



UNDER HIS WINGS

SEASON 1

EPISODE 13—Imagine The Unimaginable

SHOW NOTE HIGHLIGHTS

In this episode we reflect on the words spoken in one of our favorite conference talks from the October 2020 General Conference by Elder Uchtdorf - **"God Will Do Something Unimaginable"**

Episode Notes

"How many times in the early years of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints did the Saints despair and wonder if God had forgotten them? But through persecutions, perils, and threats of extermination, the Lord God of Israel had something else in mind for His little flock. Something unimaginable." Like going from a church with 6 members with persecution at every turn, to a membership of 16 ½ million.

So What do we learn from all these examples:

- "First, the righteous are not given a free pass that allows them to avoid the valleys of shadow. We all must walk through difficult times, for it is in these times of adversity that we learn principles that fortify our characters and cause us to draw closer to God."
- "We also learn that our Heavenly Father knows that we suffer, and because we are His children, He will not abandon us."
- God will watch over and shepherd you during these times of uncertainty and fear. He knows you. He hears your pleas. He is faithful and dependable. He will fulfill His promises.
- God has something unimaginable in mind for you..."
- Our best days are ahead of us, not behind us." Because this is the Church of the living Christ, and because He directs His prophets, we are moving forward and upward to places we've never been, to heights we can hardly imagine!
- This doesn't mean we won't experience challenges and hardships. "In fact, things might get worse before they get better."
- "As a fighter pilot and airline captain, I learned that while I could not choose the adversity I would encounter during a flight, I could choose how I prepared and how I reacted. What is needed during times of crisis is calm and clear-headed trust.

So how can we keep calm and clear-headed? How do we do this?

- We face the facts and return to the fundamentals, to the basic gospel principles, to what matters most. You strengthen your private religious behavior—like prayer and scripture study and keeping God's commandments."
- Focus on the things you can do and not on the things you cannot do."
- You muster your faith. And you listen for the guiding word of the Lord and His prophet to lead you to safety."

D&C 123:17 "Dearly beloved brethren , (regardless of what challenges you are facing) let us cheerfully do all things that lie in our power; and then may [you] stand still, with the utmost assurance, to see the salvation of God, and for his arm to be revealed." And in the words of Elder Uchtdorf; "I promise that the Lord will cause unimaginable things to come from your righteous labors." "The day will come when we will look back and know that during this time of adversity, God was helping us to find better ways-His Ways. "

"BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WITH CHRIST AT THE HELM, THINGS WILL NOT ONLY BE ALL RIGHT; THEY WILL BE UNIMAGINABLE."

"At first it may have seemed that a world wide pandemic would be a roadblock to the Lord's work. Traditional methods are no longer possible in many areas. However, this pandemic is revealing new and more creative ways of reaching out." Many of our missionaries are busier than ever..." "In the past, we might have been so tied to traditional approaches that it took a pandemic to open our eyes. Perhaps we were still building with sandstone when granite was already available."