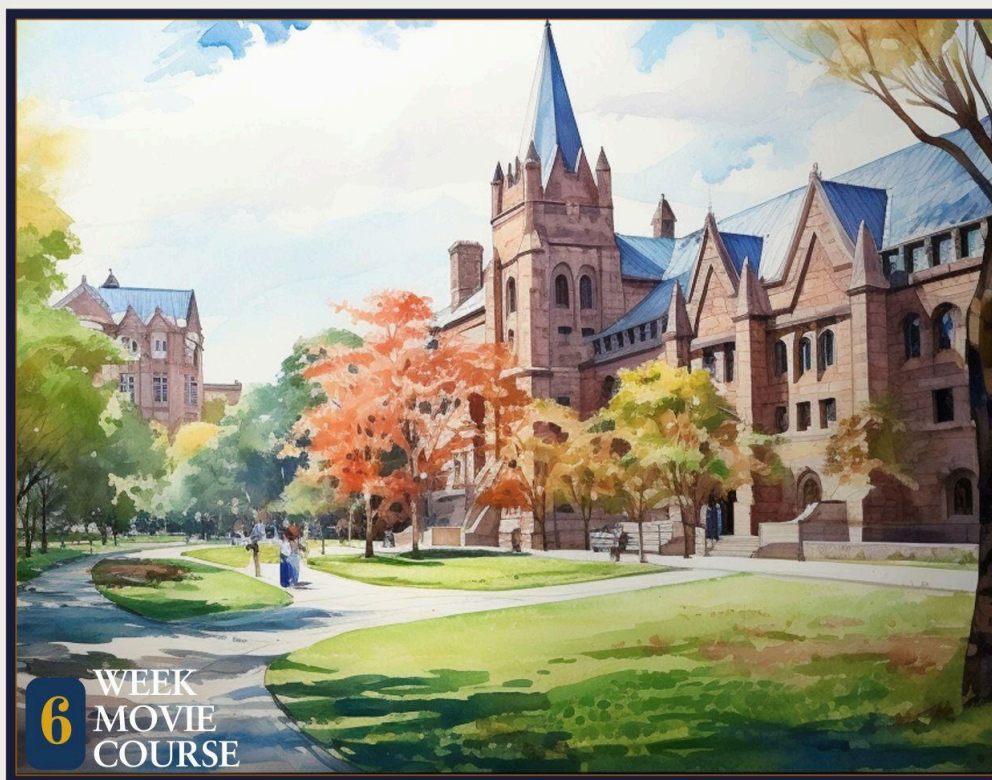


MOVIE WORKBOOK

RESTORING A ZION EDUCATION

Bringing Latter-day Prophetic Teachings to Life Through Film



PASSING DOWN THE
FAITH
A MULTI-GENERATIONAL VISION

COURSE DETAILS

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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: [Courageous](#) (2011)
- Module 2: [Matter of Faith](#) (2014)
- Module 3: [The Insanity of God](#) (2017)
- Module 4: [Mully](#) (2018)
- Module 5: [Boys Town](#) (1938)
- Module 6: [Return to the Hiding Place](#) (2014)

*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



Restoring a Zion Education

“Everyone shall consider the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life.”

In the days of Adam and Eve, education was family-centered where the father served as the primary teacher, passing down spiritual, moral, and practical knowledge. The family was the core institution of learning, with fathers instructing their children in the ways of God, the laws of nature, and righteous living. This education focused on personal virtue, the cultivation of righteousness, and the transmission of wisdom from one generation to the next— preparing individuals for both earthly life and eternity.

Many families are struggling, often unaware that the type of education they use could be part of the problem. There are lots of educational models we can choose from or create. However, many of us are trying to get our families back to the messenger, Revealer of Christ and what Joseph taught, so to do that, we need to see what “education” is to God, not what man defined it as. This course will attempt to show the principles of a celestial education—focusing on the restored teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith— for the family and for Zion.

Principles are:

- Father Presided-Family Centered
- Built on the Rock & Content is the message—“All things testify of Christ”
- Exemplar Inspired & Spirit Directed
- Focus OUT Not IN & Mission Centered
- Stewardship & No Waste
- Agency Motivate

MODULES

Module 01: *Father Preside/Family-Centered*



Fathers have a divine role to preside in their homes as leaders, guiding their families with proper priesthood authority. In ancient Israel, the class system was established with the intention of fathers protecting their families and preserving noble bloodlines, ensuring that future

generations would be safeguarded and guided by strong values. However, over time, the original purpose of the class system was corrupted. As God was removed from the foundation, the system shifted from one of charity and selflessness to one driven by pride, and fathers no longer leading. Without the divine principles of love and service, the class system lost its true meaning—fulfilling its intended role of strengthening families and communities.

