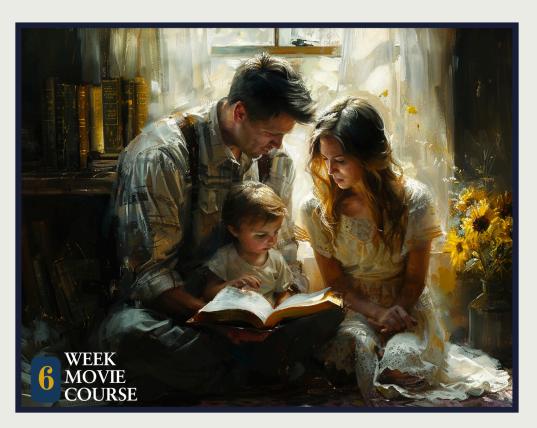
MOVIE WORKBOOK

LAY HOLD ON THE WORD OF GOD

Bringing Latter-day Prophetic Teachings to Life Through Film





COURSE DETAILS:

Movies Included in this Course:

Most movies can be found free on YouTube, or rented. To avoid broken links, only the trailer has been added.

Module 1: <u>Time Changer</u> (2002) Module 2: <u>The Printing</u> (1990) Module 3: <u>Tortured for Christ</u> (2019) Module 4: <u>Bless you, Prison</u> (2009) Module 5: <u>Play the Flute</u> (2021) Module 6: <u>Like Arrows</u> (2019)

*We have not included ratings for these movies as we wish for parents to not casually put their trust in a rating. Each home, and each child is different, some families may want to introduce hard themes sooner, and some will wait. We hope that each family will prayerfully decide in wisdom who should watch each movie or not. For more information on rating systems and the history of it please read this article. Is the movie rating system undermining the values in your

In this Course You will Find:

- 6 Modules.
- 18+ prophetic teachings.
- 6 insightful movies.
- 36 questions
- 6 real-life application challenges to participate in.

INTRODUCTION



Lay Hold on the Word of God

". . .they need to lay hold on the word of God and then all the power of evil will be broken" Helaman 3:29-30

Our families are falling apart. The youth are in rebellion, a rising generation unable to engage in battlelines and unprepared to build Zion. Men and women are ignorant of their awful situation and are apathetic toward the scriptures. Families struggle with financial bondage, and distracted by the things of this world, have lost sight of the true purpose of this life. There are so few real heroes raising the standard and we're losing the battle! Everywhere we turn it is clear that we are being lulled to sleep by the enemy into apathy, sin, slothfulness, pride and darkness! Hearts are failing.

This module course gives a greater vision of how our homes are ignorantly at ease, how we no longer view Jesus Christ as the authority and dismiss the power of His words. The solution to such chaos is that we need fathers and mothers to "lay hold on the word of God" and as promised "all the power of evil will be broken." We need to believe in His promise—that the word of God will work and heal our homes!

MODULES

Module 01: A Broken Culture



Modern society attempts to separate Jesus Christ's name and character from the teaching of ethics and morality. Is this approach wise? Is it possible to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ,

divorced from His name? In this module you will be introduced to a broken culture, one that depicts our current predicament. What is the answer to fixing the culture? The Prophet Joseph Smith said, "If you wish to go where God is, you must be like God...Search your hearts, and see if you are like God. I have searched for mine, and feel to repent of all my sins."

1. Joseph Smith, History, 1838-1856, volume C-1 Addenda, p. 62, The Joseph Smith Papers.

Prophetic Teachings & Questions:

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#1 We Have Forgotten God:

President Ezra Taft Benson said: "Our problems for the most part are directly traceable to the transgression of those sacred laws given to Moses on Mount Sinai over three thousand years ago. These eternal laws were honored by our Founding Fathers. But today worship and service to God have noticeably declined. ... Blasphemy, foul stories, and questionable humor characterize films, television programs, and the daily conversations of many Americans. The Sabbath has become a desecrated day of amusement. Idleness, greed, covetousness, cheating, lying, stealing, shoplifting, and immorality are commonplace in our society."

