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[Elder Gary E. Stevenson](#) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles spoke during the Saturday evening session of [April 2025 general conference](#) about making Jesus Christ the center of one's life and Easter celebration. The following is a summary of what he said.

When a customs officer saw an image of the Savior in Sister Lesa Stevenson's passport, it changed the officer's demeanor.

"This small picture of the Savior connected the hearts of two otherwise disconnected strangers, capturing the beauty, the miracle and the reality of the Light of Jesus Christ."

Followers of Jesus Christ seek to both receive and share His light.

Living prophets are increasingly inviting people to come unto Him. In 2020, for instance, [President Russell M. Nelson](#) introduced a new visual identifier for the Church featuring the resurrected Savior.

"Christ is at the center of His Church and should be at the center of our lives."

Believers have been encouraged to celebrate Easter in a higher and holier way. "Adding an intentional spiritual dimension that focuses on Jesus Christ and His Atonement to our celebration has brought a sweet balance to our commemoration of these most holy of all events."

Everyone will be resurrected, not figuratively or symbolically, because of the Savior.

“All who accept the invitations from our living Prophet and his counselors to more intentionally commemorate the holy events that Easter represents will find that their bond with Jesus Christ grows ever stronger.”

Notable quotes

“We rejoice that because of the Savior’s atoning sacrifice, we can be forgiven and cleansed of our sins as we repent. This brings us peace and hope while making it possible for us to return to God’s presence.”

“Living prophets in our day — who receive revelation from God to teach and lead us — are increasingly inviting us to come unto Christ.”

“I testify that all who accept the invitations from our living Prophet and his counselors to more intentionally commemorate the holy events that Easter represents will find that their bond with Jesus Christ grows ever stronger.”

Who is Elder Stevenson?

- Elder Gary E. Stevenson was sustained as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles on Oct. 3, 2015. He had been serving as the presiding bishop since 2012.
- Elder Stevenson has lived more than nine years in Japan — first as a missionary serving in the Japan Fukuoka Mission, then as president of the Japan Nagoya Mission from 2004 to 2007, and as area president of the Church’s Asia North Area from 2008 to 2012. In 2016, he joined President Russell M. Nelson, who dedicated the Sapporo Japan Temple, and later accompanied President Henry B. Eyring as he rededicated the Tokyo Japan Temple in 2022.
- He met his wife, Sister Lesa Jean Higley Stevenson, at Utah State University. The couple married Aug. 20, 1979, in the Idaho Falls Idaho Temple and are the parents of four sons.

What has Elder Stevenson done recently?

- In October 2024 general conference, Elder Stevenson spoke about the days never to be forgotten in the coming decade of the Church’s history.

- Ministering in Brazil, he taught five ways to become lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ in preparation for a mission in February.
- In January, Elder Stevenson told BYU students of four “flags” that might enhance them as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- He highlighted blessings of courage and covenant-keeping with Christ during a November 2024 ministry in the Europe Central Area.

Read more of Elder Stevenson’s general conference addresses, or follow him on Facebook, Instagram and X/Twitter.

Sister Wright’s talk summary

Sister Amy A. Wright, first counselor in the Primary general presidency, spoke during the Saturday evening session of April 2025 general conference. Sister Wright spoke about helping children believe in, belong to and become like Jesus Christ. The following is a summary of what she said.

“Lifelong discipleship of Jesus Christ begins in our homes — and in Primary as early as 18 months of age. We want our children to believe in Jesus Christ, belong to Jesus Christ and His Church through covenant and strive to become like Jesus Christ.”

For faith to lead to salvation, it must be centered in the Lord Jesus Christ.

“How can we help children strengthen their belief in Jesus Christ and access His divine power?”

After His Resurrection, the Savior invited the multitude to feel the prints of the nails in His hands and feet, one by one. “I invite you to ponder what this can look like in the life of young children. Do they hear testimonies of Jesus Christ and His gospel? ... Do they know of His message and mission?”

Members of the Church have a covenantal responsibility to prepare for His return. “How can we help children make and keep sacred covenants? ... How can we help baptized and confirmed children fulfill their covenantal responsibility to gather themselves and others unto Jesus Christ?”

Seek inspired ways to help children come to know this is their Church and they have a vital role to play in preparing for the Savior's return.

Notable quotes

"If we are not testifying to the veracity of His premortal godhood, His divine mission and His prison-bursting Resurrection in our homes and in every single meeting of this Church, then our messages of love, service, honesty, humility, gratitude and compassion can become nothing more than a jaunty pep talk of thoughtful living."

