

MOVIE WORKBOOK

LAY HOLD ON THE WORD OF GOD

Bringing Latter-day Prophetic Teachings to Life Through Film

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**WEEK
MOVIE
COURSE**



PASSING DOWN THE
FAITH
A MULTI-GENERATIONAL VISION

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Course 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.”

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 course module offers a clearer vision of how many of our homes have unknowingly drifted into complacency—how we have ceased to recognize Jesus Christ as the supreme authority and have diminished the power of His word. In a world spinning with confusion and moral decay, the answer is not complicated: we need fathers and mothers who will courageously *lay hold upon the word of God*. As the scriptures promise, when we do, “*all the power of evil will be broken.*” We must believe that His word is not only true but transformative—that it has the power to restore, to heal, and to bring peace back into our homes.



01 Module

A B R O K E N C U L T U R E

Modern society increasingly seeks to detach the name and character of Jesus Christ from the teaching of ethics and morality. But can true moral principles exist apart from their divine source? Can we genuinely follow the teachings of Christ while rejecting His identity and authority? This module confronts the brokenness of today's culture—a reflection of what happens when we abandon the Source of truth. So what is the solution? The Prophet Joseph Smith offered a clear answer: “*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 mine, and feel to repent of all my sins.*” Healing our culture begins with personal reformation—turning our hearts back to Jesus Christ and becoming more like Him.¹

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

Additional Resources

A Broken Culture

Movie(s):

- *Power of the Air* (2018).

Book(s):

- L. Hannah Stoddard, Leah M. Stoddard, and Isaiah M. Stoddard, *A Christ-Centered Home: A Story of Hope & Healing for Every Family in Every Situation* (N.p.: Joseph Smith Foundation, 2022).
- *Hollywood's Most Despised Villain*, by Geoff Botkin: <https://a.co/d/gtTPNT4>

Article(s):

- Ezra Taft Benson, "Think on Christ," *BYU Speeches*, February 7, 1989.
- James F. Stoddard III, "Is the Book of Mormon an Answer for Apathy?" *LDS Answers*, August 6, 2015.
- Boyd K. Packer, "The Snow White Birds," *BYU Speeches*, October 9, 1973.
- "Amusements & Fashion," *Joseph Smith Foundation*.
- James F. Stoddard III, "Music: The Forgotten Language of the Heart," Joseph Smith Foundation.

Scriptures/Music:

- Revelation 18:4, D&C 133: 4-15, D&C 1:16, Moses 7:62, 1 Jn. 2:14-15.
- Contrast the broken culture with music from these Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/@ItsAboutJoy>

Activities:

- Essay—"Where is God?" Compare and contrast the 1800 time period vs 21st century.
- Create scenes from the movie for coloring pages that tell the story of the broken culture.
- Copy, cursive, and memorize quotes from the movie. Share with others
- Write a letter as if you lived in the 1800s. The letter could be to a family member, a friend, or even a famous person from that time period (like Abraham Lincoln or Queen Victoria). Encourage the use of proper 1800s language and style.
- Walk through your home, with a pen and paper, and make a list of objects, decor, memorabilia, etc. that communicate your Israelite identity. Do they outweigh those of the culture memorabilia's in your home?
- Men's hearts are failing. To understand the heart more, with pen, paper, color pencils draw and illustrate a heart. Label the parts to it and what they do. On one side of the paper write all the scriptures that have to do with a soft heart, and the blessings, on the other side list the verses about a hard heart and the consequences. Scriptures say all things are spiritual. What do you think the spiritual function of the heart is?
- After watching the movie, discuss the importance of teaching values and principles in the home. Each family member can create a "family mission statement", writing down what standards they need to raise and will uphold.