Q: What are modern television and movies teaching us? Many subtle influences are carefully crafted into what we watch and read, leading us to believe a certain way. How else is modern culture guiding us away from God?

The Faith of Our Founding Fathers, in Faith [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1983], 26

#2 What Are Your Amusements?

President Joseph F. Smith said: "Tell me what amusements you like best and whether your amusements have become a ruling passion in your life, and I will tell you what you are."..."We should train ourselves to find pleasure in that which invigorates, not stupefies and destroys the body; that which leads upward and not down; that which brightens, not dulls and stunts the intellect; that which elevates and exalts the spirit, not that clogs and depresses it. So shall we please the Lord, enhance our own enjoyment, and save ourselves and our children from impending sins."

Q: Examine your amusements. Are you raising a family enveloped by a spirit of indolence? Can the Spirit of the Lord dwell in such an atmosphere of amusement? President Smith's statement declares that mindless entertainment leads to sin, stupefaction, and destruction. Are these the ideals you want to build your family upon?

"Juvenile Instructor", Vol. 38, September 1, 1903, 529

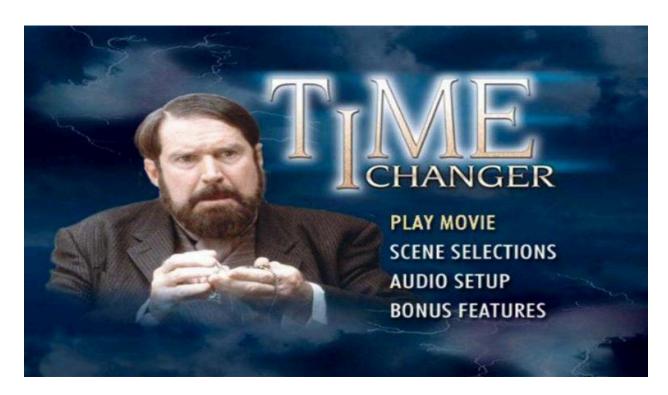
#3 We Are Like Puppets:

Elder David R. Stone said: "Our culture tends to determine what foods we like, how we dress, what constitutes polite behavior, what sports we should follow, what our taste in music should be, the importance of education, and our attitudes toward honesty. It also influences men as to the importance of recreation or religion, influences women about the priority of career or childbearing, and has a powerful effect on how we approach procreation and moral issues. All too often, we are like puppets on a string, as our culture determines what is 'cool.' ... Seduced by our culture, we often hardly recognize our idolatry, as our strings are pulled by that which is popular in the Babylonian world."

Q: Idol's can be anything we place ahead of God in our lives, anything that takes God's place in our hearts, such as possessions, careers, relationships, hobbies, sports, goals, entertainment, greed or addictions. Some of the things we idolize are clearly sinful. But many of the things we idolize can also be very good things such as relationships or careers. Are these idols in your home, and how can you begin to get rid of them?

"Zion in the Midst of Babylon," Ensign or Liahona, May 2006, 91-92

Special Featured Film: <u>Time Changer</u>



"Satan is not against good morals—he is opposed to Jesus Christ!"—Norris

Nineteenth-century Bible professor Russell Carlisle's new book, which asserts that morality can be taught independent of Christianity, is soon to be published. But a devout colleague believes that what Carlisle has written will seriously affect the morals of future generations. To prove his theory, he sends Carlisle more than 100 years into the future, offering him a glimpse of what his writing will lead to.

Q: Are you ashamed of the name of Jesus? Mighty repentance will be needed to rebuild our homes. We must right the wrongs with God. Where will you begin in building a new family culture (art, food, worship, holidays, music, amusements)?

Build Upon the Rock:

If you are looking to put Jesus Christ back as the authority in your home, look at the things you choose to have in your home (food, movies, amusements, music, parenting style). Are these derived from the scriptures and inspired counsel from Latter-day prophets? If not, then this would be a good place to help your family build upon the Rock.

