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Come unto Christ

Elder Edward Dube · Presidency of the Seventy

Words to remember

- *“We do not need to perfect ourselves to come to Christ. We come to Christ to be perfected.”*
- *“As you lose yourself in helping him or her come unto Christ, you will find solutions to your current problems.”*

In Elder Edward Dube’s own words, from the talk.

Elder Edward Dube of the Presidency of the Seventy said that 39 years ago, President Dallin H. Oaks taught him about the character of Jesus Christ in a way he’ll never forget. In 1987, Elder Dube was a young missionary who had been in the Church only two years. On the mission office gate hung a sign: “Trespassers will be prosecuted.” Elder Oaks asked that it be removed to avoid any impression of exclusion. We invite all to come unto Christ. In that moment Elder Dube gained the desire to love others as the Savior does.

He testified that Jesus suffered for him in Gethsemane, where “his sweat was as it were great drops of blood,” and gave His life for us. President Oaks taught that Jesus did all this because he loves all of the children of God.

Elder Dube pointed to Moroni’s invitation: “Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, ... deny yourselves of all ungodliness.” He noted three truths. One, come. “It’s an action.” We choose to move from where we are to a better place. Two, deny yourselves. Let go of things holding us back. Three, be perfected in Him. Come as we are with a willing heart, and He will give us a new heart. “We do not need to perfect ourselves to come to Christ. We come to Christ to be perfected.” President Russell M. Nelson taught, “Perfection is pending.”

Last June, on the way to the airport, a stake president in North Carolina asked, “Can we make one more ministering visit?” Elder Dube thought, “I have a flight to catch,” but the president explained that Brother Randall was a good man trying very hard to stop smoking. Elder Dube, who had never smoked, was praying and panicking at the same time. “Heavenly Father,” he pleaded, “please put words in my mouth.”

At the home, after greetings, he asked, “Brother Child, how much do you love your wife, Laurin?” Randall answered, “With all my heart.” “Would you give up anything for her?” Then, heart pounding,

Elder Dube invited them to find a quiet room and choose a date to be sealed in the temple. A few minutes later they came back with an answer: August 5th. Two months later, they were sealed.

Laurin later told him she had stayed awake all night, crying and pleading with the Lord as she watched Randall struggle, wanting to be perfect. In the early morning the answer came: “Randall doesn’t need to be perfect. He needs to do the very best he can.” Randall said that when he heard Laurin praying for him, he knew she was an answer to his prayers. Elder Dube said Randall didn’t perfect himself to come to Christ. He came with trust and a willing heart, and the Savior’s grace helped him let go of what held him back.

That, he said, is why President Oaks had the sign taken down. “The adversary wants to hang that sign on the gate of our heart,” using pain, grief, guilt, or whatever is holding us back, telling us we are unworthy to come. But Moroni taught it, Laurin had it, Randall lived it, “You too can live it.”

A former missionary told Elder Dube that his testimony felt less certain. Elder Dube said, “To him, and to all who feel that same ache, I invite you, please come unto Christ and embrace His promise, ‘that [His] joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.’” He invited each of us to find one person and invite them to come unto Christ, perhaps by meeting the missionaries. The Savior promised, “For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.”

Scripture to look up: Moroni 10:32. Moroni’s invitation, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, is open to each of us, just as we are.

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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