

General Relief Society Meeting Highlights

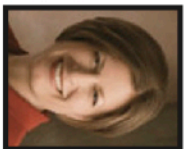
Because the November issues of the Ensign and Liahona contain a report of general conference, the magazines do not contain a specific Visiting Teaching Message. Visiting teachers are encouraged to prayerfully select a conference address to share with those they teach. {visit: conference.LDS.org or review talks from Ensign Nov. 2010}



Charity Never Faleth - By President Thomas S. Monson

“My dear sisters, each of you is unique. You are different from each other in many ways. There are those of you who are married. Some of you stay at home with your children, while others of you work outside your homes. Some of you are empty-nesters. There are those of you who are married but do not have children. There are those who are divorced, those who are widowed. Many of you are single women. Some of you have college degrees; some of you do not. There are those who can afford the latest fashions and those who are lucky to have one appropriate Sunday outfit. Such differences are almost endless. Do these differences tempt us to judge one another?”

“Mother Teresa, a Catholic nun who worked among the poor in India most of her life, spoke this profound truth. If you judge people, you have no time to love them.” The Savior has admonished, “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.”



“Daughters in My Kingdom”: The History and Work of Relief Society

By Julie B. Beck, Relief Society General President

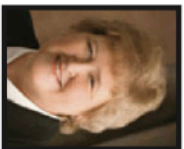
“We study our history to learn what we are to do. Through our history, we learn how to prepare for the blessings of eternal life. The Relief Society as an organization has always had the responsibility to organize the energies of the sisters in the wards and branches of Zion. Through Relief Society meetings, the ministry of visiting teachers, and their combined service, daughters of God are taught, watched over, and inspired in their responsibility in the Lord’s work and kingdom.”



Steadfast and Immovable

By Silvia H. Allred, First Counselor in the Relief Society General Presidency

“Romans 8:16 says, “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.” The first time I remember feeling with all certainty that Heavenly Father knew me, loved me, and cared for me was when I entered the waters of baptism at age 15. Before then, I knew God existed and Jesus Christ was the Savior of the world. I believed in Them and loved Them, but I had never felt Their love and care for me, individually, until that day as I rejoiced in my opportunity to make baptismal covenants. I realized what a great miracle it had been to have been found and taught by the missionaries, especially with only a handful of missionaries amongst two million people! I knew then that Heavenly Father knew me and loved me in such a special way that He guided the missionaries to my home.”



And of Some Have Compassion, Making a Difference

By Barbara Thompson - Second Counselor in the Relief Society General Presidency

“The Savior has asked us to do the things which He has done, to bear one another’s burdens, to comfort those who need comfort, to mourn with those who mourn, to feed the hungry, to visit the sick, to succor the weak, lift up the hands which hang down, and to “teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom.” To me these words and actions describe visiting teachers—those who minister to others. Visiting teaching gives women the opportunity to watch over, strengthen, and teach one another. Much like a teacher in the Atonic Priesthood is charged with the responsibility to “watch over the Church always” and to “be with and strengthen them,” a visiting teacher shows her love by prayerfully considering each woman she is called to serve.”

Conference Story Index

The following is a list of selected experiences from general conference addresses for use in personal study, family home evening, and other teaching. The number refers to the first page of the talk.

Speaker	Story
Elder Jeffrey R. Holland	Jeffrey R. Holland’s parents pay for his mission (6).
Rosemary M. Wixom	Children pray while their mother drives through a blizzard (9).
Elder D. Todd Christofferson	D. Todd Christofferson’s grandfather shears sheep and pays for a mission (16). A business partner divides assets unequally (16).
Elder Robert D. Hales	Robert D. Hales varnishes a floor until he gets himself stuck in a corner (24).
Elder Quentin L. Cook	A bishop helps a man repent of dishonesty (27).
Elder Russell M. Nelson	Russell M. Nelson shares the Book of Mormon with friends (47). A young man joins the Church after exploring mormon.org (47).
Elder Patrick Keaton	Patrick Keaton is stung by a scorpion (50).
Elder Juan A. Uceda	A father gets angry with his daughter during family scripture study (53).
President Henry B. Eyring	Spencer W. Kimball visits Henry B. Eyring’s father in the hospital (59).
President Thomas S. Monson	Clayton M. Christensen refuses to play basketball on Sunday (67).
President Henry B. Eyring	A Relief Society president collects clothing to give to the poor (70).
President Boyd K. Packer	A repentant woman is urged not to look back (74).
Elder Jay E. Jensen	Jay E. Jensen prays and receives a testimony through the Holy Ghost (77).
President Thomas S. Monson	A family learns to give thanks even during hard times (87).
Elder L. Tom Perry	A young priest helps a man with disabilities take the sacrament (91).
Elder Larry R. Lawrence	Parents ask a son to stay home because they have a bad feeling about an activity (98).
Elder Mervyn B. Arnold	A cow dies after eating too much wheat (105).
Elder M. Russell Ballard	A woman begins the descent into addiction through prescription drugs (108).
Silvia H. Allred	Tragedy strikes a family as they return from being sealed in the temple (116).
Barbara Thompson	Barbara Thompson is blessed through visiting teaching Ashley’s mother (119).
President Thomas S. Monson	A couple who run a boarding house allow a disfigured man to stay in their home (122).