Real Life Application:

Pick an area of your life where you have been spiritually desensitized. Plan specific ways you can make changes to become more sensitive in this area. Commit to these changes for a period of time and ask the Lord to help you see and hear with new eyes and ears. Invite your family or friends to join you on this quest. Reflect on the differences you see and feel, and record them here:

Module 02: Life of a Christian



Television often depicts the life of a Christian to be one of ease, small acts of kindness, and simple worship. In this module you will learn what the life of a true Christian really looks like, what it means to be in the "service of others", "lay one's life down", and live a consecrated life for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ?

What price would you be willing to pay to help others hear the word of God? Are you willing to risk your life, fortune, and reputation, all for others to have the word of God working in their lives?

Prophetic Teachings & Questions:

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#1 True Sacrifice:

President Joseph Fielding Smith said: "If He should require me to give all I possess unto him, I wish to feel that it should be done cheerfully and willingly....Now, how many of us have the confidence in the Lord that Abraham had? Supposing, He were to ask from you your first born, or any of your loved ones, or your wealth, could you endure it without murmuring? ...Can we expect to attain a celestial exaltation if we have some corner—something put away—upon which our hearts or dearest affections are set? Ask yourselves, if you are worthy to receive exaltation in the celestial Kingdom of God?"

Q: Are your affections placed upon things so as to hinder you from dedicating them to the Lord? What is stopping you from giving your entire life to God and to others?

Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Fielding Smith [1998], 420-21).

#2 Requires More Than Mere Belief:

The Prophet Joseph Smith said: "For a man to lay down his all, his character and reputation, his honor, and applause, his good name among men, his houses, his lands, his brothers and sisters, his wife and children, and even his own life also—counting all things but filth and dross for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ—requires more than mere belief or supposition that he is doing the will of God; but actual knowledge, realizing that, when those sufferings are ended, he will enter into eternal rest, and be a partaker of the glory of God."

Q: How is your home being consecrated to the Lord? What experience are you currently going through where your personal desires/hopes for your family are being sacrificed for the Lord? Why are you going through this? What blessings are you seeing?

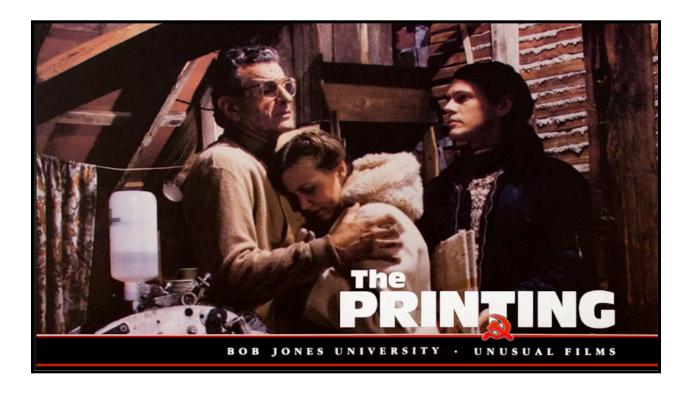
2. Joseph Smith, Lectures on Faith 6.

#3 Builds Up Our Character:

Elder Orson F. Whitney said: "No pain that we suffer, no trial that we experience is wasted. It ministers to our education, to the development of such qualities as patience, faith, fortitude and humility. All that we suffer and all that we endure, especially when we endure it patiently, builds up our characters, purifies our hearts, expands our souls, and makes us more tender and charitable, more worthy to be called the children of God...and it is through sorrow and suffering, toil and tribulation, that we gain the education that we come here to acquire and which will make us more like our Father and Mother in heaven..."

Q: Through the trials, sacrifices, and experiences you've faced, what deeper understanding have you gained of God—His presence, His character, and His divine nature? In what ways have these challenges refined your soul, shaping you to reflect His attributes more closely? How have these experiences revealed facets of His love, patience, and grace? How have you seen His love and how has that changed you?

Special Featured Film: The Printing



"It's not your beliefs that bother me, it's what you do and don't do."

