

North Canyon 5th Ward Spire

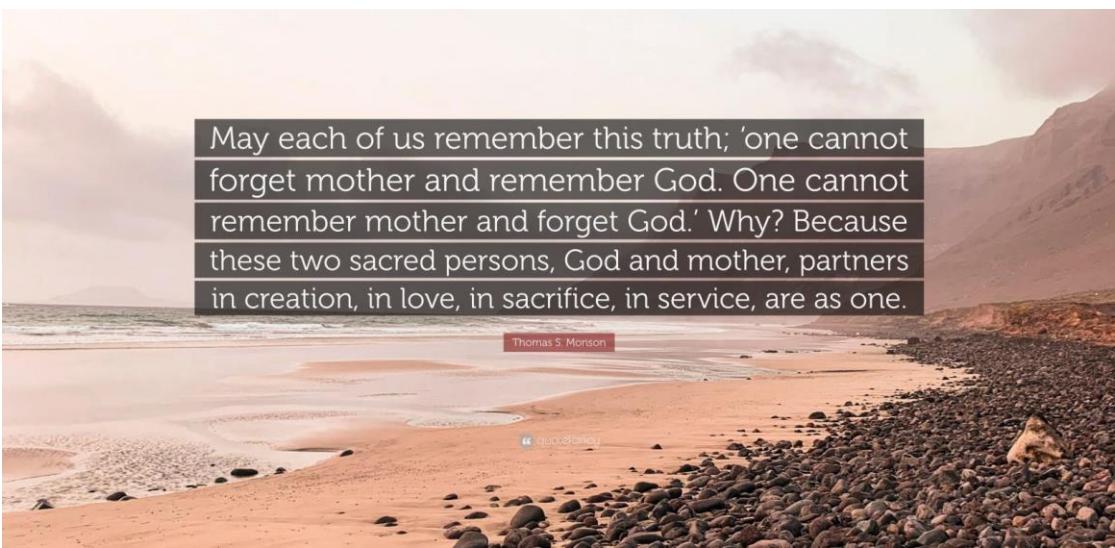
Now, there may be a few exceptions to this rule, but note many. When a child falls and gets hurt, who do they run to? Mom. When a child has a bad dream or is frightened in the night, who do they call for? Mom. When a teenager bombs a test or gets dumped by a boy/girlfriend, on who's shoulder do they cry? Mom's.

In fact, an army surgeon stated recently in an interview that, "When soldiers are dying, they all say the same thing: they call for their mother . . . "When we are hurting, emotionally or physically, why is our first inclination to call out for our moms? What is it about mom that our hearts yearn for when we are hurt, frightened, discouraged, heartbroken? I think it has to do with the fact that a mother loves us in ways no one else can or does.

I have a deep love and appreciation for my mother. I also have a strong belief in a loving Mother in Heaven. Prophets have taught that our heavenly parents work together for the salvation of the human family. "We are part of a divine plan designed by Heavenly Parents who love us," taught Elder M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. President Harold B. Lee stated, "We forget that we have a Heavenly Father and a Heavenly Mother who are even more concerned, probably, than our earthly father and mother, and that influences from beyond are constantly working to try to help us when we do all we can." That being the case, I have wondered why we don't pray to our Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother, but Jesus Christ taught His disciples to "always pray unto the Father in my name." But as President Gordon B. Hinckley said, "The fact that we do not pray to our Mother in Heaven in no way belittles or denigrates her." Indeed, as Elder Rudger Clawson wrote, "We honor woman when we acknowledge Godhood in her eternal Prototype."

Now, some of you may have mothers who, for whatever reason, have not really filled the role of a mother. Some may have not been there for you physically or emotionally. Some of your mothers may have been/are so busy battling demons of their own they had little time or emotional capital left to nurture you. You may have a mother who criticizes, belittles, or just ignores. I imagine the pain that lack of connection creates is unbearable at times. But if you look around, I hope you discover remarkable women in your life that love you like a mother. Thank God for them. And also rely on the knowledge that you have a Mother in Heaven you loves you with a perfect love.

Randon Jenson – North Canyon 5th Ward Bishopric



May each of us remember this truth: 'one cannot forget mother and remember God. One cannot remember mother and forget God.' Why? Because these two sacred persons, God and mother, partners in creation, in love, in sacrifice, in service, are as one.

