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You Are Good Enough to Teach

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Words to remember

- *“The impact of a gospel teacher is not just the message—it is the love of the messenger.”*
- *“If class members leave the lesson feeling closer to the Savior than when they came, we have taught enough.”*

In Brother Gabriel W. Reid’s own words, from the talk.

Brother Gabriel W. Reid, Second Counselor in the Sunday School General Presidency, said that after he was sustained, he felt inadequate and overwhelmed. Then he saw a news headline: “New Sunday School Leaders Include Men Involved in Church Education and an NFL Player.” He smiled, because the headline didn’t share names, and he hoped people would think he was one of the educators. Still, he felt, “Lord, I love You, but do You really have the right person?” Maybe you’ve asked, “Do I know enough? Am I good enough to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ?”

He noticed a pattern in the Savior, the Master Teacher: often, when He invited someone to teach, He also gave a promise. To a few ordinary fishermen with willing hearts and little experience, He said, “Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.” “He did not expect them to become master teachers before they followed Him.” He promised to make them into who He needed them to be.

The sons of Mosiah, whose past was marked by rebellion, had changed hearts through the Savior’s redeeming power. When they wanted to teach the Lamanites, the Lord promised, “I will make an instrument of thee in my hands.” Wherever we teach, at church, on missions, at home, or one by one, His promise is the same: He will help us.

Before Jesus taught His disciples what to teach, He taught them who to become. At the heart of discipleship is love. The two great commandments, love God and love our neighbor, become one simple invitation for teachers: “Love the Lord and love those you teach.”

Brother Reid’s first gospel teachers were his parents in their village in American Samoa, where 13 children, two faithful parents, and often extended family lived the gospel under one roof. His mother had limited formal education, but his parents had a deep faith in Jesus Christ. “They loved the Lord with all their hearts, and because they loved Him, they loved us in a way that helped us love Him too.” Many of his Primary classes were held under a mango tree. What he remembers most is how his

teachers loved him and knew him by name. “The impact of a gospel teacher is not just the message—it is the love of the messenger.”

When the resurrected Savior visited the people in the Americas, He began by inviting each person, one by one, to come to Him. Later, after class had ended, His love had not: He healed the sick, blessed their children, and prayed for them one by one.

With the new Sunday schedule, some ask, “How can I teach everything in 25 minutes?” Brother Reid suggested a better question: how can I help those I teach connect to the Savior sooner? The purpose of every lesson is for people to leave thinking about and loving the Savior. If they leave feeling closer to Him than when they came, we have taught enough.

So, are you good enough to teach? The answer is yes. Not because you know everything or always feel confident, but because you can love the Master Teacher. As you do, He will help you love those you teach. “To teach like the Savior, we must love like the Savior!”

Scripture to look up: Matthew 4:19. Jesus promised to make His disciples fishers of men. He pairs His invitations with promises and qualifies those He calls.

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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