—Dimitri

When Christian principles become socially unacceptable and society moves to repress them, what will the Christians do? Witness the Soviet Union—before the fall of Communism—as fear of the KGB pervades society. Christian faith is stifled wherever it is discovered. Most believers cling to a hollow shell of Christianity tolerated in "registered" churches. However, some believers opt to remain "unregistered," worshiping God openly and accepting the consequences, with a brave few daring to print Bibles—right under the noses of the KGB. This story is about them. This important historical drama sheds light on the cold-war era and reminds us of the plight of many Christians who are persecuted around the world today.

Q: The families and individuals in the film understand that they may lose everything—both their possessions and relationships—with the hope of sharing the Gospel with others. What would you be willing to sacrifice for others to hear the word of God?

Build Upon the Rock:

Do you deeply understand the scriptures to the extent that you can discern how a true Christian is called to live, what is expected of them, and the divine purpose behind these teachings? If not, then this would be a good place to help your family build upon the Rock.

Real Life Application:

The true test of the sincerity of our convictions is not whether we are willing to increase gains from our beliefs, but whether we are willing to lay down our lives, and all our earthly possessions for our brothers and sisters in Christ. There are many organizations that smuggle Bibles into countries where the word is not allowed, such as: https://www.persecution.com/Bibles/. As a family, raise money creatively to help purchase bibles for others. Write about your experience here:

Module 03: To Have His Attributes



The eternal and enduring masterpieces that we produce in our lives are not only from the works of art, music, scholarly books or articles—that we have come to know Jesus Christ, but also from the people around us. As we help the Master with His masterpieces, we are engaged in His work and His glory: "the immortality and eternal life of man." To follow Jesus Christ is to follow His example, striving to become more like Him, and developing His attributes. It means loving as He loved, sharing in the suffering of others, and being willing to lay down our lives for those we care about.

Prophetic Teachings & Questions:

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#1 Love Your Enemies:

President Brigham Young said: "To be gentle and kind, modest and truthful, to be full of faith and integrity, doing no wrong is of God; goodness sheds a halo of loveliness around every person who possesses it, making their countenances beam with light, and their society desirable because of its excellency. They are loved of God, of holy angels, and of all the good on earth, while they are hated, envied, admired and feared by the wicked."

Q: As scriptures become less and less regarded as our example and authority, we are losing sight of what the gospel of Jesus Christ looks like and what we are meant to become, especially in times of suffering. Think about the worst human suffering one could endure, consider how, through that suffering, you can be a witness for Christ and His life? How are you living out the Gospel and loving the people who are persecuting you?

Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses vol. 2:280

#2 We Must Have a Correct Idea of Him:

The Prophet Joseph Smith said: "It is the first principle of the gospel to know for a certainty the character of God. I want you all to know Him, and to be familiar with Him. We must have "a correct idea of his...perfections, and attributes" and an admiration for "the excellency of [His] character."

Q: Coming to know God is not for the spiritually lazy. He can only be known through revelation, and powerful personal revelation is predicated upon righteous living and spiritual discipline. What changes have you made to become clean so that He can reveal more of His character to you?

Joseph Smith, Lectures on Faith 38, 42.

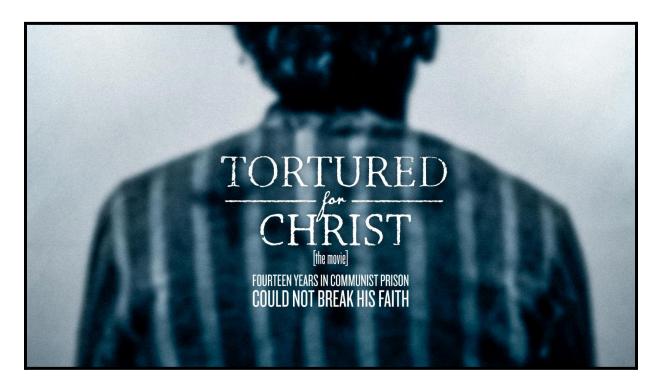
#3 Man's Chief Concern:

President David O. McKay said: "What is the crowning glory of man in this earth so far as his individual achievement is concerned? It is character—character developed through obedience to the laws of life as revealed through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Man's chief concern in life should not be the acquiring of gold nor fame nor material possessions. It should not be the development of physical prowess nor of intellectual strength, but his aim, the highest in life, should be the development of a Christlike character."