Thomas S. Monson

COME FOLLOW ME

Being “Anxiously Engaged”

Elder Joseph Anderson

April 26 – May 2

Doctrine and Covenants 45

May 3-9

Doctrine and Covenants 46-48

May 10-16

Doctrine and Covenants 51-57

May 24-30

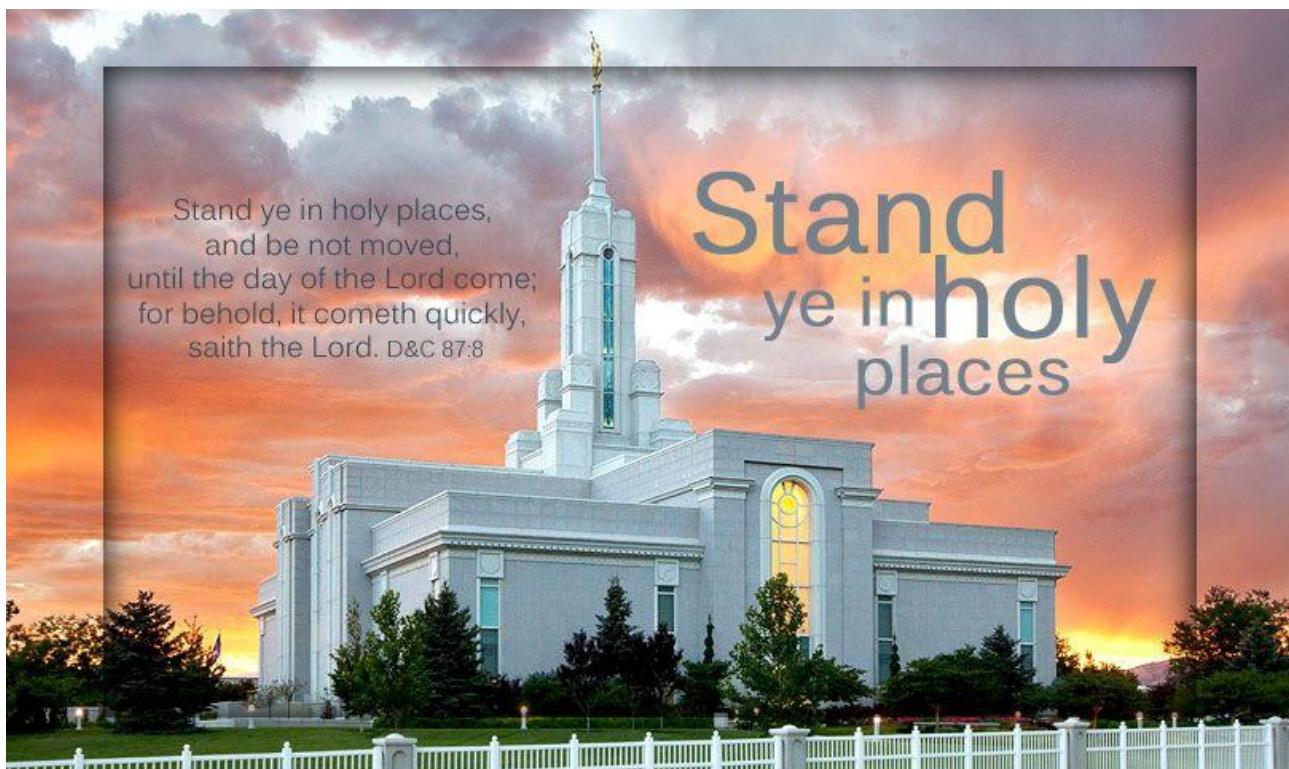
Doctrine and Covenants 58-59

The Lord has told us that “men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness;

“For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward.” (D&C 58:27-28.)

This quotation refers to nonmembers as well as Church members; all men and women have the power to do good. It is of the utmost importance that they have the desire and determination to live righteously. We should not be employed at any time in service that is not a good cause. When members of the Church are engaged in doing something that is evil or contrary to a good cause, we are not living up to the obligations we took upon ourselves in the waters of baptism. Very many people in the world, not of our church, are engaged in a good cause and are trying to bring forth much righteousness. Those who are endeavoring to improve mankind, who teach faith in God and the living of a goodly life, are engaged in a good cause and shall not lose their reward therefore.

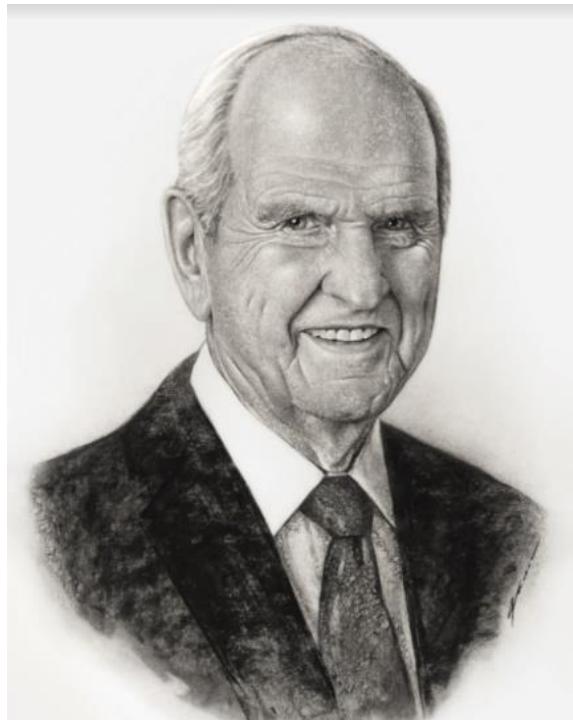
If we would have the blessings that the Lord would like to bestow upon us, we must have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; we must have a knowledge of the true and living God; we must repent of our past sins, overcome any incorrect understanding; we must humble ourselves before God, and make covenants with him, and be obedient to those covenants.



Elder's Quorum

"Think back on the last two years.
How have you grown?
What have you learned?
You might initially wish you could
go back to 2019 and stay there.
But if you look at your life prayerfully
I believe you will see many ways
in which the Lord has been guiding you
through this time of hardship."

Pres. Russell M. Nelson



Relief Society

Years ago when our kids were really little, we took a trip to Disneyland. Although it is magical and one of the happiest places on earth, it is also exhausting. So, on a well needed day away from Disney, we took the kids to a free local spot called Heritage park with lakes, pretend ships, and an island playland.

We spent hours of fun there and then we attempted to herd the kids toward the car for naptime. I had baby Jameson on one hip and the new DSLR camera in its bag on my other shoulder. MaryKate was enjoying the swings and Grace was in her imaginary land that she had created. Both girls ignored my persistent orders to stop playing and follow me. I was frustrated. I had counted to 10, I had threatened to leave them, and I was in the middle of some other lame threat while walking backwards to the car when I stepped right off the sidewalk and into the lake full of ducks and fish. I knew it was a deep lake, so I had only a millisecond to make a choice: do I dunk the camera or the baby? I chose the baby and held the camera above my head as I sunk nose deep in water. It certainly was not my finest moment as a mother.

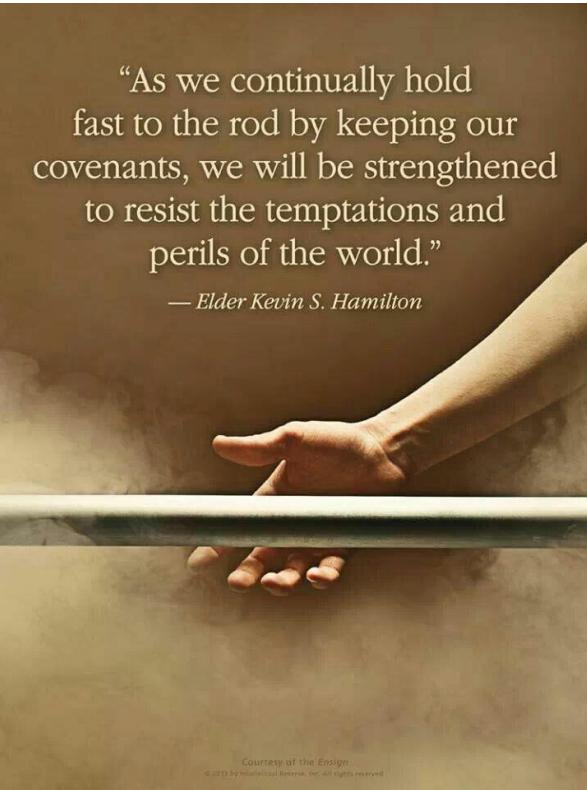
Luckily, James ran to our rescue and grabbed both the dry camera from my outstretched hand and baby Jameson from the other arm. MaryKate jumped off the swing and started yelling, "Unfair! Why does Mom get to go swimming?!" I climbed out of the lake and then we all laughed until we cried. The other onlookers laughed right along with us once they knew everyone was fine.

I think at times we all can get so focused on what we want others to do that we don't notice exactly where we personally are heading. If our feet are not firmly planted on the path, are we truly a voice that others should follow? Sister Rosemary Wixom taught this principle brilliantly in her talk *Stay on the Path*. She explained "When we are holding tight to the iron rod, we are in a position to place our hands over theirs and walk the straight and narrow path together. Our example is magnified in their eyes. They will follow our cadence when they feel secure in our actions. We do not need to be perfect- just honest and sincere."

We are all imperfect humans, and we all fall off the path at times, but we can valiantly try each day to stay on the path or take a step closer to it. We hope this May you are able to reach out and thank the imperfect women in your life who have led you closer to the Savior by their sincere example. Happy Mother's Day Sisters! We love you all!

Kathy Gardner
And Your RS Presidency

Relief Society May Lesson Schedule:
-May 9th- Christ is Risen: Faith to Move Mountains-Pres. Nelson taught by Kathy Gardner
-May 23rd- taught by Courtney Morrill
-May 30th- Ministering and Loving Your Neighbor taught by Marty Steckler



Young Women

The YW enjoyed a fun night of self-defense training at Kona Karate this month. Special thanks to Breanna Mortensen for her planning and preparation. She and Charles did a great job teaching and encouraging us. "We are WORTH defending!"

YW camp will be a day camp event—sleep at own homes—June 23,24,25th. Look for email with itinerary and permission slips.

Ward youth conference is for all youth on Wednesday, June 30th from 8am to 8pm. We will be heading to Pineview reservoir for boating, water sports, games, food, devotionals, and fun!! Looking forward to being together!

Teresa Draper – Young Women President

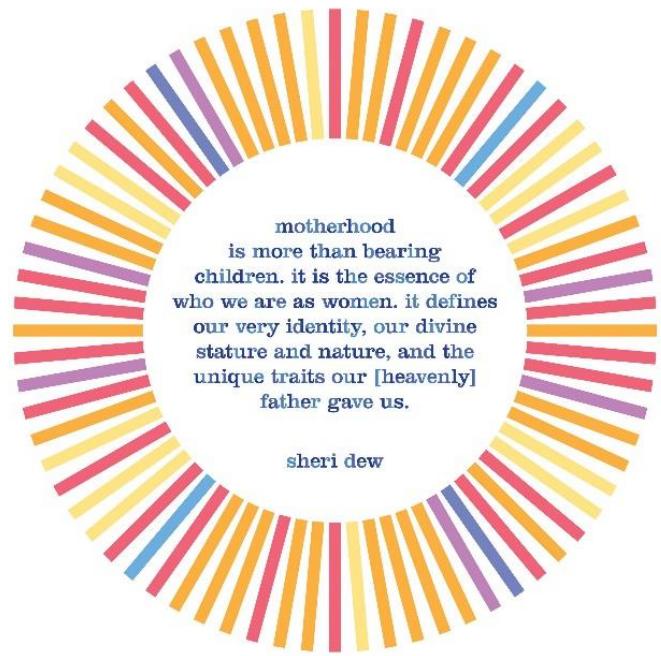


Thoughts on Motherhood

Today I declare from this pulpit what has been said here before: that no love in mortality comes closer to approximating the pure love of Jesus Christ than the selfless love a devoted mother has for her child. When Isaiah, speaking messianically, wanted to convey Jehovah's love, he invoked the image of a mother's devotion. "Can a woman forget her sucking child?" he asks. How absurd, he implies, though not as absurd as thinking Christ will ever forget us.

This kind of resolute love "suffereth long, and is kind, ... seeketh not her own, ... but ... beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." Most encouraging of all, such fidelity "never faileth." "For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed," Jehovah said, "but my kindness shall not depart from thee." So too say our mothers.

By Elder Jeffrey R. Holland
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles



Temple and Family History – May 2021

What is Family History all about? Some interesting thoughts are found on the Church web site concerning Family History

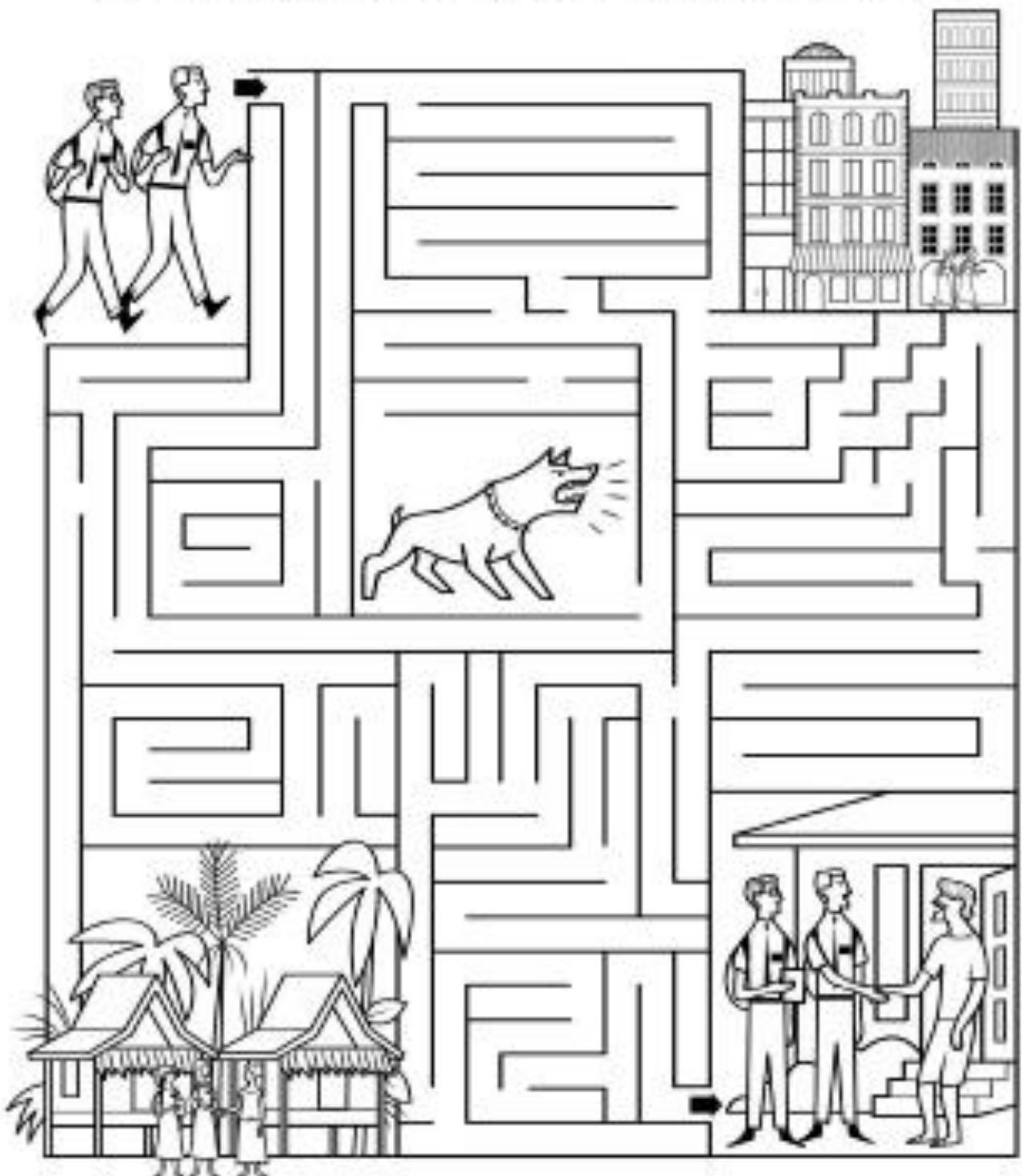
Family History is discovering more about our family members and gathering and preserving information about them. And, it is also performing saving ordinances for them in temple. Families are central to our Heavenly Father's plan of happiness. He has prepared a way for family relationships to continue throughout eternity. We connect with our ancestors by performing essential ordinances for them in Temples. Family history can also strengthen our relationships with our living family members. As we share discoveries, stories, photographs, and other memories we establish family bonds and strengthen the love between family members.

The Bountiful Temple is now performing proxy baptisms. This, however, requires an appointment. Hopefully in the near future we will be able to participate in other proxy ordinances. It is anticipated that the temple would move to the next phase for ordinances. The next phase will probably require an appointment and will likely limit the number of participants. So let's get ready for the next phase at the temple by identifying those of our ancestors whose work needs to be done. When the opportunity presents itself let's be ready and willing to return to the temple with names of our ancestors.

Lawrence Schreiner
Ward Temple and Family History Leader



Missionaries are one example of how God calls people to **preach the gospel**.
Help the missionaries through the maze so they can teach the gospel.



Article of Faith 5

 We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.