « turuhia ’oia i roto e rave rau tāmatarā’a ’e mau fifi », nō te mea ’ua tu’u ’oia i tōna ti’aturirā’a i te Fatu ia Iesu Mesia.

Nāhea nā tāata e piti ’o tei fa’aruru e rave rahi tāmara’a i tō rāua ’āpīrā’a, ’ua riro mai ’ei nā metua maita’i roa aē ’o tā’u i mana’o noa na ? E mea ’ōhie te pāhonora’a : ’Ua tauahi hope rāua i te ’evanelia e ’ua ora mai te au i tā rāua mau fafaurā’a e tae roa mai i teie mahana !

I muri mai hau e 65 matahiti i te fa’aipoipo-ra’a, ’ua fa’aru’e mai tō’u metua vahine, tei ma’ihia i te ma’i roro marō [Alzheimer] i te āvāe Fepuare ra. Tō’u metua tāne, e 92 matahiti tōna ’e e ora noa nei i te fare, pinepine i te haere e hi’o i tō’u māmā mai tāna e nehenehe, e tae roa i te taimē ’ua fa’aru’e mai tō’u māmā. ’Aita i maoro aē nei, ’ua fa’ati’a ’oia i tō’u mau taeāe ’e mau tuahine ’āpī i te mau ’ohipa ri’ari’a tei tupu i roto i te pūhapa i ’Inidonesia i te taimē o te tāma’i rahi II o te ao nei, ’o tei fa’aîneine iāna ’ia aupuru ma te fa’āoro-ma’i i tāna vahine e rave rahi matahiti, ’a ma’ihia ai ’oia ’e ’a ’ino roa atu ai tōna huru i teie ma’i fifi mau ’e ’oia ato’a i te mahana i titauhia ’ia hōro’a atu ’oia i te aupururā’a o tō’u māmā ia vetahi ē, ’e e’ita e nehenehe iāna ’ia vai fa’ahou i pīha’i iho i tō’u māmā. ’Ua riro ’e te tāmāu noa nei tā rāua parau poro « ’ia haere noa i mua », ma te roa’ara’a te tiā’irā’a pāpū i te Mesia ’ia ti’afa’ahou mai i te mahana hope’a ra ’e ’ia pārahi i pīha’i iho iāna ma te hanahana e a muri noa atu.

’Ua riro tō rāua fa’aro’o ’e tō rāua ’itera’a pāpū ’ei pūai fa’auru nō te mau u’i ’o te haere mai i muri mai ia rāua.

I roto i te ’oire ’a pa’ari ai tā’u vahine, tōna nā metua, tei riro ’ei mau tāata e haere pinepine i te purera’a, ’ua tauahi i te ’evanelia, ’ei nā tāata fa’aipoipo ’āpī i reira ra ’e tā’u vahine ’o tā rāua ia tamāhine e piti matahiti, ’e ’o te tamarī’i ana’e i taua taimē ra. Tā rāua fa’āotira’a ’ia riro mai ’ei melo nō Te ’Ēkālesia a Iesu Mesia i te Feiā Mo’a i te mau Mahana Hope’a nei, e hopeara’a rahi ia i ni’a i tō rāua orara’a, nō te mea ’ua tāu’a-’ore-hia rāua e te feiā nō te ’oire ’e e tō rāua ’utuāfare. ’Ua titauhia e rave rahi matahiti, ma te mau parau

On one occasion when my wife's father was serving as a bishop, he was falsely accused of something and was immediately released. My mother-in-law was so hurt that she asked her husband if they should continue to go to church. He answered that they of course would continue to go to church since this is not the church of men, but this is the Church of Jesus Christ.

It took some time before the truth came to light and apologies were made. What could have been their breaking point just added to their strength and conviction.

Why is it that some of us take for granted the faith and testimonies of our parents who through all their hardships have remained faithful? Do we think that they do not have a clear understanding of things? They were not and are not deceived! They just have had too many experiences with the Spirit and can say with the Prophet Joseph, "I knew it, ... and I could not deny it."

Don't you love the song about the army of Helaman, found in the Children's Songbook?

We have been born, as Nephi of old,
To goodly parents who love the Lord.
We have been taught, and we understand,

That we must do as the Lord commands.

Even when this might not be the case, as my mother experienced as a child, you can become one of those "goodly parents who love the Lord" and provide a righteous example to others.

Do we feel that this is absolutely true when we sing it? Do you feel that you are "as the army of Helaman" and that you "will be the Lord's missionaries to bring the world his truth"? I have felt it on so many occasions while singing this song in several FSY settings and other youth gatherings.