Prophetic Teachings & Questions:

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#1 Kings and Priests:

President Brigham Young said: “We understand that we are to be made kings and priests unto God; now if I be made the king and lawgiver to my family, and if I have many sons, I shall become the father of many fathers, for they will have sons, and their sons will have sons, and so on, from generation to generation, and, in this way, I may become the father of many fathers, or the king of many kings. This will constitute every man a prince, king, lord, or whatever the Father sees fit to confer upon us. In this way we can become king of kings, and lord of lords, or father of fathers, or prince of princes, and this is the only course, for another man is not going to raise up a kingdom for you.”

Q: How does the concept of being made “kings and priests unto God” shape our understanding of fatherhood and leadership within the family. What implications does this have for generational influence and the establishment of a lasting legacy?

Brigham Young, *Discourses of Brigham Young*, selected and arranged by John A. Widtsoe (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1954), 195; *Journal of Discourses* 3:265-266.

#2 Royal Lineage:

President Russel Nelson said: “Once we know who we are and the royal lineage of which we are a part, our actions and directions in life will be more appropriate to the inheritance.”

Q: How does understanding one's royal lineage and divine heritage as sons(and daughters) of God shape the way we fulfill our roles as fathers(and mothers)? What impact does this deeper awareness have on the legacy we create for future generations?

Russell M. Nelson, “Thanks for the Covenant,” November 22, 1988.

#3 A Right to Know:

President John Taylor said: *“As a head of a family, I have a right to know these things; I have a right to know what influences are brought in and around my house, what spirits predominate there, and I have a right to know what a man’s religion is.”*

Q: How does a father, as the head of his family, balance the responsibility of presiding over his home while ensuring that only righteous influences and the spirit of truth are allowed to guide his household? What does this reveal about the importance of spiritual stewardship in fatherhood?

John Taylor, *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 11, p. 51.

Special Featured Film: [*Courageous*](#)



“But I tell you that as a father, you are accountable to God for the position of influence he has given you.” —Adam

As law enforcement officers, they face danger every day. Yet when tragedy strikes close to home, these fathers are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, and their faith. From this struggle will come a decision that changes all of their lives. With action, drama, and humor, the fourth film from Sherwood Pictures embraces God's promise to "turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers."

Q: How does the movie *Courageous* illustrate the importance of fathers fulfilling their divine role, and what impact does a father's commitment to leading with love and integrity have on homes,

communities, and future generations? Can you see how important it is for a father to guide his family and what will you do to make changes necessary to improve?

Build Upon the Rock:

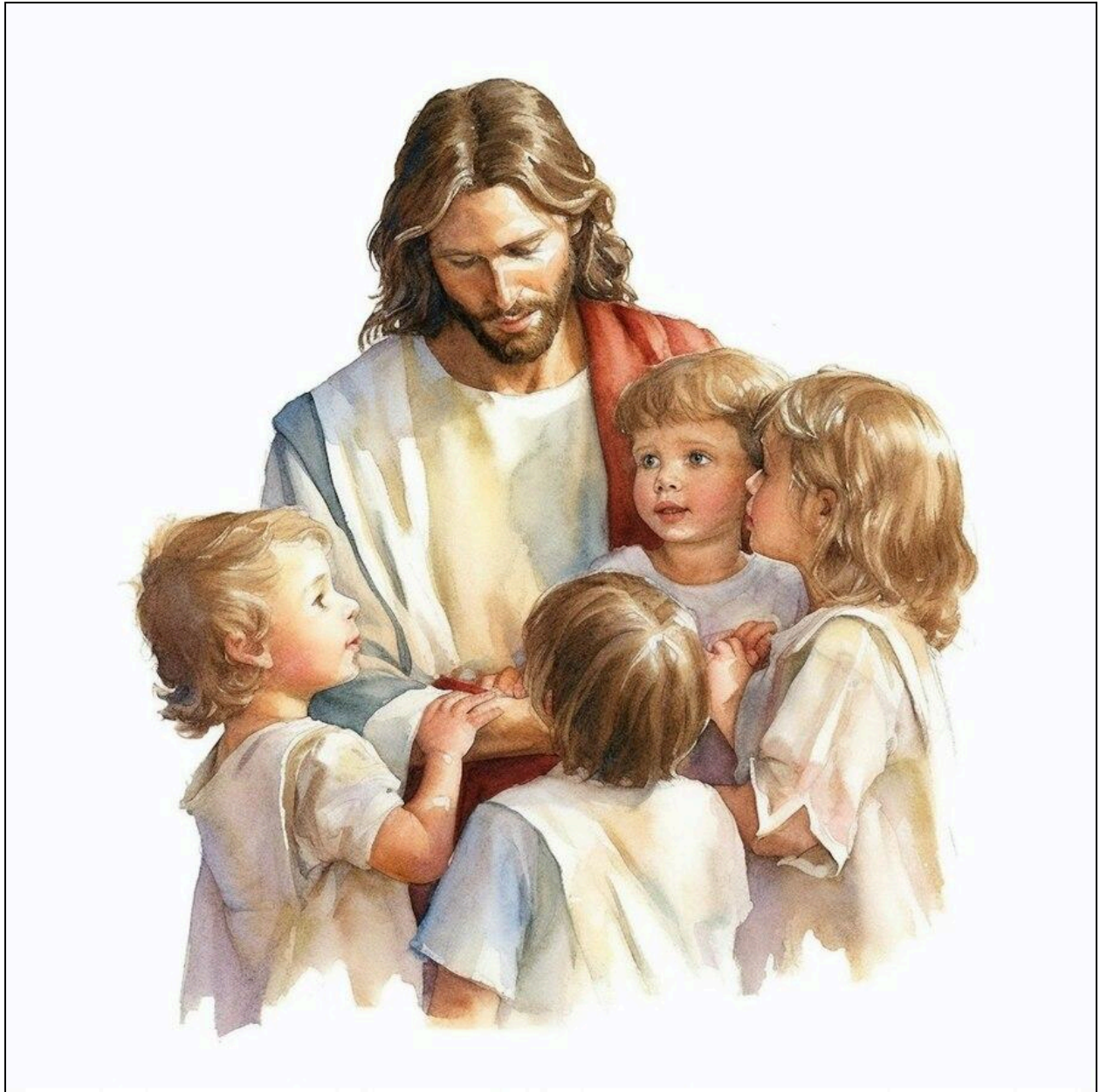
If you do not understand your *sacred lineage and inheritance* then this would be a good place to start building upon the rock stronger.

