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Take Upon Us His Name

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Words to remember

- *“When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.”*
- *“Time did not change—the missionaries did. The work did not change—the workers did.”*

In Elder James G. O. Fantone's own words, from the talk.

Elder James G. O. Fantone and his wife were mission leaders in the Philippines. After they came home, their youngest daughter wanted to go to a homeschool program. Elder Fantone went to the school office to turn in her papers.

The lady at the office pointed to a line and asked him to write his daughter's name. But he was not paying close attention! He wrote his own name, James Fantone, and signed it. Oops! Then he remembered that his daughter's name is Amanda Fantone. So he just wrote “Amanda” in front of his name. Easy fix!

Later, he thought about it. He wondered, “The question: What's in a name?” He remembered a scripture from King Benjamin. It says that there is no other name, only the name of Jesus Christ, that can save us.

Elder Fantone said Jesus does not want us to just add His name to ours, like a sticker or badge. He wants us to take His name upon us. That means we try to become like Him, keep our promises, and serve like He did.

King Benjamin taught, “When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God” When we help other people, we are serving God!

When Elder Fantone was a boy, his family lived in a small house with three bedrooms. One time, his mom, who was a teacher, learned that a student could not go to school because his family could not pay for a place to live. So Elder Fantone's parents let the

student live in the boys' bedroom! Another time, a family's children needed a safe place to stay. His parents let the children move into the girls' bedroom.

Elder Fantone said that if his parents had lived in Bethlehem when Mary and Joseph needed a place to stay, they would have given them their own bedroom!

When Elder Fantone was a mission president, some new missionaries were sad and homesick. They cried and said the days were so long. But they knelt down and prayed, put on their name tags, and went out to serve anyway. A year later, those same missionaries were so happy! They said time was going too fast. Did time change? No. The missionaries changed. Serving others changed their hearts.

Elder Fantone said that when we serve others, we come to know Jesus, and we find out who we really are.

A scripture for this talk: 3 Nephi 27:5. Jesus asks us to take His name upon us by keeping our promises and serving.

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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