Welcome.

My name is Mike Sandberg and I love my job. I get to work as a product manager at FamilySearch. This past year a team of us has been focused on researching how families do family history with each other. We’ve learned a LOT and my goal today is to share some of those learnings. I’m going to be moving quickly so if you’d like to ask questions, you can talk to me afterwards or through email. OH, and this year we aren’t passing out surveys about the class. If you want to give feedback, go to the RT app and tap the clipboard icon. Let’s get started.
As a research team, we went out looking for patterns of how families DISCOVER their heritage, GATHER family information together, and ultimately CONNECT through family history and temple work. My goal today is to show you many takeaway examples of how families work together in these three areas. As we review these concepts and ideas, don’t feel like you have to do it all.
In fact, years ago, President Oaks gave some perfect guidance to those wanting to engage in family history.

“… [M]embers should participate by prayerfully selecting those ways that fit their personal circumstances at a particular time…. Our effort is not to compel everyone to do everything, but to encourage everyone to do something.”

Dallin H. Oaks

In that spirit of helping you consider and even discern what your “something” may be, let’s start with ideas on how to help you and your children DISCOVER your heritage.
During this presentation, the slides with a heart in front signify something you can do at home to “turn your hearts to your ancestors”. Feel free to take a picture of these if you want to remember them for later.

OK. First takeaway. Here’s an easy way to discover what FamilySearch already knows about your family. Now you can do this on the FamilySearch website, but I encourage you to learn how to use the FamilySearch Tree and Memories apps because that’s where your kids and grandkids like to be.

- Navigate to a person (this is my grandmother)
- Read the facts of their life
- Click memories and tap specific memories to explore (you’ll see here there are many audio recordings that were uploaded to her that her descendants can listen to).

I did this a few years ago with my 9 year old, and we spent 40 minutes (he drove) exploring and reading memories.
1 min
Just this week, FamilySearch launched a new offering that brings Discovery experiences home. In the coming year, more of these experiences that were originally developed for Discovery Centers will be made available in your homes. These are quick, out-of-the-box things that you can use on a Sunday night or for Family Home Evening.
Possible application at home:
- Point your family to this site; give them 5 mins to explore on their own device
- After 5 mins, invite each person to share and show the rest of the family something they learned.
We recognize that many people may not have much content in FamilySearch yet that is discoverable. Don't worry! I'll explain some keys and templates to creating your own discovery experiences inside and outside FamilySearch.

1. **Be a guide.** Example: When I was a kid, on Sunday nights mom would make popcorn and my dad would break out the old slide projector and we’d watch family slides. They were our guides, telling stories along the way. We loved this as kids!

2. **Keep it short.** preferably 5-10 mins for young kids for each activity; it can be longer if they are doing something interactive (like making a recipe). Across multiple activities, you may get 20-30 mins but even then, you risk losing their interest.

3. **Make it sweet.** What makes an experience sweet?

   - It’s **something kids can relate to.** "here’s a story of grandpa’s first date". **Or its wildly different.** Kids also like colorful stories. Adventures. Heroes. Villains. Animals. These things engage their imagination.
   - **Close to home.** Young kids usually want to experience memories about themselves or people they know first. Example of these three concepts (a story about my dad):
“When grandpa David was 8, he drove the tractor on the farm pulling a harrow (bars of spikes) that dug up the field. One day, he saw that he was going to run over a duck’s nest. When he pulled hard on the lever to stop the tractor, he fell off the seat and was almost cut up by the spikes but managed at the last minute to stop the tractor. When he went home and told his mother, she talked to his dad and they decided David was too young to drive a tractor.

4. **Help people connect.** The goal with discovery is to help your family connect to their heritage and make their ancestors more real. There are a number of ways we can help our family connect. Here’s what we learned:

[https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/46995570](https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/46995570)
Walk where ancestors walked. Take your family to your ancestral homelands and locations (virtual or real).

