

General Conference Study Guide

Talk Title: The Needs Before Us

Speaker: Sister Oscarson

Session: Saturday Morning

Date: 9/30/17

Points to Ponder:

1. Sister Oscarson called the service given following natural disasters “inspiring and Christlike.” What will I do today to give Christlike service?

2. What did the Savior, and President Monson teach about how to save our lives through service? What will I do about it today?

3. What does it mean to be vigilant about how I use my personal devices? How can I ensure their use doesn't cause me to turn inward and lose sight of the need to turn outward in service to others?

4. What can I do to be more aware of the needs of those immediately around me (my family, friends, ward, and community) and how can I better serve them?

5. What can I learn from the experience of the Relief Society president who collected items and delivered them to Kosovo in the 1990's? How will I apply it in my life today and in the future?

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6. What can I learn from Sister McConkie's 10-year old granddaughter's example, and how can I apply it in my life today and in the future?

7. How can I help create an atmosphere of unity and love in my home?

8. What will I do to better notice those around me at church who are lonely, going through challenges, or need a friend? What action will I take to bless their lives once I have noticed them?

9. How can I, as Elder Christofferson taught, be the "eyes, hands, head, feet, and other members of the body of Christ?"

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10. What can I do to ensure that I am a giver and a supplier to others?

11. Why is it important for me to ask Heavenly Father to show me those around me who need my help?

12. What can I learn from Sister Oscarson's grandson Ethan, and how will I apply it today?

13. What needs are there in my own neighborhood and community that I can help meet and what am I going to do today to become part of the solution for meeting them?

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Scriptures Referenced:

- [Luke 9:24](#)

Stories Shared:

- Relief Society President who drove blankets to Kosovo
- Sister Carol F. McConkie’s granddaughter’s service
- Sister Oscarson teaching her teenage children about looking out for others.
- Sister Oscarson’s grandson Ethan’s efforts to serve.

Other Talks Referenced

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- [Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Spencer W. Kimball](#) (2006), 82.

Related Talks

- Henry B Eyring, “[Trust in That Spirit Which Leadeth to Do Good](#),” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2016, 16-18.
- Jose L. Alonso, “[Love One Another as He Has Loved Us](#),” *Ensign or Liahona*, Nov. 2017, 119-121.
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- Henry B. Eyring, “[Eternal Families](#),” *Ensign or Liahona*, April 2016, 81-84.
- Adilson de Paula Parrella, “[Essential Truths—Our Need to Act](#),” *Ensign or Liahona* Nov. 2017, 115-116.
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Call to Action – What am I going to do to put the counsel given in this talk into action in my life?
