

Good Discussion Board Responses

Example 1 (Response):

I agree with Jon, there was a lot of reading this week. (It was good reading though.) One thing that stood out to me was the talk from President Benson and his counsel to mothers of teenagers. So, being a mother of a 16 year old, it had a little bit more significance than usual; so I slowed down and read it carefully.

President Benson counseled to continue to show and express love to our children. We realize it may be easier to do when they are younger, but he says that we must do it as they get older too. Pres. Benson asked that we "work at this prayerfully." I feel very blessed to have a wonderful daughter. However, I know that time is often a challenge for us. Between our church responsibilities, work, school, community responsibilities, etc. we do most of our talking in the car or late at night before saying our prayers. I often feel rushed and wonder if I am teaching her all the things I need to. Now after reading Pres. Benson's words, I will remember to work at it prayerfully. I will remember to pray specifically for the help to know the things that she needs to know. I know I need that extra help. Having read all about the role of women and especially mothers, this mother's day weekend was especially uplifting. It made me really feel that I was essential to Heavenly Father's plan. I heard it before and thought yes, you need a mother. But, through these readings, I felt it. I shared some of the readings and counsel from the prophets with my daughter, in a effort to teach her and have her know how important she really is. I had never heard this from her before, but after hearing these things, she told me, "Mom, I hope I can be a mother one day!" I thought that was so neat. She told me about her desires to be married in the temple and to have a family and all about the ways she would rear her children and the things she would want them to know. It was a great teaching and learning experience to share with my daughter. I am far from perfect, but knowing she has a desire to be a mother makes me happy. It makes me feel like maybe I am doing something right.

Example 2 (Response):

Reading about your experience with your daughter as she expressed excitement for someday becoming a mother reminded me of some experiences I had with friends growing up. I had several of my friends tell me that they never wanted to have children. Thinking back on these experiences made me feel so sad in contrast with the uplifting and encouraging words of all of the readings on motherhood. President Benson said, "The deepest joys and blessings in life are associated with family, parenthood, and sacrifice. To have those sweet spirits come into the home is worth practically any sacrifice." It's so encouraging to hear that your daughter believes in this counsel. Too many women in this world today do not recognize the divine and noble role of motherhood. Because of mothers like you, young women can learn to recognize this and appreciate this role.

Example 3 (Response):

I'm doing is okay. Maybe some might not think it is enough, but for now and the circumstances I am enduring, I can find peace in knowing it is okay. I like to remind myself that no matter how slowly I move, as long as I am moving in the right direction, then I am okay. And trust me, I have to remind myself of this daily!

You brought up great points. I think this will be great to discuss further in our Roundtable discussion.