Real Life Application:

As a husband and wife, begin by looking at your home with a 'Kingdom' perspective. Envision your husband as a Sire, King, or Lord of a great beautiful estate. Start by asking him, "What is your vision for the family?" You can also ask a few additional foundational questions, such as:

1) Who are you following? Who is your authority? 2) If we are following that authority (Prophets, Scriptures, Christ), would you like in our home the foods, entertainment, amusements, parenting, education etc. to align up the same way? 3) What would you like me to do, how can I help you with this vision? Where are we off in this vision? 4) How would you like the family to operate? 5) If we built a team with our children, what would you like to do with this family team? 6) If service is part of the vision, how can we focus outwards?

Module 02: *Built Upon the Rock & All things Testify of Him*



A home truly centered upon Jesus Christ is a home focused on learning, studying, and teaching about the Savior from Science to Mathematics to Basketball. We need to help our children understand that all things testify of Him, everything is our religion (water, light, stars are the gospel etc) Can they see Christ, the real Him? We need to help our children build upon the Rock of revelation/i.e. the scriptures? How well do they know scriptures?

Every decision we make—whether it's what we eat or what we watch—should be guided by the scriptures and the counsel of prophets. These choices should reflect our commitment to living

as the Lord would have us live. Can our children see our submission to God in the choices we make? When planning our time, even something as simple as a summer vacation, do we turn to God in prayer and ask, "What wouldst Thou have me do with this time?" By living this way, with a heart fully submitted to God, we create a home and a life that is truly centered on Christ.

Prophetic Teachings & Questions:

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#1 He Will Not Prevail:

Elder Bruce R. McConkie said: *"If our house is built upon a rock with the brick and mortar of good works, it will withstand the storms and perils of life and preserve us for an eternal inheritance hereafter. If it is built upon the sands of evil with the rusty nails and rotting timber of carnal things, it will be destroyed when the rains and the winds and the floods beat upon it....If we are founded upon a rock, the gates of hell shall not prevail against us. As long as we remain in our house of faith, we shall be preserved when the rains of evil fall, when the winds of false doctrine blow, and when the floods of carnality beat upon us."*

Q: When we know that we are founded upon the rock of good works and faith, the gates of hell will not prevail against us. How can we ensure that our "house" is built upon this rock rather than on the shifting sands of worldly desires? What steps can we take to strengthen our foundation so that we can withstand the storms, false doctrines, and challenges of life?

Bruce R. McConkie, "Upon This Rock," *General Conference*, April 1981.

#2 Philosophies of Men Mingled with Scriptures:

President Ezra Taft Benson said: *"It is important that in our teaching we make use of the language of holy writ. Alma said, 'I...do command you in the language of him who hath commanded me.' The words and the way they are used in the Book of Mormon by the Lord should become our source of understanding and should be used by us in teaching gospel principles."*

Q: When educating your children, it's crucial to recognize true messengers of God, knowing they do not mix scriptures with philosophies, social sciences, or psychology, but deliver the gospel in its purest form. How can you help your family more fully recognize and embrace the language of God?

Ezra Taft Benson, "The Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants," *General Conference*, April 1987.