Or what do we feel when we sing the hymn "True to the Faith"?

muriaroha i te mau melo o te 'utuāfare, 'e te tāvinirāa i te orarāa huirāatira hou rāua 'a fa'ari'i-fa'ahou-hia ai.

I te hōē taime 'a tāvini ai te metua tāne o tā'u vahine 'ei 'episekōpo, 'ua fa'ahapa-tāno-'ore-hia 'oia nō te hōē 'ohipa 'e 'ua fa'atiāma-'oi'oi-hia 'oia. 'Ua 'ino'ino roa tō'u metua vahine ho'ovai 'a ui atu ai 'oia i tāna tāne, e tāmau noa ānei rātou i te haere i te purerāa. 'Ua pāhono atu te tāne ē, pāpū roa e tāmau noa rātou i te haere i te fare purerāa nō te mea, e 'ere teie i te 'Ēkālesia nā te tāata, 'o te 'Ēkālesia rā teie a Iesu Mesia.

'Ua tītauhia ma'a taime hou te parau mau 'a 'itehia mai ai 'e 'a vauvauhia mai ai te mau fa'a'ore-ra'a hapa. Te mea tei riro 'ei rāve'a nō te fa'atopa ia rāua, 'ua 'āmui mai i tō rāua fāito pūai 'e i tō rāua ti'aturira'a.

Nō te aha vetahi o tātou e mana'o ra 'ua roa'a ia rātou te fa'aro'o 'e te mau 'itera'a pāpū o tō tātou mau metua, noa atu tō rātou mau tāmatara'a ato'a, 'ua vai ha'apa'o maita'i noa ? Tē mana'o ra ānei tātou ē 'aita tō rātou e hōē 'itera'a māmarama nō te mau mea ? 'Aita rātou i riro na 'e 'aita i ha'avarehia ! 'Ua fa'ari'i noa rātou e rave rahi roa 'ohipa tei tupu 'e ma te Vārua 'e 'ua nehenehe e parau mai te peropheta Iosepha, « 'ua 'ite au [...] 'e 'aita e nehenehe iā'u 'ia huna i te reira ».

'Aita ānei 'outou i au i te hīmene nō nī'a i te nu'u a Helemana, e 'itehia i roto i teBuka Himene a te mau Tamari'i?

'Ua fānauhia tātou, mai ia Nephi i tāhito rā,
I te mau metua maita'i roa tei here i te Fatu.

'Ua ha'api'ihia tātou, 'e 'ua māmarama tātou,

'Ia 'ohipa tātou mai tei fa'auehia mai e te Fatu.

Noa atu e 'ere te reira i te hōē ā huru, mai tā tō'u metua vahine i ora i tōna tamari'irāa, e nehenehe 'outou e riro mai 'ei hōē o teie mau « metua maita'i roa tei here i te Fatu » 'e tē fa'a'ite nei i te hōē hi'ora'a parauti'a ia vetahi ē.

Tē putapū ra ānei tātou ē e parau mau roa te reira 'ia hīmene ana'e tātou ? Tē vai ra ānei i roto ia 'outou te nīno'a mana'o « mai te nu'u a Helemana » ra 'outou 'e « e riro 'outou 'ei mau misiōnare nā te Fatu nō te hōpoi atu i tāna parau mau i tō te ao nei » ? 'Ua putapū vau i te reira e rave rahi taime ma te hīmenerāa i teie hīmene i roto e rave rau mau fa'anahora'a JSF 'e te tahi atu mau putuputura'a a te feiā 'āpī.

'Aore rā e aha tā tātou e putapū nei 'ia hīmene ana'e tātou i te hīmene « 'A ha'apa'o tātou i te 'evanelia » ?

Shall the youth of Zion falter
In defending truth and right?
While the enemy assaileth,
Shall we shrink or shun the fight? No!

True to the faith that our parents have cherished.

To those of the rising generation wherever you are and in whatever situation you may find yourself, please learn and receive strength from the faith and testimonies of those who came before you. It will help you understand that in order to gain or grow a testimony, sacrifices will have to be made and that “sacrifice brings forth the blessings of heaven.”

Thinking about a sacrifice that will truly bless your life, please consider and pray about the invitation of our beloved prophet, President Russell M. Nelson, when he asked “everyworthy, able young man to prepare for and serve a mission. For Latter-day Saint young men, missionary service is a priesthood responsibility. ...

“For ... young and able sisters, a mission is also a powerful, but optional, opportunity.”

You could be called as a service or a teaching missionary. Both types of missionaries contribute to the same goal of bringing souls to Christ, each in their own unique and powerful way.