Q: What experiences are you being given to learn His character, and how has it brought you happiness and been your crowning glory?

"Obedience Develops Character," Instructor, August 1965, 301; emphasis in original.

Special Featured Film: <u>Tortured for Christ</u>



God will judge us not according to how much we endured, but how much we could love" — Richard

In 1945 Pastor Richard and his wife, Sabina, attended the Congress of Cults organized by the Romanian Communist government. Many religious leaders came forward to praise Communism and to swear loyalty to the new regime. Sabina said, "Richard, stand up and wash away this shame from the face of Christ." Richard warned, "If I do so, you'll lose your husband."

"I do not wish to have a coward as a husband," she replied. Thus, Richard declared to the delegates, whose speeches were broadcast to the whole nation, that their duty is to glorify God and Christ alone.

This movie is a cinematic retelling of the testimony of 'Voice of the Martyrs' founder, Pastor Richard Wurmbrand who endured fourteen years in communist prisons.

Q: True faith, according to Wurmbrand, is not merely an intellectual agreement; it requires action and is tested through suffering. He believed that genuine faith manifests itself in the willingness to endure pain and hardship for the sake of Christ. How are you exercising this type of Faith in your life?

Build Upon the Rock:

Do you truly understand the attributes of a true Christian as revealed in the scriptures? Can you recognize and embody the qualities that reflect the nature of Christ in your own life? Do you know the real Jesus Christ—not just as a figure in the Bible, but through a deep, personal understanding of His character, His compassion, His sacrifice, and how His attributes should transform your thoughts, actions, and heart? If not, then this would be a good place to help your family build upon the Rock.

Real Life Application:

Early Christians boldly opened their homes to fellow believers, even at great personal risk. Gathering in unity is not just a practice—it is a core aspect of our faith. As descendants of Israel, the act of singing together is deeply woven into our heritage, carrying with it a profound power to break down walls and build lasting connections. There is a unique strength that emerges when voices are raised in harmony, uniting hearts in a way that words alone cannot.

Step beyond your comfort zone, invite others into your home, and share a simple act of fellowship through song. Use music as—stated in the beginning of this module—as a bridge to heal divisions, whether in new relationships or those that have been strained over time. Have each family bring their favorite hymn, and share the story of how that hymn has uplifted and strengthened their faith. Reflect on the impact this experience had on you personally, and on your family—how did it deepen your connection with one another, and with God?

Module 04: His Words



The Book of Mormon tells us, "The preaching of the word...had more powerful effect upon the minds of the people than the sword, or anything else, which had happened unto them" (Alma 31:5). The most powerful weapon the Lord wields are his own words. He is a God of truth, and that truth reveals all deception, gladdens the heart, brings joy to the soul, and lights the path of duty. God's word shows Satan's lies for what they are, and lights the path back to God for those who have lost their way in the darkness of worldly pursuits, or during lawless times.

Prophetic Teachings & Questions:

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#1 Scriptures Are Like Packets of Light:

Elder Richard G. Scott said: "Scriptures are like packets of light that illuminate our minds and give place to guidance and inspiration from on high. They can become the key to open the channel to communion with our Father in Heaven and His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

The scriptures provide the strength of authority to our declarations when they are cited correctly. They can become stalwart friends that are not limited by geography or calendar. They are always available when needed. Their use provides a foundation of truth that can be awakened by the Holy Ghost. Learning, pondering, searching, and memorizing scriptures is like filling a filing cabinet with friends, values, and truths that can be called upon anytime, anywhere in the world."

Q: If someone asked you about the Book of Mormon, what could you say about how it has influenced your life? What are some passages in the scriptures that have helped you or others in times of challenge?

"The Power of Scripture," Ensign or Liahona, November 2011, 6-8.

#2 True Doctrine:

Elder Boyd K. Packer said: "True doctrine, understood, changes attitudes and behavior. The study of the doctrines of the gospel will improve behavior quicker than a study of behavior will improve behavior."

