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I Am a Child of God

Elder Hutch U. Fale · General Authority Seventy

Words to remember

- *“We also hope it gives you the strength and the humility to come home when you need to, because no matter what has happened, you can always come home, just as you can always turn to your Father in Heaven.”*
- *“I, Hutch ‘Ungapapalangi Fale, am a child of God. He loves me and He loves you. May this truth never leave our minds or our hearts, and may it change us forever.”*

In Elder Hutch U. Fale's own words, from the talk.

Elder Hutch U. Fale began: “I am a child of God and He loves me. This statement is powerful and empowering.” It is true not just for him but for everyone. All people are beloved spirit sons and daughters of heavenly parents, with a divine nature and destiny. Before we were born, we knew and worshipped God as our Father and accepted His plan. Understanding His love and our true identity “It prevents deception and gives purpose to this mortal life.”

Our relationship with God is explained in terms of family, and the scriptures teach through families too. The New Testament begins with a young family and a baby born in Bethlehem. The Book of Mormon begins with a family's journey of faith. In the Old Testament, the Creation wasn't complete until God organized the family. Even with all their imperfections, families often teach us about our Father's love.

At a church meeting last year, Elder Fale felt impressed to do what the teacher was doing. He texted his wife to find a baby picture of each of their children. At home, he showed the children their pictures and said there were no words to express the love they felt when each was born. Then he asked, “As of the date of this picture, what had you done to earn our love?” They lowered their eyes: “Nothing.” He said, “You are right. You did nothing to earn our love.” And there is nothing they could do to remove it. “You did not earn it; you cannot lose it. It is yours forever.”

He continued: what we feel is but a small fraction of what our Heavenly Father feels for you. Heavenly Father loved them before birth, loves them today, and will love them tomorrow, and wants them to become like Him. He hoped this would give them courage to trust Him, and the humility to come home when needed, because no matter what has happened, you can always come home. There were tears as the Spirit bore witness. Elder Fale said that for some it might be love for a sibling, parent, or

grandparent, or just a desire for family. Even without a loving earthly family, knowing Heavenly Father loves us brings peace.

He also gave a warning. Satan twists this truth, trying to convince us that because God loves us, we can be saved regardless of pride, rebellion, sin, or rejecting His Son. But receiving Christ through ordinances and covenants and staying faithful is the only way to exaltation.

He gave three reasons understanding God's love matters. First, it helps us understand Jesus and why He works so hard to save all the Father's children, and it makes us eager to join Him. Second, it makes us immune to the world's divisive labels, the ones people put on us and on others. We become quick to repent, slow to judge, and make sure no one is ever sitting, standing, or walking alone. Third, it protects us from the lie that it is too late for someone to change. From the prodigal son to the shepherd leaving the 99 to find the one, the message is that there is still yet time if we turn to Christ today.

Jesus taught us to pray to our father, a loving Father who gives better gifts than any earthly father. As a boy in Tonga, riding home to his village, Elder Fale read John 3:16 in several languages: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He knew it was true then and knows it now. He testified, "I am a child of God and He loves me." He also said, "He loves me and He loves you."

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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