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“How Long Will It Be Ere They Believe Me?”

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Words to remember

- *“Jesus overcame the world; we do not have to do so ourselves.”*
- *“We can trust the Lord, especially His promises. These promises apply to you.”*

In Elder Dale G. Renlund’s own words, from the talk.

Before he was an Apostle, Elder Dale G. Renlund was a heart doctor. A long time ago, he had a patient named Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin’s heart was very sick. He needed a new heart, or he would die.

Mr. Martin got very, very sick while he waited. Finally a new heart came, and the doctors put it in. But the new heart did not work well. Mr. Martin got even sicker. It looked like there was no hope.

Then another heart became available. Doctors did not think it was a very good heart, but they tried it. And it worked beautifully! In just a few hours, Mr. Martin started to get better. It was a miracle!

Ten days later, Mr. Martin was almost ready to go home. Dr. Renlund walked into his room, and Mr. Martin looked grumpy. Dr. Renlund asked what was wrong. Mr. Martin said, “The oatmeal isn’t hot, and the milk isn’t cold!”

Mr. Martin had almost died, and he got a miracle! But that morning he only thought about his cold oatmeal. He forgot the big miracle.

Elder Renlund said we can do the same thing. Sometimes we only think about the little things that bother us, our cold oatmeal, and we forget all the good things God has done for us.

The children of Israel did that too. God saved them from being slaves in Egypt. He opened the Red Sea. He gave them food and water in the desert. But they still complained. When they got close to the promised land, they were scared and said they wished they had

stayed in Egypt. The Lord asked Moses, “How Long Will It Be Ere They Believe Me?” God was asking why they still would not trust Him after all He had done.

Jesus said, “In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” Jesus already won! We can have peace because of Him.

Elder Renlund’s sister Linda used to think God’s promises were for everyone except her. It was like a little star, an asterisk, that said the promises were not for Linda. But she learned the promises are for her too. Elder Renlund said, “There is no asterisk excluding you from God’s richest blessings.” If you think there is, take out a big eraser and erase it!

We can remember the good things God has done for us. Then it is easier to trust Him. Elder Renlund said God’s promises are for you.

A scripture for this talk: Numbers 14:11. The Lord asked His people, “How Long Will It Be Ere They Believe Me?” We can remember what God has done and trust Him.

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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