So, if your family has roots in the Isle of Man, you show them pictures of the Isle of Man. We saw this with one family whose ancestors lived in this coastal village. Cool!
And the 3 homes on the left of this picture belonged to this man’s ancestors and their posterity. The white home was a public inn and tavern. This is a Google Street view of those homes. Way cool!
Summary of discovering places:

- Visit places where ancestors lived, played, worshipped
  - In person
  - Through Google images
  - Virtually through Google Maps street view
- Use the Family Nexus partner app or the Map My Ancestors feature in Family Tree app to learn what’s near you
- Visit and clean graves; share the stories of the people
The next concept for good discovery: “See What They Saw.” Recently I was helping my nephew who felt prompted to look back at some Italian family members that had immigrated in the late 1800s. We found a missing spouse who traveled on this ship, La Champagne, according to the immigration records. We also found images of this man’s gravestone in California, and census records in Pennsylvania, Utah, and California. All these pictures painted a fascinating story about someone who had been lost to the family until just recently.
Here are other examples of ways you can help your family “see what they saw”

1. This is a quiet book of easy to read memories made by a grandmother that document key moments in her life. This is her first date with the man who became her husband. Note, it has pictures, a story, and other visually interesting graphics.

2. This is a photo wall in a home that highlights historical events which the family took part in; on the back of the picture is the story; you can take it off the wall and read it. See the man on the moon? This family had a relative that worked for NASA on that project.
1. Temple Heritage Wall. This family put up pictures of temples where family members (past and present) had been sealed.

2. Generations of Missionaries. This wall map showed all the locations where missionaries had served from 5 generations of the family. It celebrates missionary service and communicates that as a strong family value.
Our next discovery concept is to “Touch what they touched.” Show and let family members handle family heirlooms / touchable artifacts. Touching something they owned or held is powerful. Have you seen Coco? Touching a family artifact can transport you to the spirit world!

Examples:

“These are your great-grandfather’s spectacles. Put them on. How do they compare to your glasses?”

“This is a dress that your grandmother made from leftover fabric. She was very thrifty. I wore it as a little girl; here’s a picture of you wearing it. She wrote a poem about it. Let’s read it together.”

Heirloom are powerful.
Read What They Wrote

1 min
Read what ancestors wrote or did. Read or tell stories.
Takeaway. This partner app called “All the Stories” scans your tree in FamilySearch for stories about your ancestors. It represents each person with a dot, and the dot turns blue when it finds a story about the person. The more stories, the more blue the dot. When you highlight an ancestor, you can see your relationship, the number of stories for that person, the titles of the stories, and how long it will take to read the stories (based on word count). COOL!
1 min
Next Discovery Concept: Hear what ancestors heard or said. Listen to audio recordings. If you have none, start making some now!
Example: “This is an audio recording from a day on my mission. Listen to how I felt when I lost my companion while we were riding on a busy street in the middle of Belgium. Listen to the testimony I shared after a long day of hard work.”
Next Discovery Concept. Taste what ancestors tasted. Here’s one example we heard from a family:

“Grandma made tortillas for her family every day. She taught her children and me how to make them. I learned so much about my family while we made tortillas together.”
2 min
Takeaway idea:
- Discover and perpetuate holiday food traditions from homelands
- Celebrate deceased ancestors’ birthdays with favorite foods. We did this on my grandmother’s 110th birthday. She liked trying crazy ice creams when she was living, so everyone brought a crazy ice cream to share.
- Learn how to cook a favorite family food from a family member
- Capture favorite recipes as memories in FamilySearch
All of these experiences give us empathy. The empathy comes at unexpected times. These memories become embers that can catch fire at any time. I had such an experience this last year helping my son do a school report about an ancestor that served in the military. I remembered that my mom’s brother served in the Army, but didn’t know the details. I called her and learned a very sad story. Uncle Rob joined the army at 18 and served in Vietnam. While there, he got caught in an intense battle, and was trapped in foxhole for three days with a friend he’d met there who had been killed. This traumatized him so badly that he was eventually discharged for what we now call “post-traumatic stress disorder.” He had a very hard life after that, living in half-way homes and eventually helping others with similar challenges.

A few days after learning Uncle Rob’s story, I was driving here in SLC on North Temple. In the median, there was an older man standing holding a sign that said something like “Vet. Need help.” When I saw that, my heart melted. I’d driven by men like that before but this time it was different. Something happened. I felt like the Grinch whose heart grew three sizes that day. I felt a desperate need to try to help someone I’d never met because of a family story. This is the power of family memories.
A few final thoughts on Discovery.

President Monson gave us this wisdom:
“I admonish all families: search out your heritage. It is important to know, as far as possible, those who came before us. We discover something about ourselves when we learn about our ancestors.”