Q: Letters on a page or sound waves coming from a voice have no permanent power to change hearts, but when true words are taught by the Holy Ghost, they can bring about a mighty change of heart. Was there a specific time in your life when you were changed by the teaching of pure doctrine? What was the experience and how did it change you?

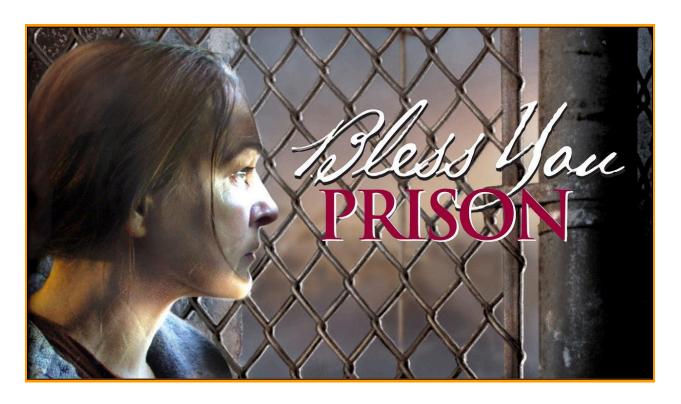
Boyd K. Packer, "Do Not Fear," Ensign, May 2004, 79.

#3 Most Powerful Weapon:

President Ezra Taft Benson said: "We are convinced that our members are hungry for the gospel, undiluted, with its abundant truths and insights. ... There are those who have seemed to forget that the most powerful weapons the Lord has given us against all that is evil are His own declarations, the plain simple doctrines of salvation as found in the scriptures."

Q: Without a doubt, the most effective weapon of spiritual warfare is the Word of God. The truth of God's word can undo the twisted lies of the enemy that keep us in spiritual bondage. Can you name a time when you used God's declaration as a weapon, and what was the result?

Special Featured Film: Bless You, Prison



"I was never closer to God, than when I was in prison." —Nicoleta

The true story of Nicoleta Valery Grossus' amazing survival in a Romanian Communist prison camp and how faith in the Lord enabled her to transcend the relentless cruelty.

It was an unspeakably brutal experience...Immagine what it must have been like to be taken away from home and thrown in jail without any trial. To be interrogated night after night, having to spend your days in a cell. To be tortured to get you to give away innocent people. To have the courage to say what you think no matter the consequences. To see how a fellow inmate swaps sides and becomes your worst enemy. Not to be able to help your loved ones imprisoned along with you. You can betray. You can die. Or you can find God.

Q: Through His words the reward of joy, peace, and comfort are promised—tangible things the world cannot supply. When have you, in your darkest time, been blessed by His word? How

[&]quot;Regional Representatives Seminar," October 1, 1970, 6.

have you used His words to lift others as we are commanded to do-- that they may know of His promises, too?

Build Upon the Rock:

Do you use the Word of God as the primary source to teach from, or do you rely on other sources, experts, and programs as your "go-to" for answers? If you do not use scriptures to teach your family, then this would be a good place to help your family build upon the Rock.

Real Life Application:

Nicoleta found God, or was reminded of Him and glorified Him by leaving His word on the cell walls, carved with a plum seed. Years later, another woman was placed in cell #24. She was interrogated daily with bright light shining in her eyes, causing her to almost go blind. She wanted to die until, one day, squinting, she saw letters on the wall. The scriptures Nicoleta had carved ended up saving her life. We, too, never know how our words will help others or even save a precious soul.

Here is a link to write to real prisoners who have been similarly tortured and persecuted for their beliefs. This is a chance to use and share scriptures to lift and build them up. These may be the last words they hear. What powerful scriptures will you use to save a soul? https://www.prisoneralert.com

Module 05: Turning Hearts



Apathy fills the corridors of our chapels and our homes as we have been lulled to sleep—as the word of God is not being used as it should be. We have taken the gospel and turned it into games, programs, check-charts and worksheets. A classroom hangman game is spiritually hanging our children. What will save our children is when the people humble themselves and turn back to the 'Fathers' in scriptures and do as they did in saving their own families. Real stories and testimonies of those whose faith was forged in from the fire of tribulation must be shared. Our hidden identity must be discovered.

