

APRIL 2015 CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

“What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken; . . . whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same” (D&C 1:38).

As you review the April 2015 general conference, you can use these pages (and Conference Notebooks in future issues) to help you study and apply the recent teachings of the living prophets and apostles and other Church leaders.

DOCTRINAL HIGHLIGHT



Believing in Marriage

“No one has ever come up with a more efficient way to raise the next generation than a household of married parents with children. . . .

“We need to remind ourselves once in a while, as I was reminded in Rome, of the wonderfully reassuring and comforting fact that marriage and family are still the aspiration and ideal of most people and that we are not alone in those beliefs. It has never been more of a challenge to find a practical balance between

employment, families, and personal needs than it is in our day. As a church, we want to assist in all that we can to create and support strong marriages and families.”

Elder L. Tom Perry (1922–2015) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “Why Marriage and Family Matter—Everywhere in the World,” *Ensign*, May 2015, 41, 42.

For more doctrinal articles on marriage from the April 2015 conference, see Boyd K. Packer, “The Plan of Happiness,” 26; Linda K. Burton, “We’ll Ascend Together,” 29; and D. Todd Christofferson, “Why Marriage, Why Family,” 50.

PROPHETIC PROMISE



God’s Grace Available to All

“The grace of God is our great and everlasting hope.

“Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the plan of mercy appeases the demands of justice, ‘and [brings] about means unto men that they may have faith unto repentance’ [Alma 34:15].

“Our sins, though they be as scarlet, can become white as snow. Because our beloved Savior ‘gave himself a ransom for all’ [1 Timothy 2:6], an entrance into His everlasting kingdom is provided unto us. . . .

“Today and forevermore God’s grace is available to all whose hearts are broken and whose spirits are contrite. . . .

“. . . I pray that we will show our love for God and our gratitude for the gift of God’s infinite grace by keeping His commandments and joyfully ‘walk[ing] in [a] newness of life’ [Romans 6:4].”

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, Second Counselor in the First Presidency, “The Gift of Grace,” *Ensign*, May 2015, 108, 110.

ANSWERS FOR YOU

Each conference, prophets and apostles give inspired answers to questions Church members may have. Use your May 2015 issue or visit conference.lds.org to find answers to these questions:

- I believe in the Atonement of Jesus Christ, but how can I access its power in my life? See Dale G. Renlund, "Latter-day Saints Keep on Trying," 56.
- How are missionary assignments made? What can I do to make the transition from missionary to returned

missionary? How will I be blessed by attending seminary and institute? See M. Russell Ballard, "The Greatest Generation of Young Adults," 67.

- How can I be a better father? See Larry M. Gibson, "Fatherhood—Our Eternal Destiny," 77.
- What are the unique blessings of a mortal body and earth life? See Joseph W. Sitati, "Be Fruitful, Multiply, and Subdue the Earth," 126.



GREAT STORIES FROM CONFERENCE

What catches our attention better than a great story? Following are four of many stories shared during conference:

- Why doesn't Sister Yazzie of the Chinle Arizona Stake know how many grandchildren she has? Sister Yellowhair shares the unexpected answer. —See Carole M. Stephens, "The Family Is of God," 11.
- Drama and courage describe the story of Marie Madeline Cardon, a young woman who defended her Latter-day Saint faith in 1850 against a mob in the Alps of northern Italy. She stands as an example for us today. —See Bonnie L. Oscarson, "Defenders of the Family Proclamation," 14.
- Read how fast offerings blessed the Turay family during the 1991 civil war in Sierra Leone. —See Henry B. Eyring, "Is Not This the Fast That I Have Chosen?" 22.
- This story of courage, hope, and following the light comes from recent news headlines, but its message has eternal application for us. —See L. Whitney Clayton, "Choose to Believe," 36.

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