In both types of service, you will show the Lord you love Him and that you want to get to know Him better. Remember, “for how knoweth a man the master whom he has not served, and who is a stranger unto him, and is far from the thoughts and intents of his heart?”

All of us, whether we are the first generation in the gospel or the fifth, should ask ourselves, What stories of faith, strength, and celestial commitment will I pass on to the next generation?

Let us all continue in our efforts to get to know our Savior, Jesus Christ, better and to make Him the center of our lives. He is the rock upon which we must build so that when times become difficult, we will be able to stand firm.

Let us be “true to the faith that our parents have cherished, true to truth for which martyrs

E hi'a ānei te feiā 'āpī nō Ziona
I te pāurururā i te parau mau 'e te maita'i ?
'Ia 'aro mai te 'enemi,
E 'otohe ānei tātou 'aore rā e tāpuni ānei ?
'Aita !

Mau māite i te fa'aro'o 'o tei poiherehia e tō tātou mau metua.

Ia 'outou te u'i 'āpī, i te vāhi tei reira 'outou 'e noa atu te huru o tō 'outou orara'a, 'a 'apo mai 'e 'a huti mai i te pūai nā roto mai i te fa'aro'o 'e te mau 'itera'a pāpū o te feiā tei nā mua mai ia 'outou. E tauturu te reira ia 'outou 'ia māmarama ē, nō te noa'a 'aore rā nō te fa'ananea i te hōē 'itera'a pāpū, e tītauhia te mau tūsiara'a 'e e « hōpoi mai te tūsiara'a i te mau ha'amaita'ira'a o te ra'i ».

Ma te feruri i te hōē tūsiara'a 'o tē ha'amaita'i mau i tō 'outou orara'a, 'a feruri na 'e 'a pure nō ni'a i te anira'a manihini a tō tātou peropheta here, te peresideni Nelson 'a ani mai ai 'oia « i te feiā 'āpī tāne ti'amāato'a'e 'o te nehenehe, 'ia fa'aineine nō te tāvini i te hōē misiōni. Nō te feiā 'āpī tamāroa nō te mau mahana hope'a nei, te tāvinira'a misiōnare e hōpoi'a ia nā te autahu'ara'a. ...

« Nō ... te mau tuahine 'āpī e nehenehe, 'ua riro te misiōni 'ei rāve'a pūai ato'a, e 'ere rā e meafa'āhepohia ».

E nehenehe 'outou e pi'ihia 'ei misiōnare nō te tāvini 'aore rā nō te ha'api'i. E tauturu teie nā misiōni to'opiti i te hōē ā fā tē hōpoira'a mai i te mau vaerua i te Mesia ra, nā roto i tāna iho rāve'a tāta'itahi 'e te pūai.

I roto i nā huru tāvinira'a to'opiti, e fa'a'ite 'outou i te Fatu i tō 'outou here iāna 'e tē hina'aro nei 'outou e mātau maita'i atu ā iāna. 'A ha'ama-na'o ra, « 'e nāhea ho'i te hōē tāata e 'ite ai i te fatu 'o tāna i 'ore i tāvini, 'e tei riro 'ei tāata 'ē iāna, 'e tei te ātea 'ē te mau mana'o 'e te mau 'ōpuara'a o tōna ra 'āau ? »

Tātou pāāto'a, nō roto mai ānei tātou i te u'i mātāmua 'aore rā te u'i pae i roto i te 'evanelia, e ti'a ia tātou e ui ia tātou iho, e aha te mau 'āamu o te fa'aro'o, te pūai, 'e te fafaurāa tiretiera tāu e hōrō'a atu i te u'i e haere mai nei ?

'Ia tāmāu noa ā tātou i roto i tā tātou mau tūtavarā'a nō te mātau maita'i a'e i tō tātou Fa'aora, 'o Iesu Mesia, 'e 'ia fa'ariro iāna 'ei pū nō tō tātou orara'a. 'O 'oia te mato i ni'a iho i te reira tātou e patu ai, 'ia ti'a ia tātou 'ia tāpe'a māite 'ia tae anāe mai te tau fifi.

'Ia « mau māite noa tātou i te fa'aro'o tei poiherehia e tō tātou mau metua, 'ia mau māite i te

have perished, to God's command, soul, heart,
and hand, faithful and true we will ever stand."In
the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

parau mau nā roto mai i te reira 'ua ha'apohehia i
te mau maratiri, i te fa'auera'a a te Atua, te vārua,
te 'āau 'e te rima, te ha'apāo maita'i 'e te parau
mau tātou e vai noa ai ».I te i'oa o Iesu Mesia,
āmene.