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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 began 39 years back, in 1987, when he was a young missionary only two years in the Church. A sign on the mission office gate read, “Trespassers will be prosecuted.” Then-Elder Dallin H. Oaks asked that it be removed to avoid any impression of exclusion. Rather, we invite all to come unto Christ. “In that moment, I gained the desire to love others as the Savior does.”

He bore witness of the Savior’s suffering. In Gethsemane “his sweat was as it were great drops of blood” (Luke 22:44), and He gave His life for us. “I cannot comprehend that suffering, but I testify of His divinity.” President Oaks has taught that Jesus did all of this because he loves all of the children of God. His suffering and atoning sacrifice show us how completely devoted he is to all of us. And He invites us to come unto Him.

Moroni’s invitation frames the talk: “Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, ... deny yourselves of all ungodliness” (Moroni 10:32). Elder Dube drew out three truths. “Come: It’s an action. We choose to move from our current place to a better place. Deny yourselves: Surrender. Let go of the things that are holding us back. Be perfected in Him: Come as we are with a willing heart. 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. It can come in full only after the Resurrection and only through the Lord.”

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

At the home, after introductions, he empathized with Randall's efforts to quit, then asked, "Brother Child, how much do you love your wife, Laurin?" Randall's expression changed: "With all my heart." "Would you give up anything for her?" Heart pounding, Elder Dube extended an invitation: go find a quiet room and choose a date to be sealed in the house of the Lord. A few minutes later they returned: August 5th. They knelt in prayer, and two months later they were sealed in the temple.

Laurin later shared the other half of the story. She had stayed awake all night, unable to bear watching Randall suffer, wanting to be perfect in every way possible. All night she cried and pleaded. "In the early hours of the morning, the answer came very clear: 'Randall doesn't need to be perfect. He needs to do the very best he can.'" Randall added, "I had trust in the Lord. But when I heard Laurin praying for me—saying all I needed to do was the best I could—I knew then that she was an answer to my prayers." Elder Dube underlined it: "Randall didn't perfect himself to come to Christ." He came to Christ with trust and a willing heart, and the Savior's grace helped him let go of what was holding him back.

Elder Dube said, "And that is why President Oaks had the sign on the gate taken down: 'Trespassers will be prosecuted.' The adversary wants to hang that sign on the gate of our heart." Pain, grief, guilt, materialism, or whatever holds us back, the adversary tells us it makes us unworthy to come unto Christ. "But Moroni taught it. Laurin heard it. Randall lived it. You too can live it." If we deny not his power, we are sanctified in Christ by the grace of God (Moroni 10:33).

A former missionary recently wrote him: "As for my faith, my testimony is not as certain as it once was." 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'" (John 15:11). His closing invitation: "Will you find one person and invite him or her to come unto Christ by exercising faith to follow His teachings, or invite a friend to meet with the missionaries?" As we lose ourselves in helping others come to Christ, we will find solutions to our own problems, for the Savior promised, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 16:25).

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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