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A Child of God

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Words to remember

- *“Our identity is not something we achieve; it is something we inherit as beloved sons and daughters of God.”*
- *“I plead with you as disciples of Jesus Christ to pray to see others as He sees them and to treat them accordingly.”*

In President Rosemary K. Chibota's own words, from the talk.

President Rosemary K. Chibota, Primary General President, began with the culture of her childhood, where greetings communicate love, concern, respect, and belonging. Her daughter recently reminded her of the Southern African greeting Sawubona, “I see you.” It is much more than a simple hello. It is an acknowledgment of another person’s human worth and humanity. It communicates, ‘I recognize you. I respect you.’

“The Savior Jesus Christ perfectly exemplified this principle.” He truly saw the woman at the well, the leper, the blind man, the child. “Where others saw labels, He saw beloved sons and daughters of God.” Even with the rich young man who walked away sorrowing, “[And] Jesus beholding him loved him” (Mark 10:21). One of her favorite moments is at the pool of Bethesda, where a man had suffered an infirmity for 38 years. Others had walked past him for years, but the Savior saw him, ministered to him, and healed him (John 5:2–9). The good Samaritan also chose to see, refusing to let labels or differences distract him from a child of God in need (Luke 10:33–34). “The Savior’s example and the good Samaritan’s compassion are not beyond our reach.”

Often it begins with something as simple as learning a name. At her daughter’s final parent-teacher conference, a school janitor approached her and her husband, tears in his eyes, to thank them. Their daughter regularly greeted him, knew his name, and even helped him clean up. “Very few students know my name. Your daughter sees me.” As mission leaders, she said, they found that missionaries who understood and taught that all people are beloved children of God, as President Dallin H. Oaks has reminded us, were more effective in helping others come unto Christ.

“I plead with you as disciples of Jesus Christ to pray to see others as He sees them and to treat them accordingly.” She quoted the Primary song: “Jesus said love ev’ryone; treat them kindly too.” When we see through the Savior’s eyes, love and service naturally follow. She cited President Spencer W. Kimball: “God does notice us, and ... it is usually through another person that he meets our needs.”

The Savior sees our divine potential and “callesth those things which be not as though they were” (Romans 4:17). He sees who we can become through His atoning sacrifice and makes that potential possible.

Seeing others as children of God also shapes how we see ourselves. The world invites us to focus on labels rather than eternal identity, “However, labels can never fully capture who we truly are.” Living prophets have taught that eternal identity matters far more than any worldly identifier. “Our identity is not something we achieve; it is something we inherit as beloved sons and daughters of God.”

She was candid about her own struggle. She has sometimes viewed herself through labels, and when President Oaks extended her calling, he told her, “You’ve been called for who you are.” In that moment she was reminded that God’s view of us is always more complete and more hopeful than our own. “Whatever labels may weigh heavily upon you today, Jesus Christ can raise you above them. His grace is sufficient to lift you above every label and limitation.” “Before we were students, athletes, employees, parents, citizens, or leaders, we were spirit children of our Heavenly Father. That eternal identity does not change when circumstances change, when we make mistakes, or when others misunderstand us.” President Russell M. Nelson taught that embracing our divine identity influences every major decision we make.

As we seek the Savior’s perspective, He guides us to those who need to be seen. Years ago she prayed to know how to help an isolated coworker. “As I acted on simple promptings to include him, our friendship grew.” “When we see one another through the Savior’s eyes, hearts change, relationships deepen, and faith grows.”

Her invitations were concrete: this week, learn the name of someone who may feel unseen; pray to see others as Heavenly Father sees them; and “Replace worldly labels with these eternal truths: Child of God. Child of the covenant. Disciple of Jesus Christ.” She closed with a final Sawubona. I see you. More importantly, your Heavenly Father sees you. Your savior Jesus Christ sees you. They know your name, your circumstances, your gifts, and your divine potential. As we learn to see as They see, our homes, wards, schools, and communities will become places of belonging, healing, and love.

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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