



OCTOBER 2026 GENERAL CONFERENCE · SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

# Jesus Christ Is the Great Deliverer!

**Elder Kevin J. Hathaway** · General Authority Seventy

## *Words to remember*

- *“He has not forgotten you. He does not take joy in your suffering.”*
- *“I testify that Jesus Christ is the Great Deliverer, now and forever, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.”*

In Elder Kevin J. Hathaway’s own words, from the talk.

Elder Kevin J. Hathaway asked some questions. Have you ever felt left out? Have you ever wondered if you were good enough? Have you ever missed someone you love, or been sick, or had a hard time in your family? He said that Jesus Christ can deliver us, or rescue us, from every hard thing.

Jesus understands how we feel because He suffered for us. He knows how to help us. Elder Hathaway said the question is not if Jesus will help us, but how and when He will help.

Elder Hathaway and his family were driving in two cars to start serving as mission leaders. Two big tires came off a truck and hit both cars! The airbags popped out, and the cars were wrecked. The family stood by the road and wondered why this happened when they were going to serve the Lord. Then the Holy Ghost gave them peace. They felt that everything would be all right. Many kind people helped them, and they started their mission on time, without being badly hurt.

Elder Hathaway said there is a pattern. First, hard things happen, even to good people, and we may feel sad or have questions. That is okay. Joseph Smith in jail asked, “O God, where art thou?” Second, we turn to Heavenly Father and Jesus by praying, fasting, and reading the scriptures. In the Bible, King Darius fasted all night while Daniel was in the lions’ den. Third, Jesus gives us strength to keep going. Fourth, Jesus rescues us in His own time and way.

Elder Hathaway told about a missionary named Sister Kenzie Brinkerhoff. She had only one week left on her mission. Her dad called to tell her he loved her and could not wait to hug her. That night, her dad was in a car accident and died. Kenzie was so sad. A few weeks later she said, “I know that Jesus knows what this feels like, and He will heal me.”

Elder Hathaway said Jesus has not forgotten us. Sometimes He helps us right away, and sometimes we have to wait. While we wait, we can learn and grow.

In the Bible, a man named Jairus had a little girl who was very sick, and then he heard she had died. Jesus said to him, “Be not afraid, only believe.” Then Jesus brought his daughter back to life! Nothing is too hard for Jesus.

Elder Hathaway shared the Lord’s promise: “I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick.” Jesus Christ is the Great Deliverer.

**A scripture for this talk:** Alma 7:11–12. Jesus knows how we feel, and He can help us through hard times.

### *Let’s talk about it*

What did this talk teach us about the Savior? What is one small thing our family can do this week?

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