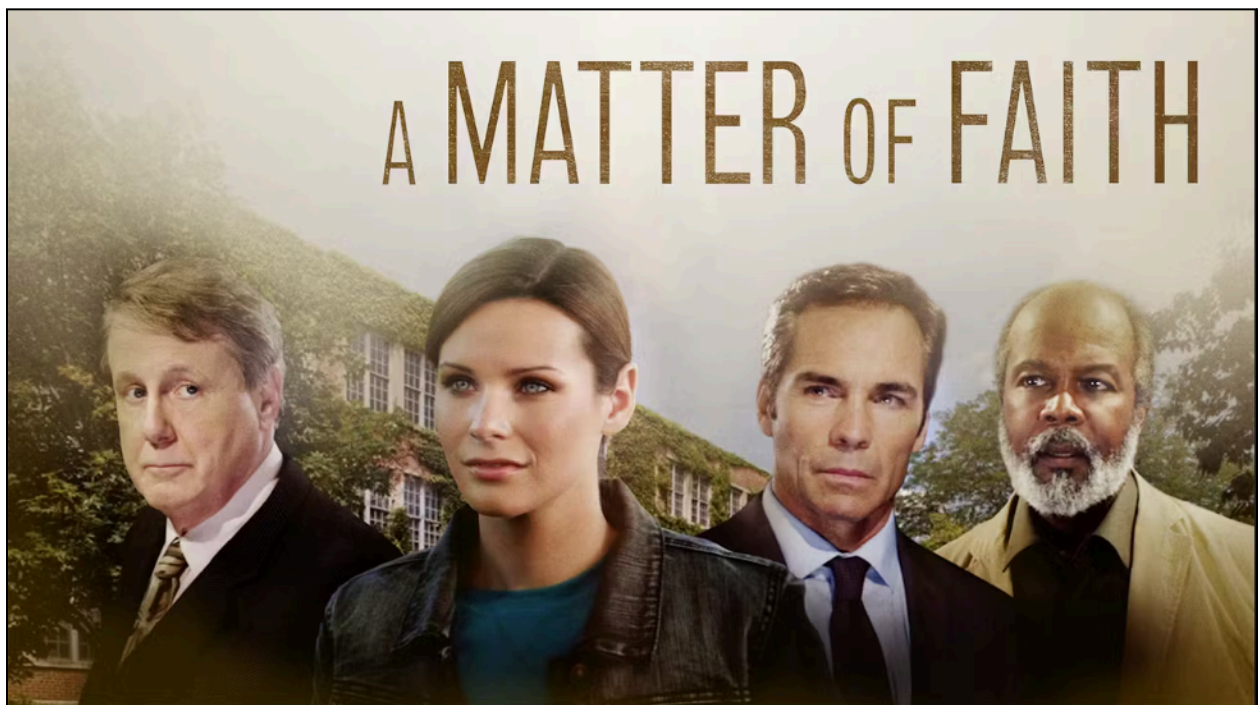
#3 What is Faith:

The Prophet Joseph Smith said: *“Let us here observe, that three things are necessary, in order that any rational and intelligent being may exercise faith in God unto life and salvation....First, The idea that he actually exists. Secondly, A correct idea of his character, perfections and attributes. Thirdly, An actual knowledge that the course of life which he is pursuing, is according to his will.”*

Q: How can you help your children understand that God the Father “actually exists” and that your home is governed by the Lord and inspiration from heaven? How can you help your family recognize His reality and the miracles He has performed in your life?

Joseph Smith, *Lectures on Faith*, Lecture 3, 39

Special Featured Film: [*A Matter of Faith*](#)



“This guy stands against everything we believe in” —Stephan

A Christian girl, Rachel Whitaker, goes off to college for her freshman year and begins to be influenced by her popular Biology professor, who teaches that evolution is the answer to the origins of life. When Rachel’s father senses something is changing with his daughter, he begins to examine the situation and what he discovers catches him completely off guard. Now very concerned about Rachel drifting away from her Christian faith, he tries to do something about it!

Q: How can you ensure that your family remains firmly rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, especially when outside influences, like those in education, challenge or question your faith? How can you help your children stay strong in their beliefs and recognize the importance of building their lives upon Christ, even in the face of opposing ideas?

Build Upon the Rock:

If your definition of faith is different than what principle #3 taught, then this would be a good place to help your family build upon the Rock.

Real Life Application:

If your son or daughter does not believe in the reality of God, their actions will inevitably reflect that lack of faith. This is a critical challenge: your children must not only know that God is real but also understand that your home is governed by His divine authority and inspired guidance. They need to witness the miracles He has performed in your life and see His power in action. If this foundation is not yet established, it is time to take immediate and intentional action. Begin sharing the miracles of your life, teach your children to recognize God's attributes, and immerse your family—starting with yourself—in the scriptures. This is not just a task; it is a responsibility that will shape the eternal future of your family!

Module 03: *Exemplar Inspired & Spirit Led*



Our children need good examples, and that begins with us as parents, following Jesus Christ, who is the greatest exemplar of all. Many homes are in confusion and disarray, with poor examples prevailing, and Jesus Christ is nowhere to be found—except in a weak version on the Sabbath. Right now, the world is teaching our children under the influence of movie theaters. What we esteem as entertainment—and what we pay for on Saturday night—we would call sin if done at the pulpit, yet these are our Godless examples filling our homes.

