

Praying for a Testimony

When Elder Christofferson was a teenager, he visited the Sacred Grove in New York. He got there early on a warm summer night, and it was very quiet. Todd thought it was a perfect time for a special prayer. He began praying to know for sure that what he believed about the gospel was true. He prayed hard for a long time. But nothing happened. Feeling sad, he gave up and walked back to the place where his family was staying. He wondered what he had done wrong. Why didn't he get an answer?

The answer Todd was praying for came a month or two later when he was reading the Book of Mormon. "I was overcome with a very powerful spiritual witness of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon and the calling of the Prophet Joseph Smith," Elder Christofferson said.



This was the answer he was hoping to receive in the Sacred Grove.

Todd learned that you don't have to be in any special place to receive an answer from Heavenly Father. He was at home, in his bedroom, and Heavenly Father spoke to him there.

He learned that we don't have to travel to Palmyra to find out that Joseph Smith was a prophet. We don't have to go to Jerusalem to know that Jesus is the Savior, the Son of God. Heavenly Father knows us, and He will find us wherever we are. Wherever we may be, He can speak to us if we seek Him in prayer. ♦

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5 FACTS ABOUT ELDER CHRISTOFFERSON

Born on January 24, 1945

The D stands for David

Once saved 13 newborn lambs from freezing

Served a mission in Argentina

Became an Apostle in April 2008

Did you know Joseph Smith's birthday is December 23rd?



He was born in 1805, so how old would he be now?