

Katy First Ward Spiritual Message #65

ARE OLD GENERAL CONFERENCE TALKS STILL RELEVANT

Years ago Janice came home from shopping with a big smile on her face. She said she had found some old conference talk CDs at Deseret Industries. They were from April 2007. I used to travel a lot so I was able to listen to the conference talks all the way through 3 times between each conference. I took these old conference CD's with me and listened to them again for the next week. I was so thrilled to hear those talks again. I had forgotten much of what was said in that conference. Janice and I often give talks we love a name so we can remember them. For example Elder Featherstone's "CLOROX TALK" or Elder Packer's "ROLER SKATES" Talk. On these CD's was our memorable talk by Elder Bednar we called the "PICKLE TALK".

Here is just the overview of what he said:

David A. Bednar

April Conference 2007

"Cucumbers can only become pickles if they are totally and completely immersed in the brine for the prescribed time period. The curing process gradually alters the composition of the cucumber and produces the transparent appearance and distinctive taste of a pickle. An occasional sprinkle of or dip in the brine cannot produce the necessary transformation. Rather, steady, sustained, and complete immersion is required for the desired change to occur.... The Lord's authorized servants repeatedly teach that one of the principal purposes of our mortal existence is to be spiritually changed and transformed through the Atonement of Jesus Christ."

(The whole talk is too long to put it all here. You will have to go find it on the church web page and read it if you want to get the whole inspiring message Elder Bednar gave. It is a very inspiring talk.)

I was so excited about having been able to hear all of those old 2007 talks again I just could not contain myself. The next Sunday in High Priest meeting I just could not resist telling the brethren about finding these old talks and how much I loved hearing them again. Then the teacher said something to me that stunned me. It riveted me into a realization that I still think about over and over again every time conference comes around. He looked at me and said, "Are those old talks still relevant today". I was shocked at his question. Those old talks I had just listened to were just as relevant to me that week I had heard them again as they were years before when I heard them for the first time.

May we have not only have the wisdom and the courage listen to the conference talks over and over between conferences, but more so to follow the directions and council given there in.

Brother Vail

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