Thomas S. Monson
Alma 37:8

And now, it has hitherto been wisdom in God that these things should be preserved; for behold, they have enlarged the memory of this people, yea, and convinced many of the error of their ways, and brought them to the knowledge of their God unto the salvation of their souls.

1 min
Alma gives us a solid case for preserving our memories for the future. Take what you’ve learned here and act in this doctrine.
I’ve talked a lot about discovery because it’s where families naturally want to start with family history and they struggle with knowing what to do and how to start. Let’s move on to Gathering.
Why We Gather

- Leads to good discovery for people who come later!
- New discoveries for you.
- Part of our covenant identity.
- Many blessings come as you do the work.

Good gathering leads to good discovery for those that follow you!
New discoveries for you
Doctrinally, we know as the seed of Abraham that we are called to help gather God’s family back to him. This is part of our covenant identity.
Many other blessings. Hopefully you’re already seeing some of those that come from Discovery; we will illustrate more as we walk through Gathering and Connecting.
General Observations on Gathering

Gathering can be **BIG**, intimidating, even overwhelming.

- Gathering photos, stories, documents, audio, video.
- Gathering (adding) new names to the Tree.
- Gathering sources and attaching them to people in the Tree.
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Recommendations

Start SMALL.

- Teach family to pray on where to start.
- Teach them to gather in the Tree or Memory Apps on their own device.
- Consider Indexing.

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Teach them to gather in the Tree on their device. The more people doing something, the better. Kids get own accounts when it makes sense.

Start with living people and memories. Kids can build their own living tree. Add siblings ... later Aunts, Uncles, Cousins. This is “safe” tree building. Add memories to living. Again, safe. 52 stories campaign. A story a week for a year.

Consider Indexing …
Why Index?

- Here’s an interesting learning about the power of indexing. Indexing is where we take an image of a record, and ask people to look at that image and transcribe it digitally so that other people looking for information in that record can find it later. Indexing is critically important to helping families find their families on FamilySearch.

- But here’s the thing. Sometimes it’s hard to read those old records. This is a picture of a family learning how to index with the help of some family history consultants. They hit a spot in the record where they couldn’t read the writing and were discussing what it could be. Then the consultant shared counsel from President Eyring: when you don’t have enough info to make a decision about something with family history, pray. Upon hearing that counsel, a nine-year old boy in the room offered to say a prayer. After his prayer, he said what he felt was the name in the record. As the family heard him, they felt that too and agreed.

- Do you see the opportunity here? I’ve learned from this and many other similar stories, that family history provides easy ways to help our kids learn about the Spirit. It builds spiritual muscle memory. As our kids do more and more family history, they will advance in their spiritual insights and their ability to qualify for,
receive and act on promptings. Try it. I have, and have had similar experiences with my children. This is one of those blessings that comes as you gather.
A few more thoughts on gathering memories. What’s worth gathering? Book of Mormon prophet’s taught about leaving “plain and precious” records behind. Mormon said he couldn’t even leave 1/100th of the records for us. What are your plain and precious memories? I don’t want to offend anyone, but it’s probably not 1000 pictures of your cats. One way to think about it is this: What are the things you wish you knew about your ancestors? It’s probably more than the facts of their lives. It’s probably those insights into who they were and why they did what they did. That mindset can help guide what you leave behind for your posterity.
Practice Capturing Memories

- Using your device, upload a selfie to your page on FamilySearch.
- Upload a picture of a family member.
- Capture a brief story about a relative, and add that to his or her page. For example, what is one of the things you love most about your grandmother?

1 min
Takeaway:
1. Upload a selfie to your page on FamilySearch
2. Upload a picture of a family member
3. Write a brief story about a relative and add that to their page. For example, what is one of the things you love most about your grandmother?

These are easy, safe ways to learn how to start.
1 min
Use the FamilySearch Memories App to Gather Memories
- Click the +
- Choose the memory type (I chose Photos)
- Select the photo from Your Phone
- You can also choose other memory type (I chose audio)
- When you add audio, you can look at prompts that can guide on on possible memories to record
Gather Consumable Memories

Wade vs. Dive

- **Wade: Think Social Media**
  - Pictures, short captions, or a few paragraphs
  - Relatable, memorable; consume quickly
  - Metadata; tagged, labeled, may invite to dive

- **Dive**
  - How often do you dive on Facebook? Expect similar behaviors

Here’s some guidance about the memories that people will read. Most people want short, sweet experiences. They don’t have large blocks of time to consume lengthy content. They probably won’t read a 200-page PDF biography you’ve uploaded. Think “Wade, Dive”