"If we become casual in our discipleship of Jesus Christ, it could be catastrophic for our children."

"When we tell our children we love them, are we also telling them that their Father in Heaven and Savior Jesus Christ love them? Our love may comfort and inspire, but Their love can sanctify, exalt and heal."

Who is Sister Wright?

- Sister Amy A. Wright has served as a counselor in the Primary general presidency since April 2021. She became first counselor in August 2022 after originally serving as second counselor.
- She has served as a member of the Young Women general advisory council, stake Primary president, ward Primary president, ward Primary presidency counselor, Young Women adviser, Relief Society teacher, Gospel Doctrine teacher and Cub Scout leader.
- In late 2015, Sister Wright was diagnosed with stage 4 ovarian cancer and given a 17% chance of survival. She described her battle with cancer as a "polishing and refining experience" — one that was "uniquely tailored" to help her come to know the Savior in a deeply personal way.
- Sister Wright and her twin brother were born in January 1972 in Salt Lake City to Joy Bailey and Robert Anderson.
- She met her husband, Brother James McConkie Wright, at the University of Utah. They were sealed on June 24, 1994, in the Salt Lake Temple and are the parents of three children.

What has Sister Wright done recently?

- In March, Sister Wright and Sister Yee built and encouraged Saints in four central African countries.
- Sister Wright and the other members of the Primary general presidency joined the Church News podcast in February.
- During a devotional at BYU in November 2024, Sister Wright shared four lessons to navigate today's storms.

Read Sister Wright's previous general conference address, or follow her on Facebook and Instagram.

Elder James R. Rasband's talk summary

Elder James R. Rasband, General Authority Seventy, spoke during the Saturday evening session of April 2025 general conference. He spoke on how Heavenly Father's mercy is present in temples, in seeking forgiveness and in receiving revelation. The following is a summary of what he said.

In the Kirtland Temple's dedicatory prayer, "Joseph [Smith] again and again pleaded for mercy" for Church members, their enemies, political leaders "and, very personally, he pled with the Lord to remember him and to have mercy upon his beloved Emma and their children."

Each person can find mercy in the house of the Lord and the covenants made there. In the temple, individuals learn that "every part of the plan of salvation" is merciful.

"Indeed, it might be said that the plan of salvation is a plan of happiness precisely because it is a 'plan of mercy.'"

The Lord will "manifest Himself in mercy whenever we ... plead for mercy." If one struggles to feel answers to prayer, "seeking the Lord's mercy is one of the most powerful ways to feel the witness of the Holy Ghost."

When asking Heavenly Father if the Book of Mormon is true, follow Moroni's invitation to ponder "how merciful the Lord hath been unto the children of men" (Moroni 10:3-5), and ask if His plan as taught in this book is really this merciful.

"I testify that it is and that the peace-giving and hopeful teachings of mercy in the Book of Mormon are true."

Notable quotes

"It might be said that the plan of salvation is a plan of happiness precisely because it is a 'plan of mercy.'"

"For those who sometimes struggle to feel answers to prayer, seeking the Lord's mercy is one of the most powerful ways to feel the witness of the Holy Ghost."

"In sum, is the Father's plan as taught in the Book of Mormon really this merciful? I testify that it is."

Who is Elder James R. Rasband?

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- Elder James R. Rasband was sustained as a General Authority Seventy on April 6, 2019, at age 56. At the time of his call, he had been serving as an Area Seventy in the Utah South Area.
- Elder Rasband served as a young full-time missionary in the Korea Seoul Mission.
- He married Mary Diane Williams in the Los Angeles California Temple on Aug. 11, 1984. They are the parents of four children.
- He began his career as an attorney in Seattle, Washington, and later served as dean of the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University from 2009 to 2016. He then served as academic vice president of BYU.

What has Elder James R. Rasband done recently?

- During the April 2020 general conference, Elder Rasband taught that through Christ's healing power, all of God's children will have a fair opportunity to choose to follow Him.

Elder Vargas' talk summary

Elder Sergio R. Vargas, a General Authority Seventy, spoke during the Saturday evening session of April 2025 general conference. He spoke about focusing our lives on Jesus Christ to return to our heavenly home. The following is a summary of what he said.

In nature, salmon are born in rivers and swim to the ocean to find conditions and food needed to grow. The ocean is dangerous for salmon, with predators and fishers using fake bait. If the salmon survive, scientists have learned through research that they use a type of magnetic map, similar to GPS, to guide them back to their birthplace.

Like salmon, Heavenly Father's children have a magnetic guide — the Light of Christ — to help guide them back to their heavenly home.

“As we focus our life on Jesus Christ, we find our way home, enduring to the end and rejoicing to the end.”

Just as the salmon need to be nourished in the ocean to grow, Heavenly Father's children need to be nourished spiritually to avoid dying of spiritual malnutrition. Prayer, the scriptures, the temple and consistently attending Sunday meetings are vital to a person's spiritual health.

Making and keeping covenants brings a person closer to God, makes the impossible possible and fills spaces of darkness and doubt with light and peace.

“Deep inside each of us is a desire to return to our heavenly home, and Jesus Christ is our heavenly guidance system. He is the way.”

Notable quotes

“I invite all of us today to center our lives on Jesus Christ and His teachings.”

“Our divine nature and covenant relationship with God entitle us to receive divine help.”

“Ask for help. Jesus Christ understands and is always eager to share our burdens.”

Who is Elder Sergio R. Vargas?

- Elder Sergio R. Vargas was sustained as a General Authority Seventy on April 6, 2024.
- He earned a bachelor's degree in marine resources from the University of Los Lagos in 1999, business administration diploma from Austral University in 2002, professional skills certificate from BYU–PathwayConnect, business administration diploma from the University of Concepción, and sustainable business strategy certificate from Harvard Business School Online.
- Elder Vargas was introduced to the Church through his future wife. After meeting with the missionaries, he was baptized in 2003.
- He and his wife, Sister Andrea Vargas, were sealed in the Santiago Chile Temple and are now parents to three children.

What has Elder Vargas done recently?

- This is Elder Vargas' first general conference address.
- Listen to Elder Vargas and other new General Authority Seventies share their testimonies on the Church News podcast.
- Elder Rasband, as a General Authority Seventy and assistant executive director of the Temple Department, spoke to news media representatives during media tours of the Taylorsville Utah Temple in April 2024.
- In a January 2020 BYU–Idaho devotional, he taught four ways to keep Christ at the center of one's gospel vocabulary.

Elder Christofferson's talk summary

Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles spoke during the Saturday evening session of April 2025 general conference about worshipping. The following is a summary of what he said.

Four concepts regarding worship:

First, the actions that constitute one's worship: Most important is what is done in gathering on the Lord's day. "Worshipping together, as the 'body of Christ,' has unique power and benefits as we teach, serve and sustain one another."

Second, the attitudes and feelings inherent in worship: “Feeling and expressing gratitude to God is, in fact, what infuses worship with a sense of joyful renewal as opposed to seeing it as just one more duty.”

Third, the exclusivity of worship: “Whatever takes precedence over worship of the Father and the Son becomes an idol. Those who reject God as the source of truth, or disavow any accountability to Him, in effect substitute themselves as their god.”

Finally, the need to emulate the Father and the Son: “How we live may be the best, most genuine form of worship. Showing our devotion means emulating the Father and the Son — cultivating Their attributes and character in ourselves. ...

“May we receive the Holy Spirit and yield our hearts to God, have no other gods before Him and as disciples of Jesus Christ emulate His character in our own lives. I testify that as we do, we will experience joy in worship.”

Notable quotes

“True worship means loving God and yielding our will to Him — the most precious gift we can offer.”

“Worshipping together, as the ‘body of Christ’ has unique power and benefits as we teach, serve and sustain one another. ... As a community of Saints, we strengthen each other in worship and in faith.”

“Those who reject God as the source of truth, or disavow any accountability to Him, in effect substitute themselves as their god. One who places loyalty to a party or cause ahead of divine direction worships a false god.”

Who is Elder Christofferson?

- Elder D. Todd Christofferson has been a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles since April 5, 2008. He was called as a General Authority Seventy in 1993 and served in the Presidency of the Seventy from 1998 until his call as an Apostle.

- In 1968, he married Kathy Jacob. The two met at a BYU football game — at the time, he had been helping with crowd control, and she was a Cougarette. They are the parents of five children.
- From 1975 to 1980, Elder Christofferson practiced law in Washington, D.C., after serving as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica during the trials and other proceedings known as Watergate (1972-74).

What has Elder Christofferson done recently?

- As part of the October 2024 general conference, Elder Christofferson talked about the need to put away “weapons of rebellion” and “yield to the enticings of the Spirit.”
- Elder Christofferson joined the Church News podcast in December to talk about the Church Educational System and young adults today.
- While pursuing education, “look to the Lord for the help you need,” Elder Christofferson