

**The Church of Jesus Christ  
Of Latter-Day Saints  
Brighton 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Newsletter**

**July 2016**



**Bishopric Message**

Some of us have trained for an endurance race of some sort – whether a 5K race, or Ragnar, a marathon, or perhaps even a triathlon. And for those us of who haven't (including yours truly), we at least know some of these very dedicated and fit individuals who accomplish amazing feats with their physical bodies. I had a co-worker who was a very successful triathlete and even qualified for and competed in the Kona Ironman.

I was impressed with the dedication she displayed in training – she was not only running, swimming or bicycling, she was doing it in magnitude – consistently setting aside blocks of time to her training. I was curious as to the secret(s) of her success. She explained that there were many factors of success, and all of them were extremely important, but three stood out more than the rest. Part of her success was God-given – her athleticism. She was always inclined to endurance sports, and recognized that as a talent she was fortunate to have. Part of her success was planning. She needed to plan for a daily workout – identifying periods of her day that she could invest in as physical training. Over time, she desired it more, and this daily training eventually has become so ingrained in her life that it's difficult for her to not have it. She stated how much she loved it. Finally, she needed determination and dedication. This willpower was not only important in following through to conduct her daily workout, but also to stick to the grueling workout to the end. Helpful in this process was to have a trainer, and/or a workout partner. Both could hold her accountable on those days that her will was weak to complete or even start her training.

As disciples of Christ, are we likewise preparing for our spiritual Ironman? Let's follow the athlete's recipe for success:

1. Identify three spiritual activities that you can plan and consecrate time towards, and then through determination and dedication, increase your spiritual fitness. Scriptures, prayer, temple worship, church attendance, Sabbath Day observance, home teaching, visiting teaching, callings, our roles as husband/wife, father/mother – these, and many others, are worthwhile spiritual activities to master.
2. Religiously plan a regular regiment – a specific training. Some activities, like temple and Sabbath Day, may not be daily activities. Others may be. Whatever your three choices are, spiritually identify a workout plan that will be challenging to you and help you grow. In addition to the frequency – identify time of day, even document it on your calendar so you can have reminders throughout.
3. Have the willpower, dedication, and determination to follow-through on your personalized plan. Pray for help in fulfilling your plan. Find help by identifying a spiritual trainer and/or spiritual workout partner. Confide in them your three spiritual goals. Allow them to help you and hold you accountable, especially on those days that you feel your will is weak to complete, or even start, your training. Some examples of potential spiritual workout partners would be your spouse, children, home teachers, visiting teachers, or leaders, including me. For each of you that share your spiritual plan with me, I will share my personal spiritual plan with you and you can be my spiritual workout partner.

I testify to each of you that as you train for your spiritual Ironman, you will find a higher level of satisfaction, happiness and peace in your life than you are currently at. These enhanced feelings will be the fruit of an added measure of the Spirit in your life that results. I likewise promise that as you stay dedicated to this challenge, you will find that these activities become something you look forward to, a necessary habit, and an activity that you fall in love with.

Bishop Azar McMaster

## High Priests



As I have contemplated what the High Priest's group needs to share with the ward family my mind has drawn a blank. I have prayed, read scriptures and studied it out in my mind, found a quiet place to ponder, run 14 miles in 36 hours as part of a relay team and even read a bit of Harry Potter. So I decided to just put my barge into the sea and shove off, hoping the Lord will guide my thoughts.

The group leadership tries to visit each week with ward members and we find that they bring much more to us than we could possibly bring to them. Personally I find that our more seasoned ward members aren't really much different than those who attend primary or YM/YW activities. It is nice that our Tuesday visits don't include basketball because I don't think Craig, Thayne, Mark or myself could move very quickly any more. But, the one thing that seems to transcend and weave throughout the entire ward family is that regardless of the age of the member they seem to have one thing in common, they want to be listened to, have their experiences valued and love expressed to them.

The secret about serving with the High Priest's Group is that our lives are filled each time we visit and do our priesthood responsibilities. Filled to overflowing. Sherry never seems to complain that I spend too much time doing my High Priest's job. In fact she believes, as I do we are blessed because of the goodness of your lives that you share with us as we visit each week.

We love you. Looking forward to more visits!  
Jeff Kennicott for the High Priests.

## Relief Society



Relief Society is always a beehive of activity and that's what makes it so enjoyable! We had a delightful time at this month's activity night. We gathered at the church, loaded into cars and went downtown to tour the Church History Museum. It is an incredible collection of displays and actual artifacts telling the story of the restoration of the church in this dispensation. So many thought provoking things to see and experience. We each toured at our own pace, stopping and starting again, being touched by the spirit and drinking it all in. It was a testimony strengthening experience. Afterward we went to Macey's for a treat and visit. So fun!

We've had lots of opportunities serve each other and want to thank you for always being there for each other. It's so heartwarming to see the love shared sister to sister and family to family. We have such an awesome ward family, you are the best!

We want to thank you for signing up for visiting teaching interviews, it was so nice to take a moment one on one to visit with you and make sure we are caring for each of our sisters.

We are not planning an activity for July but we are looking forward to our August potluck dinner in Debbie Mackintosh's backyard.

It is a blessing in our lives to draw closer to our Heavenly Father and seek His guidance to know how best to serve you, His precious daughters. It is such pleasure for us a Presidency to serve with you and get to know you better.

We love you all.

Debbie Rogerson for the Relief Society Presidency, Debbie Mackintosh, Debbie Watts and Deb Bruno.

## Elders Quorum

### **Father's Leadership**

Elder David A. Bednar said the following in the April 2012 general conference, "At the conclusion of the temple recommend interviews I conducted ... I often would ask the married sisters how I could best serve them and their families. The consistency of the answers I received ... was both instructive and alarming. The sisters rarely complained or criticized, but they often responded as follows: "Please help my husband understand his responsibility as a priesthood leader in our home. I am happy to take the lead in scripture study, family prayer, and family home evening, and I will continue to do so. But I wish my husband would be an equal partner and provide the strong priesthood leadership only he can give. Please help my husband learn how to become a patriarch and a priesthood leader in our home who presides and protects." Brethren, I promise that if you and I will prayerfully ponder the pleas of these sisters, the Holy Ghost will help us to see ourselves as we really are and help us recognize the things we need to change and improve. And the time to act is now!"

Fatherhood is leadership, the most important kind of leadership. It has always been so; it always will be so. Father, with the assistance and counsel and encouragement of your eternal companion, you preside in the home. It is not a matter of whether you are most worthy or best qualified, but it is a matter of law and appointment. You preside at the meal table, at family prayer. You preside at family home evening; and as guided by the Spirit of the Lord, you see that your children are taught correct principles. It is your place to give direction relating to all of family life. You give father's blessings. You take an active part in establishing family rules and discipline. As a leader in your home you plan and sacrifice to achieve the blessing of a unified and happy family. To do all of this requires that you live a family-centered life.

The day will come when you will stand before the Lord and report your stewardship as a father on earth. Father, you are accountable to the Lord for what you have and what you are. What will be your report concerning your family? Will you be able to report that your home was a place of love, a bit of heaven? That daily family prayer and secret prayer were fostered? That it was a house of fasting? That in family home evenings and at other times you and your wife taught your children the basic principles of the gospel? Will you be able to report that you created an environment in your home to build faith in a living God, to encourage learning, to teach order, obedience, and sacrifice? That you often shared your testimony of the reality of your Father in Heaven, of the truthfulness of the restored gospel with your wife and children? Will you be able to report that you followed the living prophets? That your home was where your tender children could feel protected and safe, and where they felt the love and acceptance and warmth from you and their mother? And what will be your report concerning the temporal welfare of your family? It is God's plan that you work for what you get. Your occupation should be honorable and should provide sufficiently to meet the needs of your family. Are your duties and labors undertaken with a joyful and thankful spirit? Do your wife and children feel secure because you feel good about your occupation? Do you practice frugality and thrift and avoid debt by living within your income, your tithed income? Do your wife and children feel a sense of tradition and stability because the family home is not relocated on a whim, for unsound reasons? Father, are you committed to the eternal welfare of each of your children? Do you labor and love and strive with them as long as they live?

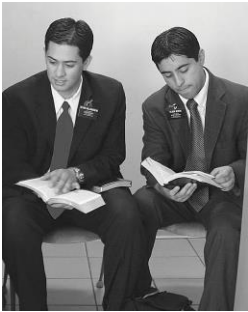
"I repeat that plea to all fathers. Yours is the basic and inescapable responsibility to stand as head of the family. That does not carry with it any implication of dictatorship or unrighteous dominion. It carries with it a mandate that fathers provide for the needs of their families. Those needs are more than food, clothing, and shelter. Those needs include righteous direction and the teaching, by example as well as precept, of basic principles of honesty, integrity, service, respect for the rights of others, and an understanding that we are accountable for that which we do in this life" - Gordon B. Hinckley.

Can you make this resolution? I do solemnly resolve before God to take full responsibility for myself, my wife, and my children. I will love them, protect them, serve them, and teach them the Word of God as the spiritual leader of my home. I will be faithful to my wife, to love and honor her, and be willing to lay down my life for her as Jesus Christ did for me. I will give priesthood blessings to my children and teach them to love God with all of their hearts, all of their minds, and all of their strength. I will train them to

honor authority and live responsibly. I will confront evil, pursue justice, and love mercy. I will pray for others and treat them with kindness, respect, and compassion. I will work diligently to provide for the needs of my family. I will forgive those who have wronged me and reconcile with those I have wronged. I will learn from my mistakes, repent of my sins, and walk with integrity as a man answerable to God. I will seek to honor God, be faithful to His church, obey His Word, and do His will. I will courageously work with the strength God provides to fulfill this resolution for the rest of my life.

Elders Quorum Presidency: Aaron Ellison, Cody Walker, Michael Vanderhooft, Michael Coombs

## Young Men



Several of the young men and their leaders are attending a Priesthood Encampment July 11-16 at the Hinckley Scout ranch. The ultimate goal of the camp is to prepare young men, and some of the not so young men, for missionary service. At the camp there will be the typical rifle shooting, canoeing, and archery activities. There will also be morning devotionals and spiritual focused training sessions. Several of the speakers have returned from their missionary service and will share some of the traits of successful elders in their missions. We look forward to the time we will be able to spend with the young men and hope to help them strengthen their testimonies of the Savior.

Young Men's Presidency: Evan Taylor, Jamison Darby, Bryan Murdock, John Maxfield

## Young Women

It's been an exciting few months in Young Women's! We welcomed two new Beehives to the group... Kierstyn Baker and Annika Nye. We are so excited to have them with us. We also said goodbye to Kydee Barbee and Lora Rohlfing. Both of their families moved out of the ward, and they will be greatly missed.

There have also been some changes in leadership. Lori Walker is the new 1<sup>st</sup> counselor, Emily Jenson & Louise Vanderhooft were both called as assistant camp directors, and Katie Mackintosh was just called to be the new Beehive advisor. We express our sincere thanks to Darcy Cavazos (Beehive advisor) and Sonnet Barbee (1<sup>st</sup> counselor) for all of the service they gave to the Young Women's organization.

Congratulations are in order for Lindsay Yagi and Gisselle McLoney! They have both graduated high school and will be starting college this fall. We wish them luck as they enter this new stage of life.

We have had some fun activities... In April, the Young Men and Young Women hosted a dinner with the bishop for the single adults over 40. It was an amazing night, and everyone enjoyed visiting and getting to know each other better. We also supported Jacob Glad's Eagle Scout project by helping with the Special Needs Prom. It was a super fun night! We have roasted hot dogs at Sister Harvey's house, performed proxy baptisms at the Salt Lake Temple (followed by Kong Kones, of course!), had a Bishop's fireside, and who could forget the fundraiser dinner!? It was a successful night, and we are so grateful for everyone's support. The money raised that night will go towards Girl's Camp and Youth Conference.

Of course, the highlight of the last few months would have to be Girl's Camp. We had a blast! We did everything from canoeing and zip-lining, to service projects and snipe hunting, and even building a sea-worthy barge like the Brother of Jared using only cardboard and duct tape and sending one of our trusting Young Women out on the lake to see how long it would stay afloat. Ours lasted over 10 minutes! And who could forget the awesome testimony building activities and devotionals? They definitely left an imprint on our



hearts. We crafted, we s'mored, we laughed, we cried, we ate, and we ate some more! At the end of it all, we were sad to say goodbye, but glad to come home to shower and sleep!

Some important dates to remember:

- **Youth Conference (ages 14 and up):** Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. We are heading to Moab for some fun in the sun! Hiking, river rafting, and so much more.
- **Stake Young Women's camp fireside:** Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Meet at the Stake Center
- **General Women's Session of Conference:** Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm at the Stake Center
- **Stake Youth Devotional:** Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at the Stake Center

We are so blessed to serve the Young Women in our ward. They are each so beautiful and talented, and we love them so very much!

Love,

Kathy Harvey (President)  
Lori Walker (1<sup>st</sup> Counselor)  
Rachel Olson (2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor)  
Julia Gates (Secretary)



## Primary News

The school year is over and we are all excited that summer is here! We kicked the summer off with a primary carnival.

Despite the rain, we played games, had our faces painted, and just fun together. We are grateful for all of the help we had and most importantly we are glad so many families came.

The children have been working on reading the Book of Mormon this year. As they read the Book of Mormon they add ribbons to their bookmark to mark their progress. It is amazing to watch them as they progress.

During the past three months we have been focusing on how we can return to live

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GOSPEL.

- ARTICLES OF FAITH  
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with God again. Jesus Christ is our Savior

and through his atonement we can be forgiven and become clean again. As we work our way through life, we are not left alone. The Holy Ghost will be there to guide us and can be our constant companion.

The primary children have beautiful testimonies of our Savior and we love to hear them testify each week.

Love,  
The Primary Presidency

WELCOME NEW  
TEACHERS!

We love all of our teachers in primary and are so grateful for their service seen and unseen. We want to welcome our newest teachers: David Baker, Shelyse Carpenter, Darcy Cavazos, Kelly Christensen, Karen Holbrook, Logan Watts, and Jodie Whitehead.

## **Sunday School**

Four new teachers have accepted callings to teach in the Sunday School organization. They are Wendy Wagstaff, Joe Glad, Bob Davis and Matt Jensen. We do appreciate the great service that will be given by them and by all of those who now teach or give service in other ways.



The new program that we are now using is entitled "teaching in the Savior's way". It is intended that we teach the gospel by the spirit in order to help God's children build their faith in the Savior and become more like him.

Teacher council meetings are now held on the 2nd Sunday of the month and anyone who teaches attends during the 2nd or 3rd period.

We extend our best wishes to all of our ward members and have a safe and happy summer.

Sunday School Presidency: Dan Mackintosh, Sherm Bartschi and Dennis Loertscher

## **Missionary News**

### **Elder Heber Jensen**

Elder Jensen is serving in the Royal Oaks ward in Salem, Oregon. He and his companion recently spent time with a member that had a short time to live. He said that he had never seen a more peaceful man. The man shared a powerful testimony of the gospel that strengthened the Elders. The member asked them to leave with a prayer. They felt the spirit very strong and know that he will be serving on the other side of the veil.

He said his final goodbye to his mission president and wife. They leave this week to return to Alpine, Utah. They encouraged the missionaries to give their hearts to the Lord. They are working with the members and less actives. There are many people on the ward list that they do not know who they are. The Elders are going to find out their stories and report back to the ward. Elder Jensen said "Less active work is incredibly difficult but so rewarding as you see them moving back towards Christ in their lives." Sometimes he feels more like a counselor than a missionary when he talks with people. Everyone seems to open up and share their struggles and the missionaries are the voice of the Lord.

Elder Jensen is being reshaped as a person. He feels like Heavenly Father is slowly molding his heart, soul, and entire being into what he wants him to be. It hurts sometimes when you stumble, but in the end he is much stronger for getting up and moving forward.

He was asked to return to his former area and baptize a sister that he had taught. He was very glad to return and help out. He has enjoyed the city and the country. He is looking forward to eating the berries that grow there. He sent a picture of a blueberry that was the diameter of a penny!

He concludes one of his emails with the following. "The gospel is true. This church is the restored church of Jesus Christ and has the priesthood power of God to act in his name. The mission probably will be one of the hardest things I do in my life, however it has brought the most change for good. Thank you all for your love, support, and examples in my life."



## Elder Scott and Sister Carol Nelson

You just heard from Kristy and we will be home in a month so we didn't think we had much to write.

We spent the last month working on a welfare project for the members in Yurimaguas. They were approved by the area office to receive assistance in raising laying hens and growing family gardens. The program will allow them to become self-reliant. We were asked to help them prepare their budget. With the help of YouTube and talking to a few experts, we learned the basics and went to work. Twenty families are in the process of preparing their yards and chicken coops to receive ten 2-month-old hens and 1 rooster. The program provides them training, supplies, chicken feed, etc. They will also receive training on better nutrition and how to grow a family garden. The program is providing their seeds and training.

The Church also has wonderful online training classes for self-reliance that was created by the Perpetual Education Fund. We are working to help train the students to be able to use the funds and get the universities and colleges qualified for the program with the Church. There are also classes on how to start your own business and how to get a better job. We will be going to Nueva Cajamarca every week until we leave to help the program be successful. They got started but didn't follow through and they didn't get past the second of 12 classes.



We are also working with the district YSA to prepare for a temple trip to Trujillo planned for the last week of July. We will help them understand the importance of sacrificing to make the trip and to also search for and take family names.

We also said good-bye to our current mission president from Puebla, Mexico, and our new president arrives on July 1<sup>st</sup>. He is from Lima, Peru. We are hoping to meet the new couple that will be replacing us. They are from Huanaco, Peru, and are just waiting for their call. He has been a bishop twice and will provide them much needed leadership training as they are almost ready to convert into a stake.

The new chapel in Nauta is almost finished. We are hoping to get permission from the new mission president to attend church in Nauta on our last Sunday which will be July 31<sup>st</sup>. From there we will fly directly to Lima.

There is still so much to do and so little time. We are looking forward to seeing you all soon.  
Elder and Sister Nelson

Elder Scott A. Nelson  
Hermana Carol L. Nelson  
Maximilian Murrieta No. 438  
Banda de Shilcayo, Tarapoto

## Local Missionaries Elder Cliff and Sister Iris Beattie



When we were first called to follow up Elder & Sister Marchant who had been the "pioneer" senior missionaries in the Brighton Stake (and one of the earliest ones in the Utah Salt Lake City East Mission) we felt a bit overwhelmed. But we had their records to go on, and direction from our good Mission President. We knew it would be important to get to know the Bishops, the Ward Mission

Leaders, and the members of the Ward Councils in our Stake. With good correlation through our High Council representative, we rolled up our sleeves and went to work. We found a lot of love and support from the members of each ward as we worked to fill our days with activities that would help others to come closer to the Savior.

We realized that in the midst of all the running to and fro, good things were happening ... people were opening their doors to us ... some were coming to Sacrament meeting that hadn't been for awhile – even Sunday School and Priesthood / Relief Society. There was the time when after our first visit, the member followed us out to our car and said, "Your coming was an answer to my prayers." There were trips to the Temple with those who hadn't been before. We found ourselves comforting those who had been called on to endure sorrows ... visiting the sick and the elderly, some who didn't remember us from one visit to the next. But we recalled the Savior's words, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me," and we felt His blessings. We felt the warmth of the Spirit as testimonies were shared and bonds formed that will last through eternity. We knelt with each other in morning and evening prayer, earnestly pleading for the Lord to bless those we had come to care for. We developed a closeness with the young missionaries and the other senior couples, and looked forward to the weekly and monthly meetings with them.



Sister Beattie adds: There were a few new missionary tools that we appreciated and were happy to help with. One was the bookmark titled "The Book of Mormon Answers Questions of the Soul" with a list of questions and references that answer those questions that the missionaries could give to people, along with copies of the Book of Mormon. Another nice thing was the "Welcome to the Neighborhood" brochure that was created by the Mission Leader in your ward last year. President Stringham liked them so well, he gave permission for each of the other wards to have them, and the stake paid for 50 copies for each ward. The other tool was just presented in April of this year, and even though we didn't have much chance to use it before our release, we're really excited about it because it's such a great idea. The Family History Center is offering the missionaries what they call "start-up ancestor research" for the investigators and less-active members in this area. The ward, full-time, and senior missionaries will use a FH pass-along card or the pamphlet titled "Family History, Get Started Now" to introduce Family History and leave in the home, with an offer to provide free initial research of their family roots. If you're like us and haven't worked on your family history for a year or more, you'll be surprised to see how many neat and fun new computer programs are available – not just for learning about our ancestors, but to see who we're related to and how we're all connected – even to the members in our own ward.

Probably the most important thing we learned in our year of service is the fact that full-time missionaries alone simply cannot do all that is needed to help bring God's children closer to Him – and neither can a Bishop, or a Relief Society President, or any ward or stake leader – it takes the combined efforts of all believers to show by example, to reach out in service, and to summon up the courage to invite those who are not enjoying the blessings of the gospel in their lives at this time to join with the Saints and feel the sweet spirit that comes through real change by following God's commandments and then keeping the covenants we make with Him. We deeply appreciate all of you who have given and continue to give your great support to the Work of Salvation!

With love from Cliff and Iris Beattie



## Ward History

**How are you doing on your personal history?**

**Here is my request, reminder or even my begging for you your history....I will continue with reminders via emails, written notices or whatever it will take ☺.**

It can seem like a daunting task and somewhat intimidating. Most of us don't really want to talk (or write) about ourselves. May I suggest something that will help you get started? First of all, we all know dates and times of significant events in our lives. Write these down first. Then just think of things you are thankful for. As you list the blessings in your life your mind will start returning to the memories and before you know it you will have a great deal to write about.



As far as the ward history goes, please consider just a few of these blessings and write about how your testimony

has been increased because of them. Historical testimonies are always appreciated, and what a wonderful thing it is to write down situations in your life where you know the hand of the Lord is apparent and prominent.

If you have submitted your history in the original book back in August 2004, please review your article; revise it, update the information, and submit a current picture. If you need a copy of your original submission please let me know and I will provide a copy for you.

Please follow the guidelines for your history:

2 - 4 pages (or shorter if you want)

1 picture

Email copies to Jodie Whitehead ([jodie84121@yahoo.com](mailto:jodie84121@yahoo.com)) or let me know if you need me to come help you.

Jodie Whitehead  
Ward Historian

## Activities Committee News

Please join us on Saturday July 23rd for the annual Fabulous Flapjack Fling Neighborhood Breakfast. From 8:00 - 10:00 AM. Invite all your neighbors. Come and enjoy good food and friends! Fun for all!



## **Like a Broken Vessel** **Elder Jeffrey R. Holland**

In 2013, Elder Jeffrey R. Holland offered his empathy and advice to those facing mental illness. Years ago, when his stress was high and his energy was low, Elder Holland says he “took a psychic blow that was as unanticipated as it was real.” He and others have found that spiritual healing and medical healing work together to form the key to lasting happiness.

One in four people in the world will be affected by mental illness at some point in their lives. More than 16 million U.S. adults had at least one major depressive episode in the past year.

“The Apostle Peter wrote that disciples of Jesus Christ are to have “compassion one of another.”<sup>1</sup> In that spirit I wish to speak to those who suffer from some form of mental illness or emotional disorder, whether those afflictions be slight or severe, of brief duration or persistent over a lifetime. We sense the complexity of such matters when we hear professionals speak of neuroses and psychoses, of genetic predispositions and chromosome defects, of bipolarity, paranoia, and schizophrenia. However bewildering this all may be, these afflictions are some of the realities of mortal life, and there should be no more shame in acknowledging them than in acknowledging a battle with high blood pressure or the sudden appearance of a malignant tumor.”



“We do the best we can and we manage the situation. But when we’ve done all we can do, we endure. Hang in there and count on light at the end of the tunnel.”

“Today I am speaking of something more serious, of an affliction so severe that it significantly restricts a person’s ability to function fully, a crater in the mind so deep that no one can responsibly suggest it would surely go away if those victims would just square their shoulders and think more positively.

“No, this dark night of the mind and spirit is more than mere discouragement. I have seen it come to an absolutely angelic man when his beloved spouse of 50 years passed away. I have seen it in new mothers with what is euphemistically labeled “after-baby blues.” I have seen it strike anxious students, military veterans, and grandmothers worried about the well-being of their grown children.”

“Of greatest assurance in God’s plan is that a Savior was promised, a Redeemer, who through our faith in Him would lift us triumphantly over those tests and trials, even though the cost to do so would be unfathomable for both the Father who sent Him and the Son who came. It is only an appreciation of this divine love that will make our own lesser suffering first bearable, then understandable, and finally redemptive.”

“I bear witness of that day when loved ones whom we knew to have disabilities in mortality will stand before us glorified and grand, breathtakingly perfect in body and mind. Until that hour when Christ’s consummate gift is evident to us all, may we live by faith, hold fast to hope, and show “compassion one of another.”

Follow this link to view Elder Holland’s entire conference address:

<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2013/10/like-a-broken-vessel?lang=eng>