

I found the April General Conference to be rather refreshing, amidst the difficulties of the past few months. I felt my Savior's love poured out through the words of His servants. As I watched the talks on Conference weekend I struggled much with a physical illness. But the following week when I felt better I started listening to them again and again and felt a calming peace through their words as they spoke directly to my heart. It is these words that continue to lift and guide me throughout my physical trials. I love President Nelson's talk Hear Him, because in it he tells us how we can strengthen others through our faith. He tells us how our love of the Savior may be the catalyst someone needs to seek out Jesus Christ (Russel M. Nelson, Hear Him, Sunday Morning). Think about it. Each of us has the ability to bring our brothers and sisters unto Christ. We do this through our faith, prayers, and actions. I wish we could all see ourselves as Heavenly Father sees us. We are His children and He loves us more than we can comprehend. We have the constant companionship of the Holy Ghost, as we keep our covenants and we are made whole through Christ's atonement. In the sacred name of my brother even Jesus the Christ. Amen.

-Jamie Looney, Relief Society President

During these unfamiliar circumstances I have been fortunate to feel overwhelmed by a sense of peace, calmness, inner strength, and confidence that I know comes from the knowledge of Christ's gospel and the love that He and Heavenly Father have for me. It was especially comforting to have access to the words of our general authorities during General Conference. A topic that stood out to me consistently was the importance of temples and doing family history and temple work. David A. Bednar's talk in the Sunday morning session inspired me to truly apply myself in this work, as he explained how crucial it is in these latter-days. I was especially moved when he mentioned one of our "fundamental obligations" as Latter-Day Saints "to fulfill joyfully the divinely appointed responsibility to offer temple blessings to the entire human family on both sides of the veil." Further inspiration came with President Nelson's hope for us to be eager to *regularly seek refuge* in the temple. I am certainly eager to follow his advice and "ask the Lord to teach [me] how to open the heavens to bless [my] life and the lives of those [I] love and serve." Until we can enter the temples again, he has advised us to increase our participation in family history work in our homes and promises that our ability to "Hear Him" will increase in doing so. I know we have the ability and duty to extend to our families the opportunity to covenant with Heavenly Father and I know that doing so can increase our own spiritual capacity and understanding of the blessings that come with those covenants.

-Savannah Burke, 1st Counselor

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I have thought and pondered much on our General Conference.

What did it teach me?

There were many things I learned, I thought of the prophet Alma and his conversion to the Lord. Also the sons of Mosiah, I think of how they worked so hard to serve the Lord and the many accomplishments they were able to do.

I also think about our young Prophet Joseph Smith and the struggles and trials he went through to serve the Lord.

Then I think of us in this the Latter days. Do we have trials and struggles to overcome? As for myself? Yes. I can say there have been many and I know there will be more. Even as we today face the Covid19 virus. How we face these and other that will come.

I know if we trust in the Lord, keep our covenants and the commandments of the Lord, in faith, love and charity we will be well. The Lord loves all of us and is aware of who we are and where we are on the road to eternal life. I know his hand is always extended to us.

-Patsy Sloat, 2nd Counselor

To use a few of President Nelson's words, it was a "unique and wonderful" conference. When the Prophet asked us to prepare for this past conference, I was excited and so looked forward to it. I have long enjoyed the study of Church History. I've studied the Doctrine & Covenants, read many biographies and books on latter-day prophets, and visited most of the church historical sites in this country. I have come to love the prophets, especially Joseph Smith. I received a confirmation while in the Language Training Mission of Joseph Smith and his role in the restoration of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. My testimony of the prophets has been reconfirmed many times since. I felt that same confirmation when we sustained President Russell M. Nelson as prophet in 2018. Again, as he spoke recently, I felt his prophetic power as he bore testimony to us. I know that President Nelson knows the Savior. He represents the Savior; he is His mouthpiece. How thankful I am for a prophet to guide us in these latter days. I feel the Savior's love and peace in an otherwise unpeaceful world.

– Marcia Conner, Secretary