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The Infinite Power of God in Our Covenants

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Words to remember

- *“Covenants with God are filled with incalculable power. They do not bless just the maker of the covenant but are generational in their impact.”*
- *“Don’t ever give up. Your story, your family’s story, is not all written. God is the author and the finisher of it.”*

In Elder Jeremiah J. Morgan’s own words, from the talk.

As a young teenager getting ready for school, Elder Jeremiah J. Morgan listened (or didn’t!) as his mother read the Book of Mormon to him out loud every day. But his family belonged to a different church that also believes in the Book of Mormon and in Joseph Smith’s prophetic mission. That heritage began with his third great-grandparents, who were baptized by Oliver Cowdery in 1831 and helped establish Nauvoo and build the house of the Lord there. They did not travel west with the Saints.

His mother gave him his middle name, Joseph, after the Prophet, and taught him the restored gospel. He jokes that he only remembers two things from her reading: “and it came to pass” and “wars and rumors of wars.” That’s it. But he knew the Book of Mormon mattered to her, and he knew she knew it was true. Even as a single mother, she read it to him every day. His lesson: “No time or effort is ever wasted in reading the Book of Mormon. Not for you, not for your children, not for your family, not for anyone.”

Because of her, he knew the Book of Mormon was true and Joseph Smith was a prophet, but he was unsure where Christ’s true church was. At 14, he began to question. His friends were members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and that led him to seek. For two months he attended both his family’s congregation and, secretly hiding between the accordion doors of the overflow, a Latter-day Saint ward. He came to know this is the Lord’s Church. Joining took time and brought disappointment from family. But, like Joseph Smith, “I knew it, and I knew that God knew it, and I could not deny it.”

He once wondered aloud how a boy like him came to care about religion. His wife, Rebecca, said, “I know what it was! It was covenants.” His ancestors had made temple covenants in Nauvoo. Rebecca read prophetic teachings that because of faithful parents’ eternal sealings, though some of the sheep

may wander, the eye of the shepherd is upon them, and they will feel divine providence drawing them back. He felt the power of God in covenants.

President Dallin H. Oaks has said covenants do not take a day off. They don't take away anyone's agency, but they have a real effect on our families. Elder Patrick Kearon has taught that God uses every possible way to bring us back. The Lord promised to plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers.

God covenanted with Enos that his people's descendants would one day receive the gospel. That took more than 2,000 years to fulfill. "So, no, there is no limit to the power of God in our covenants." Covenants are generational, like gravity stretching across the universe.

If you wonder whether you or someone you love has wandered too far, he said, "I say to you, you have not." He quoted Elder Jeffrey R. Holland: "You have not traveled beyond the reach of divine love." If you are crying, "O, God, where art Thou? My child is struggling," take comfort. God hears and will answer in His own time. Keep your covenants and cheerfully do all things that lie in your power. He testified, "Don't ever give up. Your story, your family's story, is not all written. God is the author and the finisher of it. I am a standing, breathing, believing demonstration of God's love and the power of God in covenants."

Scripture to look up: Doctrine and Covenants 84:57. The Lord tells us to remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon, and live by it.

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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