Our homes need parents who are willing to lay everything down, including themselves, to find the real Jesus Christ, even if it means going to the jungle. What price are you willing to pay to find Him and spiritually lead your family?

Prophetic Teachings & Questions:

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#1 Strong Family Culture:

Elder L Tom Perry said: *“Our strengthened family cultures will be a protection for our children from “the fiery darts of the adversary” embedded in their peer culture, the entertainment and celebrity cultures, the credit and entitlement cultures, and the Internet and media cultures to which they are constantly exposed. Strong family cultures will help our children live in the world and not become “of the world.”*

Q: How can exposing our children to strong examples of individuals who sacrificed for the Gospel and upheld their standards, protect them from the negative influences of their peer culture, entertainment, and media, and help them live in the world without becoming “of the world”?

L. Tom Perry, “Becoming Godly Parents,” *General Conference*, October 2012.

#2 By Virtue of the Covenant:

President Joseph Smith said: *“When a seal is put upon the father and mother, it secures their posterity, so that they cannot be lost, but will be saved by virtue of the covenant of their father and mother.”*

Q: How does the virtue of the covenant, as taught by the Prophet Joseph Smith, ensure a parent's calling and election is made sure, and how does this process of laying down one's life, completing priesthood ordinances, and passing through testing secure our posterity and protect our children from the “fire” of the last days?

Joseph Fielding Smith, ed., *The Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith* (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Company, 1938), 356-57. Additional info can be found at: <https://josephsmithfoundation.org/teaching/calling-and-election>

#3 Pure Intelligence:

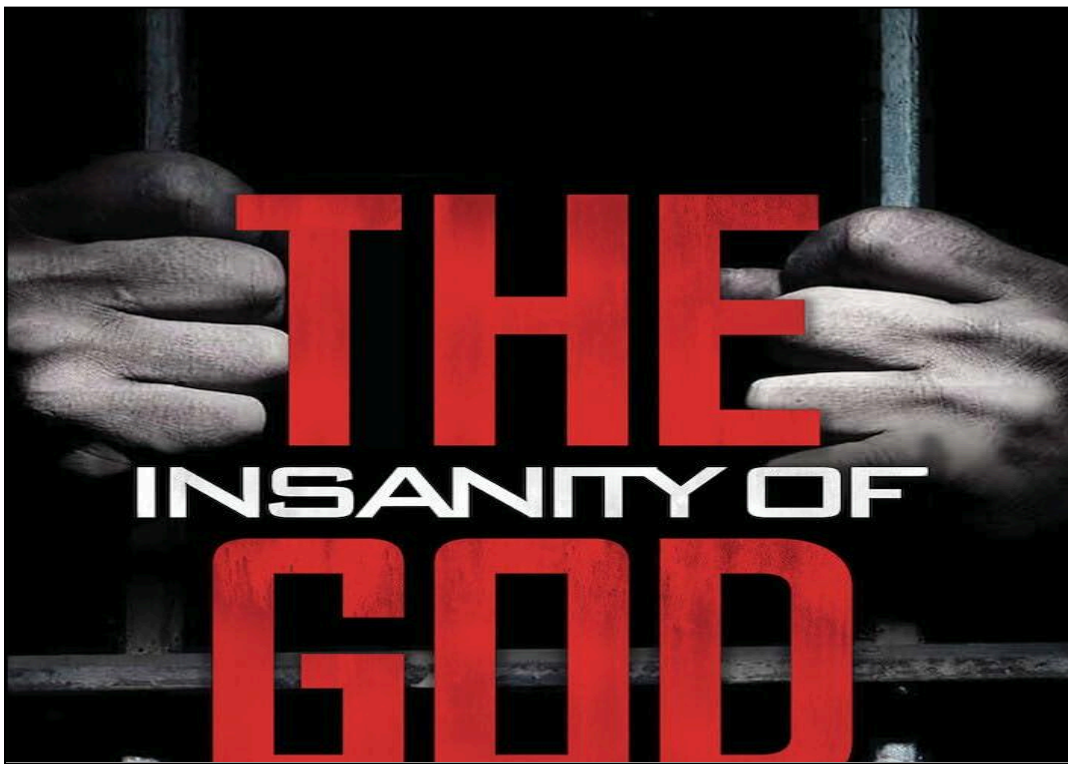
The Prophet Joseph Smith said: *“A person may profit by noticing the first intimation of the spirit of revelation; for instance, when you feel pure intelligence flowing into you, it may give you sudden strokes of ideas, so that by noticing it, you may find it fulfilled the same day or soon; (i.e.) those things that were presented unto your minds by the Spirit of God, will come to pass;*

and thus by learning the Spirit of God and understanding it, you may grow into the principle of revelation, until you become perfect in Christ Jesus.”

Q: How does becoming more clean and pure help us be more spirit-led as parents? How can learning to notice the first impressions of the Spirit—such as sudden insights or ideas—help us to obey the Spirit of God greater?

Joseph Fielding Smith, *The Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, 151.

Special Featured Film: [*The Insanity of God*](#)



“90% born in the church, raised in the church, saved in the church, married and buried in the church will never share Jesus with another person.” —Nik

A true story of missionaries Nik and Ruth Ripken. After the death of their son, this ordinary couple journeys into the depths of the persecuted church, asking the question—IS JESUS WORTH IT?

Q: In *The Insanity of God*, we witness powerful examples of individuals who are so deeply Spirit-led and are willing to die for their faith because of their surety in Him. How can we, as parents, guide our children to understand the importance of being clean to receive pure revelation and to act upon it?

Build Upon the Rock:

If you do not understand what the Prophet Joseph Smith meant by virtue of the Covenant, and the power of being a righteous example, then this would be a good place to help your family build upon the Rock.

Real Life Application:

One profound way to begin the journey of obedience and receiving revelation is through the act of receiving a blessing. After receiving it, transcribe it, ponder on it regularly, and strive to obey every word that was given. Ask the Lord to teach you what is meant in His words. Only when you are confident that you have fully aligned your life with the guidance received repeat this process every 3-6 months, ensuring that your obedience is precise and unwavering. This will be a beautiful example to your children of becoming spirit led.

Have everyone in the home receive a blessing, and use it as your education instruction for your children for one month. What was the result? In what way did the spirit lead you?

Module 04: *Focus Outwards & Mission Led*



Our children need something real to hold on to. They can easily spot hypocrisy, mixed messages, and a watered-down gospel. What they need is the gospel taught to them in its purest form. Life itself is one of the greatest opportunities to experience the gospel firsthand and to give our children meaningful experiences through a cause, and hard work—focusing outwards on others. Too often, we fear that if we don't make everything fun or let them have their way, we'll lose them. While that fear feels real, the truth is that we risk losing them in the long run if we take the 'fun' approach.

Prophetic Teachings & Questions:

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#1 What You Win Them With:

Pastor Mark Dever said it best: *“What you win them with, is likely what you’ll win them to. If you win them with the Gospel, you’ll win them to the Gospel. If you win them with technique, programs, entertainment, and personal charisma, you might end up winning them to yourself and your methods (and you might not!), but it’s likely that they won’t be won to the Gospel first and foremost.”*

Q: In your home life, are you unknowingly competing with the world by trying to make the Gospel more appealing through worldly means (Food, fun and fantasy)? What can you change immediately to re-center your home and give your family something real?

Mark Dever, *“The Deliberate Church”* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2004).

#2 Lay Down One’s Life:

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: To truly know Christ and live His Gospel, a man, woman, and child must be willing to lay down their lives for others, no matter the cost. What does it look like in doing this for the sake of others? How can you more fully embrace this in following Christ?

Joseph Smith, *Lectures on Faith*, Lecture 6, 66.

#3 A Man Filled with Love:

The Prophet Joseph Smith said: *“Love is one of the chief characteristics of Deity, and ought to be manifested by those who aspire to be the sons of God. A man filled with the love of God, is not content with blessing his family alone, but ranges through the whole world, anxious to bless the whole human race.”*

Q: As a member of the Church, how is your family actively feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, providing for the widow, wiping away the tears of the orphan, and bringing true comfort to the afflicted? What steps are you taking right now? What more can you do to live out these calls to action with urgency and sacrifice?

Special Featured Film: [Mully](#)



“Because when you love people, then you love God.” —Dr. Mully

What happens when a six-year-old boy in Kenya is abandoned and left to survive on the streets? Mully is not your typical “rags-to-riches” story—it’s the extraordinary true story of Charles Mully, a man who rose from poverty to wealth, only to risk everything to rescue thousands of orphaned children across Kenya.

Q: After watching *Mully*, how can your family embrace a mission or a real cause that focuses outward? How can you live the gospel of Jesus Christ by serving others and making a tangible difference in the lives of the hurting and vulnerable, just as Mully did?

Build Upon the Rock:

If you do not understand what true discipleship is, then this would be a good place to help your family build upon the Rock.

Real Life Application:

Take a hard look at how you are parenting or teaching the gospel to your children. Is it focused solely on fun, ease, and what they want, or are you truly guiding them in the ways of Christ? Are you relying on programs, strategies, or checklists to shape their faith? Today, commit to

changing that approach. Start using pure, firsthand sources of the gospel—God’s Word and real-life experiences—to authentically convert your children to Christ. The time to fix it, is now. For one week use nothing but the scriptures to teach your family when problems, or questions arise. Use only His words to convert. Journal your experience:

Module 05: Stewardship & No Waste



God’s actions are full of purpose, and everything in nature works together to create harmony and productivity. Likewise, our homes reflect this with every family member having their own responsibilities, with everyone being accountable for their part. Sadly, many parents today are carrying too much of the load, taking on tasks their children are capable of doing.

Our families should work together as a team to build the Kingdom of God and prepare for the challenges ahead, making the most of our time and resources. Due to a lack of discipline and perseverance through difficult situations because of the ease of the home, many children struggle with self-control, managing emotions, and resisting temptations in inappropriate media. We need homes in order following the patterns set before us through scriptures and prophets.

Prophetic Teachings & Questions:

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#1 | Regret that Minute:

President Brigham Young said: *"If I spend a minute that is not in some way devoted to building up the Kingdom of God and promoting righteousness, I regret that minute, and wish it had been otherwise spent. This proves to me that the Spirit of the Lord is with me."*

Q: Many are suffering, losing their faith, and facing persecution, while we spend hours watching TV, indulging in trivial amusements, or pursuing aimless hobbies. Every hour we waste without helping others, we will be held accountable for. What are some of your biggest distractions or regrets that you'd like to address? How can you better use your time to make a positive impact?

#2 Do All that We Can:

President Brigham Young said: *"Let the people build good houses, plant good vineyards and orchards, make good roads, build beautiful cities in which may be found magnificent edifices for the convenience of the public, handsome streets skirted with shade trees, fountains of water, crystal streams, and every tree, shrub and flower that will flourish in this climate, to make our mountain home a paradise and our hearts wells of gratitude to the God of Joseph, enjoying it all with thankful hearts, saying constantly, "not mine but thy will be done, O Father."*

Beautify your gardens, your houses, your farms; beautify the city. This will make us happy, and produce plenty. The earth is a good earth, the elements are good if we will use them for our own benefit, in truth and righteousness. Then let us be content, and go to with our mights to make ourselves healthy, wealthy, and beautiful, and preserve ourselves in the best possible manner, and live just as long as we can, and do all the good we can."

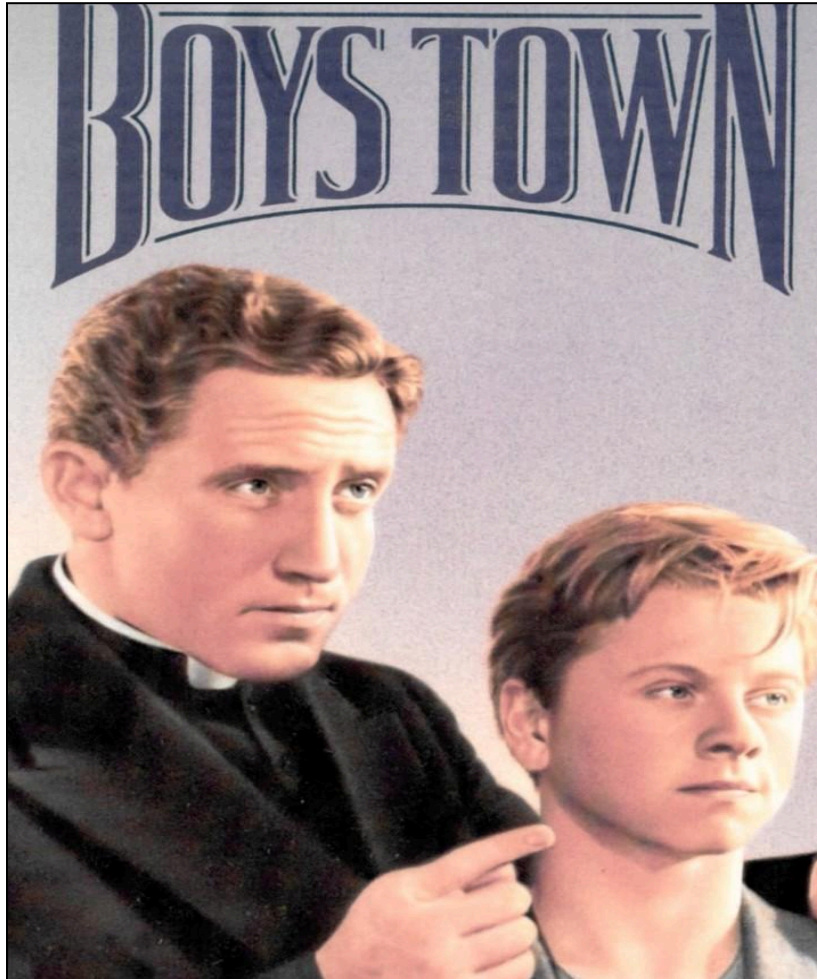
Q: Where have the days gone of courtesy, refinement, dignity, grace, honor, and beauty in our surroundings? Part of our responsibility is to restore this lost culture and uphold the honorable aspects of chivalry and nobleness. How can you as a family organize better with given stewardships in restoring this lost culture—starting with creating a beautiful, respectful environment in your own home?

#3 Be Prudent:

President Brigham Young said: *"Never let anything go to waste. Be prudent, save everything, and what you get more than you can take care of yourselves, ask your neighbors to help you consume."*

Q: This principle extends far beyond materialism—it applies to our time, talents, resources, gifts, and work as taught by God. When examining your home, how can you better steward these blessings to avoid waste? What specific steps can you take to more faithfully follow the counsel of the prophet in these areas?

Special Featured Film: *Boys Town*



“There is no such thing as a bad boy.” —Father Flanagan

In the movie *Boys Town*, Father Flanagan dedicates his life to caring for orphaned boys, using his time, resources, and talents to provide them with love, structure, and opportunities. How can we, like Father Flanagan, better steward our time, resources, and talents to serve others, ensuring we don't waste the blessings we've been given?

Q: In the movie *Boys Town*, Father Flanagan dedicates his life to caring for orphaned boys, using his time, resources, and talents to provide them with love, structure, and opportunities. How can we, like Father Flanagan, better steward our time, resources, and talents to serve others, ensuring we don't waste the blessings we've been given?

Build Upon the Rock:

If you do not understand what stewardship, or the principle of waste is, then this would be a good place to help your family build upon the Rock.

Real Life Application:

Take a hard look at your home and identify where the principles of work, waste, and stewardship are lacking or not being applied. Are you shouldering everything on your own or is your family working together as a true team? This includes your extended family—especially if you have older, married children. Challenge yourself: How can you, as a family, become better producers and actively apply these principles to improve your home, your work ethic, and your stewardship of resources? It's time to stop making excuses and start making real changes and produce something together! Journal your plan of action and the outcome:

Module 06: *Agency Motivated*



As a family, we need to see each of our children as a precious child of God, with the ability to choose right from wrong and the potential to grow closer to Him. They're not just someone to be shaped, but rather individuals who have the power to make decisions because of the intelligence and agency they've been given by God.

As parents, our greatest success comes when we see our children begin to make decisions on their own, without needing to constantly guide them. The true reward is when they take on responsibility from the heart, rather than just following rules. This stands in stark contrast to a world where many are driven by personal desires and struggle to make decisions for themselves.

Prophetic Teachings & Questions:

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#1 Heritage of Man:

President Wilford Woodruff said: *“This agency has always been the heritage of man under the rule and government of God. He possessed it in the heaven of heavens before the world was, and the Lord maintained and defended it there against the aggression of Lucifer and those that took sides with him....By virtue of this agency you and I and all mankind are made responsible beings, responsible for the course we pursue, the lives we live, and deeds we do”*

Q: What is agency? How do we teach our children the importance of agency? How do we help them make wise decisions throughout their life?

Wilford Woodruff, *Discourses of Wilford Woodruff*, selected by G. Homer Durham (Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1946), 8–9.

#2 Hidden Premise:

The Prophet Joseph Smith said: *“I teach them correct principles, and they govern themselves.”*

Q: When the Prophet says, “I teach them correct principles,” there is a hidden premise to this: The parent must first know the correct principles themselves. This involves life-long learning. Then, once we as parents live these principles (both in theory and in practice), we need to teach them to our family. Examine your parenting, do you live and govern yourself based on what you have come to know by a studying of the prophets, or do you govern your home with popular opinions and justifications? How can you better use the prophets as your guide?

Joseph Smith, “Chapter 24: Leading in the Lord’s Way,” *Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith*, [2007], 281–91.

#3 We Are in School:

President Wilford Woodruff said: “We are in a great school; and it is a profitable one, in which we are receiving very important lessons from day to day. We are taught to cultivate our minds, to control our thoughts to thoroughly bring our whole being into subjection to the spirit and law of God, that we may learn to be one and act as the heart of one man, that we may carry out the purposes of God upon the earth.”

Q: What specific steps can you take today to better cultivate your mind and control your thoughts? How can you align your actions with the spirit and law of God so that you can contribute to the fulfilling of His purposes on earth?

Special Featured Film: [Return to the Hiding Place](#)



“If not us, then who?” —Hans

During World War II, Dutch Resistance fighter Hans Poley seeks refuge at Corrie Ten Boom's house, which shelters Jewish refugees. Defying the Nazi commandant, Hans escapes with his life and joins the Resistance. As the Nazis commit atrocities, the danger for Hans and those he protects grows.

Q: How can our youth, like those in *Return to the Hiding Place*, become agency motivated to take bold, righteous action in the face of adversity, (or simply do their chores!!) and how can we as parents encourage them to make these decisions correctly?

Build Upon the Rock:

If you do not understand what agency is, and how God uses it and expects us to use it, then this would be a good place to help your family build upon the Rock.

Real Life Application:

Challenge yourself to create a home environment where your children instinctively know where to find answers—prophetically and scripturally—when they face challenges. Build a library filled with teachings from the prophets, ensuring it's accessible for your children to turn to in times of need. Then, step back and allow them to use their agency, encouraging them to study it out for themselves while seeking the Lord for inspiration. Make this a priority in your home, and commit to making these teachings a constant, active part of your family life. Record what is happening in your home: