

The following dream was submitted to the Quorum of Twelve Apostles by the Southeast Region. It was presented to the General Church Conference on October 8, 2011 and was accepted as a revelation of God to the Church that we must do more to protect our children from harm.

Another Brother Elder, a Brother Deacon, and I were standing at the bottom of a hill talking. We must have been attending some kind of church gathering because the youth were all playing together. After a while we noticed that the youth were missing. We heard their voices coming from the other side of the hill. We started to walk up the hill at an angle to intercept them. The sky was getting dark as evening was approaching. We hurried our pace for concern of their welfare was intensifying as darkness approached. We broke the crest of the hill laboring from the steep incline. We saw the youth slightly below the crest of the hill to our right. Then I noticed something else: dogs—nothing but dark outlines of big dogs. They looked at us with yellow glowing eyes but their attention was on the youth. We screamed at the kids to run down the hill, we ran at an angle to intercept them before the dogs did. We realized that we weren't going to make it so we screamed at the dogs trying to get their attention on us to no avail. The dogs over took our youth and started to carry them away. One of the Brother Elders said, Kneel." Doing so, he started to pray. "Dear Father, please Lord spare the youth from such a horrible death." There was a loud noise and a bright flash of light and the dogs were gone but so were some of the youth.

Apostles' Comments:

The Apostles' readily agreed that this is a warning to the Church on behalf of our youth. We are precisely at the point of the conditions and attack described in the dream.

This dream should be addressed at the youth level as well as at the level of the stewards of the youth (ministry, MBA, Sunday School, parents, etc.)

It is noteworthy that the children were within earshot – but “missing” – i.e.: not within reach – when the critical attack came. The sky was getting dark just before the attack started – indicating development of conditions which should have prompted attention to the whereabouts of the children.

Discussion of Dream:

Comments were given supporting the validity of the dream. During the comments in support that this was a Revelation of God, the gift of Tongues was manifested with the interpretation being “Blow the Trumpet, Sound the Alarm, Smooth not your tongue, the time is at hand, Saith the Lord.”

Comments were given referencing the Book of Enos. Brothers stated that we should be sanctifying a fast for this cause. Where do we go from here in putting this into action? We should consider utilizing the existing communication network to let the youth know of this warning. We are being targeted by Satan. Recognizing we are not capable on our own to do this, we need God's Help. At that point, Apostle Isaac Smith spoke in the Spirit “Thus saith the Lord only the Power of God and the prayer of faith will rescue us.” Further comments were made stating that we need to be the watchmen. We need to win the hearts and attention of the children when they are young. We need to consider the Word of the Lord that we should “Smooth not our tongue.” We should run faster and shout louder to prevent our children from running over the hill away from us. A similar dream of wolves attacking houses was shared as well to support the warning that we should heed. It was felt that a special prayer should be offered for the youth. The comments affirmed the acceleration of the efforts of Satan. The message of this dream is essentially to do something now.