



OCTOBER 2026 GENERAL CONFERENCE · SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Divine Appointments

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Words to remember

- *“It means that when someone encounters us, they should experience something of Jesus Christ—His kindness, His patience, His hope, His love, His compassion.”*
- *“Brothers and sisters, let us pray every day for eyes to see the divine appointments God places before us!”*

In President Timothy L. Farnes's own words, from the talk.

President Timothy L. Farnes leads the Young Men of the Church. About 20 years ago, he had a very busy Saturday with lots of Church meetings. He asked a question in one meeting, and he felt like no one cared about his question. He felt sad and discouraged. He didn't even want to go to the temple that night. He told his wife, Lindsay, “Let's go to dinner instead of the temple.” But she said, “No, I think you need to be in the temple.”

So he went. In the temple, a man asked him, “How are you, brother?” It was Elder Dallin H. Oaks, an Apostle! Brother Farnes smiled and said, “Everything's great!” even though it wasn't.

But Elder Oaks waited for him. He said, “Brother, tell me how you are really doing.” Elder Oaks was so kind that Brother Farnes told him the truth. Elder Oaks listened. He said thank you, said kind words, answered his question, and gave him a big hug. Brother Farnes went from wanting to give up to wanting to serve the Lord with his whole heart.

Five years later, Brother Farnes met Elder Oaks again and asked if he remembered that day. Elder Oaks did not remember! He said, “I'm sorry, brother. I don't remember that.” Then he said, “But it's what we do. Isn't it?” Being kind was just what he always did.

Every Sunday when we take the sacrament, we promise to take Jesus's name on us. That means we try to see like Jesus sees and help like Jesus helps. When people are with us, they should feel some of Jesus's kindness and love.

Jesus told a story about a man who was hurt on the road. Some people walked past him. But one man, the good Samaritan, stopped and helped. President Farnes calls times like that divine appointments. That means a special time when Heavenly Father puts someone in our path so we can help them.

Once, President Farnes and his wife were at the airport. He was reading a book. He looked up and saw a young missionary who was crying and scared. The missionary was holding his boarding pass and an alarm clock. It was his first time on an airplane alone, and he was far from home. President Farnes almost went back to his book, but the Holy Ghost told him to look again. He asked, “Are you OK?”

President Farnes and his wife helped him. On the airplane, the only empty seat was right next to President Farnes! The missionary fell asleep. When they landed, they walked with him, arm in arm, to meet his mission leaders. Instead of running to his leaders, the missionary dropped his bags and gave them a big hug!

President Farnes asked us to pray every day for eyes to see people who need help. Then we can be kind, like Jesus. It’s what we do, isn’t it?

A scripture for this talk: Luke 10:33–34. Like the good Samaritan, we can see people who need help and then help them.

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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