- Wade: Think “Social Media”
  - Pictures, short captions or a few paragraphs
  - Relatable, memorable, consume in a few mins
  - Metadata; tagged, labeled, may invite to dive

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  - How often do you dive on Facebook? Expect similar behaviors.
Here’s a consumable memory. (Read memory).
It’s compelling. It’s short. It’s memorable. That’s the photo he used on his passport.
If you want to dive, there’s a 200 page PDF biography available that provides all the details.
One grandfather I met decided to capture important “life lessons” in FamilySearch. Here are a few of the stories he captured about courting his future wife. He talks about being Cosmo at BYU and also a fun tradition he and his roommates had (they went in together to buy a toaster; the first person married in the apartment got to keep it). Note at the bottom how he summarizes the principles of the stories he shared on.
Part of the blessing of capturing these remembrances for the future is that we can let our loved ones (present and future) know how we feel about them. A year ago I was at the FamilySearch Discovery Center in Salt Lake. While we were logged into my account, my 15-year son saw a story I’d written about him 3 years earlier. (Read it). I had forgotten that I’d captured this. My son had never seen it. But having displayed large as life on a big screen in the discovery center in front of his brothers and mom was magic. The look on his face was priceless. Think about what a story like that communicates, not just at the moment of capture but in the future. Whatever else happens, Josh can be reminded that 1) dad loved him, 2) our family followed priesthood leader counsel, 3) he didn’t complain at hard work, 4) he’s unselfish, 4) dad was proud and thought he was remarkable.

What have you left behind that will tell your family how you feel about them? Would it be worth 15 mins a week on a Sunday to capture some of those feelings about things that they’ve done that reflect important values and feelings?
OK. Here’s another Gathering activity for your family. The FamilySearch Tree mobile app makes it easy to begin to gather records about your ancestors and relatives using features called “Tasks” and “Hints”.

1. Go to the Family Tree app
2. Go to Tasks
3. Or go to a specific ancestor and click on the Menu option for “Descendants with Tasks”
4. When you see a list like this, choose the Hints filter.
The blue icons represent hints for records. A hint is really like a good lead or a suggestion.

- When you are first starting to use hints, pick someone that you knew.
- Click the blue icon, and you will see a suggestion from FamilySearch where we believe that we’ve found a record related to the person. This hint is suggesting a record for Betty linked to information from her gravestone.
- The record’s information is on the left; you compare it to information in the tree. If it looks like it matches, you can state why and attach the record.
- This is relatively easy task; when you first start using hints for records, get with a consultant and they can show you how to use hints to add missing people to the tree. They can also show you how to determine if a hint is valid and if not, how to dismiss it.
One of the most profound patterns of families gathering families in our research was this concept of getting the WHOLE family.
This is an example of how one family tracked it. This was from a convert.
The concept is simple. Once a person and all their spouses and children have received ALL their ordinances, they colored in the person on the fan chart. Then they targeted (with the circles) the next families that they would go find.
OK. Last section: Let’s talk about Connecting our Families. Connect covers a wide range of activities, and we actually have already talked about many ways that you can use Discovery and Gathering to help your living family feel Connected to their ancestors. Let’s talk about some additional very real ways that family history can connect our living and deceased families together in both the here and now and for eternity.
Here’s one of my new favorite things. Connecting with your living family through memories.

Confession: I’ve put a LOT of memories on FS for the past 4 years. But sadly, until recently, I rarely if ever heard a peep from anyone else in the family about anything I’d posted. Nada. Then one day it hit me. I wasn’t sharing where people were listening. So here’s what I did. Remember the farmboy / tractor / duck egg story? One day I was inspired. I created the memory that shared that story based on many of the principles we’ve talked about today. 1) Put a picture together that represents the story. I used Google to find a tractor and duck nest. Use family photos. I put it all together and wrote the story and hashtagged it. Then, 2) I went to the mobile app and find the memory. 3) I clicked Share, 4) Share it where my family will see it (for my family that is group text). Then the magic happened!
The memory gets shared with enough to tease people and a link to see the whole thing. Now watch what happened in 20 mins. Can you see how something small like these little reminders can help your family remember who they are? Challenge – go do this later
One of the most important ways we connect families is in the temple. We do this by finding families names, and then taking them to the temple. Listen to this beautiful invitation and reminder of our roles as gatherers in God’s kingdom that connect families.
2 mins
- Owning our role as Gatherers in the Kingdom
  - Elder Foster’s Gatherer’s in the kingdom
    - one work
- The blessings available to all
  - blessings to both the living and the dead
The Family Tree mobile app can lead you to family names for temple work. Another use of Tasks feature in the mobile Family Tree app is to find names for temple work. Like before, you can navigate to Tasks for Ancestors or for Descendants of Ancestors. From the task list view, click the Temple filter.
Click the temple icon. It will tell you if ordinances are available. You will need to read the policy statement and agree to follow it. Once you’ve added names to your list, you can navigate to your temple reservation list and print cards.

Note: This is also a good opportunity to get with a consultant to understand how to evaluate temple opportunities on the Tasks list.
With family names, our experiences at the temple will be even more meaningful. Many of our leaders have encouraged us to take family names to the temple for vicarious ordinance work. Doing this as families can be a powerful way to connect the living to the dead, and our deceased family members for eternity.
Suggestion: Do Baptisms with Your Family for Your Deceased Family Members

DO this as a family (members over 12).
Or as a parent and child (dad – child date).
Take advantage of family scheduling – it will save you time! Or talk to temples
and discover what they “slow times” are when you can get in and out.
Get food afterwards; this seals the deal and provides a chance for family to
talk and connect.
As a family for a family. Take a whole family (instead of a name) to the temple. These are wonderful experiences!

I experienced something new on this recently. I went with my parents, some of my siblings and our spouses who were endowed, and the temple let us gather around the altar together as a group and become sealed for a family we had found. We did this together successively for two families. If you are interested in doing this, contact the sealing office at your temple to set up a time and they will instruct you on what you need to do before you come to participate in this group experience.

Note: there isn’t a right or wrong way to seal families; it’s all wonderful; but this gave me a different perspective. I invite you to consider it.
One of the success we saw in families who do family history is regular patterns of engagement. This patterns show up in daily, weekly, and monthly routines and at other special events.

1. Daily patterns may include sharing stories during meals, or including a one-minute family history moment in family scripture study time.

2. Weekly and monthly patterns can be family history time on Sunday where you do discovery or gathering tasks, or temple outings with immediate and extended family (don’t forget the treat afterwards!).

3. Special family events like weddings, funerals, and reunions are also great times to reconnect with family through memories and other discovery experiences. Go back to the list of experiences that are meaningful (walk where they walked, see what they saw, etc.) and consider how can you incorporate those experiences into the event.
Final Thoughts – 1 min
1. We’ve been through a lot today! Thank you for your attention.
2. The syllabus to this class references many of these ideas we’ve discussed; on the last slide of this deck, there is a URL to our blog where you can review these ideas and other ideas that will be updated regularly.
3. Don’t let the long list of possible activities scare you. Remember President’s Oaks counsel about prayerfully considering where you can engage.
4. As you engage you will be blessed; and WOW are there great blessings waiting for you and your family ...
Promised Apostolic Blessings

1. Power to bless the living, a refining influence
2. Joy and satisfaction, understood through spiritual feelings
3. More closeness and joy in your family
4. Divine protections
5. Your hearts shall turn to the fathers
6. The promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will be implanted in your hearts
7. Patriarchal blessing will link you to these fathers and be more meaningful to you
8. Love and gratitude for your ancestors will increase
9. Your testimony of and conversion to the Savior will become deep and abiding
10. Protection from the temptation and ills of this world
11. Personal power
12. Power to change
13. Power to repent
14. Power to learn
15. Power to be sanctified
16. Power to turn the hearts of your family together and heal that which needs healing
17. Knowledge and faith of the Savior will increase
18. You’ll receive a more certain witness that life continues beyond the veil
19. Will find joy and be blessed in every other aspect of your life
20. Will be protected against the intensifying influence of the adversary
21. Will be safeguarded in your youth and throughout your life
22. A sure way to eliminate the influence of the adversary in your life
23. It will make you feel wonderful
24. Make the Sabbath a delight

2 min

Promised Blessings of Family History

Here is a list of blessings modern apostles have promised come as we engage in family history. I’m not going to read the whole thing. However, as a parent, I can tell you my family needs these blessings.

Anyone need #3? More closeness and joy in their family?

Do your children need #12? Power to change? Or #13 Power to repent?

Or how about #22? A sure way to eliminate the influence of the adversary

I’ve shared this list many times with audiences like this in many places. When I do, people sit up and take a second look at family history. Sometimes seeing the blessings is enough to spark action. A small number of you just needed the spark today to go jump in with your family. But unfortunately, in my experience, most of us, while we in theory want the blessings, struggle with changing our behaviors to realize them.

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President Nelson

While temple and family history work has the power to bless those beyond the veil, it
has an equal power to bless the living; it has a refining influence on those who are engaged in it.

Elder Anderson
This is how you and I become Saviors on Mount Zion. There is a joy and satisfaction that only understood through spiritual feelings. We are linked to them forever.

Elder Cook
As an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, I leave my blessing upon you with a promise that if you look beyond the bonds of time and mortality and help those who cannot help themselves, you will be blessed with more closeness and joy in your family and with the divine protections afforded those who are faithful in his service.

Elder Bednar
As you respond in faith to this invitation, your hearts shall turn to the fathers. The promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, will be implanted in your hearts. Your patriarchal blessing with its declaration of lineage will link you to these fathers and be more meaningful to you, your love and gratitude for your ancestors will increase, your testimony of and conversion to the Savior will become deep and abiding.

Elder Renlund
You’ll find not only protection from the temptation and ills of this world, but you’ll also find personal power, power to change, power to repent, power to learn, power to be sanctified, and power to turn the hearts of your family together and heal that which needs healing.

Elder Anderson
Your knowledge and faith of the Savior will increase, and you’ll receive a more certain witness that life continues beyond the veil. I know that life continues beyond the veil. I know it.

Elder Cook
I invoke a special blessing on you parents, you youth, and you children, that each of you will find joy and be blessed in every other aspect of your life as you fulfill the obligation that has been sent from heaven.

Elder Bednar
And I promise, you will be protected against the intensifying influence of the adversary. As you participate and love this holy work you will be safeguarded in your youth and throughout your life.

Elder Scott
Do you young people want a sure way to eliminate the influence of the adversary in your life? Immerse yourself in searching for your ancestors, prepare their names for the sacred vicarious ordinances available in the temple, and then go to the temple to stand as proxy for them to receive the ordinances of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost. ...Anywhere you are in the world, with prayer, faith, determination, diligence, and some sacrifice, you can make a powerful contribution. Begin now. I promise you that the Lord will help you find a way. And it will make you feel wonderful.

President Nelson
... you can experience true delight on the Sabbath from family history work. Searching for and finding family members who have preceded you on earth—those who did not have an opportunity to accept the gospel while here—can bring immense joy. ... At home, with the aid of a computer or mobile device, you can identify souls who are yearning for their ordinances. Make the Sabbath a delight by finding your ancestors and liberating them from spirit prison!
2 min

- In the Old Testament, we read the account of when Moses and the children of Israel had approached the promised land. Moses sent 12 spies into the land to check it out. All of them agreed that it was a bountiful, beautiful land. They saw the blessings that had been promised to them for generations. However, 10 of the spies reported that the walls were high and that there was no way they could take the land from their enemies and claim the blessings. 2 spies, Joshua and Caleb, reported otherwise. They believed that God would support their efforts and that they could take the land and claim the blessings. Unfortunately, those who feared and those who believed them were denied those blessings completely, and everyone else had to wait for 40 more years.

- You’ve seen the list of promised blessings associated with temple and family history work. They are there, ready for us to claim. My question to you today is are you ready to exercise the faith necessary to claim the blessings?

- It won’t be always be easy. We will need to pray, and in many cases prayerfully exercise faith as we work to try and discern how Heavenly Father would have us engage our families. But, in my experience trying to do this for the past 6 months, as we seek His counsel and His spirit, He will open our eyes and hearts and the eyes and hearts of our families, and those blessings will surely be realized in the
Lord’s appointed ways and timeframes. They will come unexpectedly in areas and situations and moments we didn’t anticipate. But they will come. My plea and heartfelt invitation to you today is to be like Joshua and Caleb when it comes to laying claim to these blessings with your family. Exercise faith. Be blessed. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen. ADVANCE SLIDE
Discover, Gather, and Connect Your Family Together

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Email me or visit our blog for ideas discussed today as well as an ongoing list of new ideas for families who want to use family history to discover, gather, and connect their families.