

# Caiping Sac Talk Oct 16 2022

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Dear sisters and brothers, my name is Caiping Sun, and on Saturday afternoon, the way people use today, I was taking a rest. My husband handed his phone to me and said, the bishop wanted to talk to me. I guess you all had this experience.

He said, I just said, no, no, no, no, no. And took the phone, and my husband was laughing. So here I am.

And bishop told me to pick up a talk in the newest General Conference. To be honest, this is hard. I love every single talk.

But anyway, the following sentence has been in my mind since I heard it. To open the door, to act with faith in Jesus Christ. So my topic today is act on your faith in Jesus Christ.

This talk is from Sister Craig, the First Assistant Counselor of Young Women's General Presidency. The topic is Wholehearted. She teaches us in her talk, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we understand that faith in him requires action, especially in hard times.

She then told us a story that says many years ago, her parents decided to re-carpet their house. The night before the carpet arrived, they just took off the old carpet, including her little sister Emily's room. They removed everything, the carpet, and every stuff in her room.

They just leave her and the bed in the room. The second morning, and the brother, the second morning, Emily just woke up from the empty room and a note from her brothers which kind of said that they moved. And they would let Emily know in a few days where they are.

Emily, seeing the empty room, the little sister Emily didn't do anything but standing in the closed door, feeling sad and abandoned. Emily later said, and yet if I had simply opened the door. Such things happen in our lives too.

Too many of us feeling lonely and forgotten with a closed heart. What if we can open our heart door and let the light, love, mercy, and help in? In 1989, I was a newly graduated university teacher when the Tiananmen Square event happened. I was lost for a long time.

As a communist, my faith in communism broke down overnight. Six months before that event, I met this American couple teaching English at the university. I noticed that they had a copy of the Book of Mormon in Chinese, which means, which sounds like the devil's gate speech.

And this makes me wonder, such wonderful people believe this. So I asked her if they believe in Jesus Christ because all my knowledge at that time to the Western religion is Christian, and Jesus Christ. I didn't know anything about that.

She said she believed in Jesus Christ. So I pointed to the book and said, what is this book about? And she then told me, it's one of their scriptures, and it's about a big book and showed me the Old Testament, New Testament, the Book of Mormon, and so on. So I asked her to tell me something about her religion.

She just said, no I can't. I promised your government that I could not share religion with any Chinese when I am here. So in 1996, I wrote a letter to the church in Hong Kong asking for some information about the church, but was told in the letter I received the church and the Chinese government have an agreement that is under any circumstances the church will not send any materials related to the church to anyone living in mainland China.

I was disappointed, but at the same time, I was happy, I was determined at that moment if any day I believe in God, I want to join the church. This is the church I would join. I then started preparing to get a student visa and a visiting scholar visa to BYU, but I was refused five times to get this visa.

In 2000, I was able to travel in Canada. The lady teaching English called me telling me to call the church for missionaries, which I did. A couple of hours later, two young men dressed up and knocked at the door and said that they were missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

I was surprised because I didn't know missionaries were human beings. I thought they were just some books they gave me some books to read, but anyway, I trust my friend, so I know whatever she advises me to do is good for me. Being the only member of the church in a city of eight million people is not easy.

I have no faith, no testimony. The only way I can go is out of China to enjoy the freedom of religion. In 2005, the then-Area 70 Elder Jia went to visit us.

At that time, there were three sisters in my city, and I was going to ask him to help me with a visiting scholar's visa. Instead, the words came out of my mouth out of the blue. It was like, Elder Jia, I want to serve a mission.

I was surprised by my own words, but Elder Jia was so excited. He suddenly stood up and told me that this is the best decision I've made. He then took out a pile of papers and asked me questions, and finally he said, he signed his name, just, I need to finish that paper and mail it to the church in Hong Kong and just wait for my calling.

So when I got home, I opened that paper and found out it is the application to be the missionary. I said, oh no, I'm not. I'm not ready to be the missionary.

I don't know anything about the church. I don't know anything about gospel. I just, why I join the church? Just because I want to be a better person, I want to be a person, that's all.

And three months later, I got later a letter from Salt Lake. I'm called to serve a mission in Santa Rosa, California. I said, oh no, if there is a God, this must not be true.

Because American counselors don't like me. They don't give me the visa. As you know, when I applied for the student visa and visiting scholars visa, I had full scholarship.

They didn't give me. To serve a mission, instead of having the support, I have to lose my job and pay my mission. I said, this should not be true.

And there is another problem. That is, in communist China, religion is something abandoned. So, I asked Elder Jia if I could just tell the director of HR I still want to go to America as a visiting scholar.

This is what the school supports. And Elder Jia said, no, you must tell them the truth. You are going to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

I said, no, Elder Jia, you don't know. If I told them that, they would never allow me to leave my job. And he said, no matter what, you have to tell the truth.

So, I did tell the truth. The director of HR told me repeatedly, there are only two options for you. One, quit your job.

Go to serve your God. Two, forget your God. Go back to your work.

This kind of brief conversation happened several times. I was kind of thinking, okay, I cannot do anything about this. So, one night, I could not sleep.

I got up, opened my Book of Mormon. Now, this book is hard for me. I have never finished the first Book of Nephi.

It's hard for me to read, to understand. But that night, I just opened that book. It was the first verse I saw, was Alma 26:27.

It says, now, when our hearts were depressed, and we were about to turn back, behold, the Lord comforted us and said, go among thy brethren, the Lamanites, and bear with patience thy afflictions, and I will give unto you success. That was my verse. I just turned the words, go among thy brethren.

You should go back to your HR director. I will give unto you success. So, I went back many more times, and eventually, this guy said, I don't know why I want to help you, but you get my permission.

And another problem is, if I quit my job, I should quit my job that moment. If I quit my job, and the consulate would give me the visa, because I would come home without a job after my mission. So, I told the HR director, I still need that letter.

He says, you are taking advantage of me. I said, I do really need this letter. If you do not give me the letter, I still cannot go.

I quit my job, I cannot go. I would not even have an apartment to stay. And he did write the letter.

In the letter, the sentence, he didn't say I'm permitted to serve the mission. In the letter, it says that I am given 18 months to teach and learn in the United States. That's true.

I'm coming to learn and to teach. And at the moment, I was standing outside of the U.S. consulate. And I was kind of, no, I have been refused a lot of times.

There is no way for me to get this visa. But I did. Because I called a Brother before that.

I said, I wanted to give up. I want to go back to my place. He said, where is your faith? I said, I don't have faith.

Especially I don't have faith in the U.S. consulate. He said, just give it a try. In a very short time, you will know if this is the call from God.

And I tried. I didn't know. I didn't have faith.

But I tried. I got the visa. Knock, and it will be opened to you.

We should knock the door to seek. But at the same time, we also need to learn to open our door as well. Open the doors of our hearts, man, to seek and invite the gospel in.

Like sister Craig's little sister, if we just wait without any action, nothing will happen. Some may say, I don't even believe. How could I act? Good question.

I had not believed for a long time. Even when I joined the church in 2000, but I took actions by following the Lord's words and the church leaders' instructions and gained my testimony here a bit, there a bit. Sister Craig said, when you feel sad, hurt, discouraged, worried, lonely, angry, or frustrated, do something that does not occur to us to simply do something, to open the door, to act with faith in Jesus Christ.

In Alma 32:21, the Lord teaches us, Faith is not to have a perfect knowledge of things. Therefore, if we are not seeing which are true, look forward with eyes of faith, Alma 5:15. I am now finishing my talk with the following verses in Alma 32:16.

Therefore, blessed are they who humble themselves without being compelled to be humble. Or rather, in other words, blessed is the one that believes in the Word of God and is baptized without stubbornness of heart, without being brought to know the Word or even compelled to know before they will believe. We do not need to have the complete knowledge before we believe.

Feel good without knowing why, be baptized, and give ourselves room to grow in acting our faith in Jesus Christ. In Alma 32:27, Let's exercise a particle of faith. Yea, even if you cannot, you can know more than desire to believe.

Let this desire work in you, even until you believe in a manner that it can take place for a portion of my Word. The little tiny seeds will eventually grow into a giant tree, and you will enjoy all the blessings of Heavenly Father prepared for them. I testify that the faith without action is dead.

If you haven't acted yet, please start from today. It's never too late to start. I know this church is true.

I know President Nelson is called by God as the living prophet to guide us. In Jesus Christ's name, Amen.

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