Prophetic Teachings & Questions:

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#1 Extreme Apathy:

Elder M. Russell Ballard said: "...one of the greatest problems that we have in the Church is the total—not total—but the extreme apathy—indifference."

Q: Activities and programs are the popular remedy, but superficial solutions generally fail, as the Church can never compete with the world in terms of pleasure. The world will always be more "fun", more wild, and provide more entertainment than Gospel-centered activities. How can we, our children, or our grandchildren be encouraged to love the scriptures and truly care about them?

"Regional Representatives' Seminar," October 1, 1970, 6.

#2 Once We Know Who We Are:

Elder Russell M. Nelson said: "The concept the Prophet was taught emphasized that the hearts of the children will become aware of the promises made to their fathers. Then, with that comprehension, the hearts of the children shall turn to their parents. That includes parents, grandparents, great-great-grandparents—including Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Once we know who we are and the royal lineage of which we are a part, our actions and our direction in life will be more appropriate to our inheritance."

Q: "Turning hearts to the fathers" doesn't just mean studying or appreciating them, it means to be sealed to the fathers. Have you and your family been truly sealed to these great patriarchs—meaning that your hearts are turned to them and bound to their promises? If not, how will you start?

"Thanks for the Covenant", November 22, 1988

#3 Being Lukewarm:

Elder Carlos A. Godoy said: "Those with thoughts like these do not realize the negative impact this "lukewarm" type of membership will have on their lives and on the lives of their posterity. The parents may remain active, but the risk of losing their children is high—in this life and in eternity."

Q: What does it mean to be a "lukewarm" member of the Church? What are the potential consequences of lukewarm membership? How can you help your family members to be more fully engaged in the gospel?

Special Featured Film: Play the Flute



"You're either playing the flute, or the flute is playing for you".—Brandon

Brandon Cobb is a new Youth Director who takes over a youth group that's filled with spiritual apathy. As he tries to motivate his students to get serious about their relationship with the Lord, he finds himself in an uphill battle. Although discouraged, Brandon boldly shares the truth of God's Word. What happens next is something Brandon and his students will never forget.

Q: In this film apathy runs deep in the classroom mirroring what is happening in the home. How would apathy change if we straightforwardly applied the Book of Mormon messages and turned our children back to the Fathers of scripture?

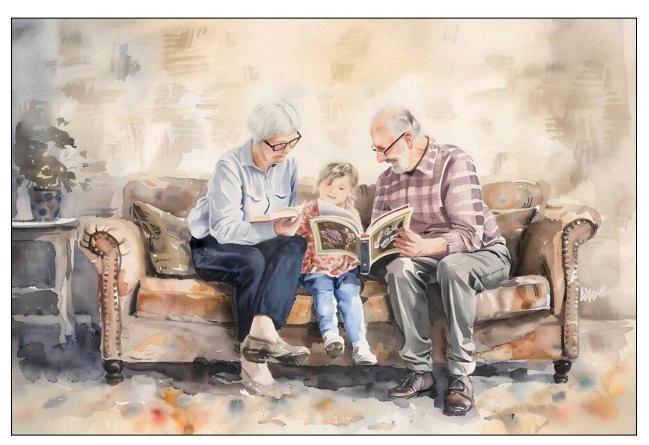
Build Upon the Rock:

Do you live a life of gratitude for those who came before you? Has your heart been changed and have you experienced the promise of Elijah? Can your children see it? If not, studying your sacred Israel heritage would be a good place to help your family build upon the Rock.

Real Life Application:

In the Book of Mormon, the prophet Alma understood the power of turning hearts toward God by sharing personal stories of faith. He drew upon both the stories of his ancestors and his own conversion as teaching tools for his children. As you read Alma 36, consider how Alma's example as a father shaped the hearts of his children through the act of helping them "remember" the pivotal moments of faith in their family's history. Take time to explore 5-10 stories of your own ancestors—how did they live the covenants, and how did those covenants shape their lives? What promises have been given to your family that you need to remember and hold sacred? Compile and journal here the promises shared from the stories for your family to have:

Module o6: Generational Legacy



Lukewarm children often emerge from lukewarm families. These families don't outright reject Jesus Christ, but they also fail to live fully for Him. When we choose to remain neutral, sitting on the fence, we not only fail to bear fruit, but we also allow the enemy to gain ground. This puts not only our own lives at risk but also jeopardizes our family's legacy—our children, grandchildren, and beyond. The choices we make today shape the spiritual inheritance we pass

down. To safeguard against the attacks of the enemy, families—including grandparents—cannot afford to remain neutral.

No matter the challenges you face in raising your children, it's never too late to change direction and wholeheartedly embrace God's design, ensuring that your legacy reflects His purpose and faithfulness for generations to come.

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#1 As They See in Their Own Home:

Elder Spencer W. Kimball said: "The child will carry into his own life much that he sees in his family home life. If he sees his parents going to the temple frequently, he will begin to plan a temple life. If he is taught to pray for the missionaries, he will gradually gravitate toward the missionary program. Now, this is very simple, but it is the way of life. And we promise you that your children will bring you honor and glory as you give them proper example and training."

Q: What do you want to pass down to your children and future posterity? Are those things happening now, and are they strong for all to see and participate in? If not, then how will you include them into your family life?

The Miracle of Forgiveness (1969), 258–59.

#2 Most Important Work:

President N. Eldon Tanner said: "The parents that you should honor more than any others are the parents of your children-to-be. Those children are entitled to the best parents that it is possible for you to give them—clean parents."

Q: If purity will be the protection of our children, then we must do what we can that they may receive that blessing. How are you living clean in your life for the next generations? What needs to change to make an impact?

N. Eldon Tanner, "Church News," Church News, April 19, 1969, 2.

#3 Do Not Become the Weakest Link:

President Gordon B. Hinckley said: "To you I say with all of the energy of which I am capable, do not become a weak link in the chain of your generations. You come to the world with a marvelous inheritance. You come of great men and women....Never let them down. Never do anything which would weaken the chain of which you are a fundamental part."

Q: Ask yourself, am I a weak link in the chain of my family heritage? What must I do to repair it and those of my family I have lulled to sleep?

N. Eldon Tanner, "Church News," Church News, April 19, 1969, 2; Scroll, September 14, 1999, 20.

Special Featured Film: Like Arrows



"In the end there can be no greater legacy than a legacy of faithfulness" —Josh

When conflict, rebellion, and resentment overwhelm their family, Charlie and Alice are forced to rethink their parenting strategy. In the process, they realize how critical intentionality and focus are when shaping and molding young lives. This film explores the challenges and joys that come with raising children. Through a journey that unfolds over 50 years, Charlie and Alice

discover the unmistakable power of family. Together, they learn that knowing and living by God's Word is what brings transformation and hope to any family.

Q: This film shows the consequences of being a lukewarm family, and the importance of having a home on fire with the word of God. Families cannot afford to be casual with the word of God. Did this film help you to see what work needs to be done in your home and for your future family?

Build Upon the Rock:

The first step in leaving a faithful legacy is to believe God the Father "actually exists". Let us put this in a family context with young children. If your son or daughter does not believe that there is a God, their actions will rebel against Him. Your children need to know that God is real. They need to know that your home is governed by the Lord and inspiration from heaven. They need to know the miracles He has performed in your life. If your home is governed by the Lord and if your children know this, they will be inspired to follow those faithful footsteps. They will know that God is real. If your home is not governed by the Lord, then this would be a good place to help your family build upon the Rock.

Real Life Application:

Your family is your team. They are not in the way as the world teaches, but ARE the way, and the greatest weapon against the adversary. We need everybody awake with no lukewarm members. Each working together toward a cause. Take a look at these battlelines https://josephsmithfoundation.org/battlelines/ and view what is happening and see how Christianity is under attack. Together as a family select what battleline you are going to help with—where are you going to make a difference as a family team—with the idea of a legacy that will reach generations to come. Record your plan: