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On the final evening of His mortal ministry, after the Last Supper was concluded, the Savior gave instruction to His disciples, as recorded in John 14-16. At that time, the Savior taught His disciples vital truths concerning love, obedience, and the Holy Ghost—truths that would prepare them for His arrest and Crucifixion, as well as for their roles as leaders in His kingdom. Elder Bruce R. McConkie of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles pointed out that the Lord's teachings on this occasion included "some of the mysteries of his kingdom, some of the deep and hidden doctrines, some things that can be understood only by the power of the Spirit" (The Mortal Messiah: From Bethlehem to Calvary, 4 vols. [1979-81], 4:73). The Savior's teachings about what the Holy Ghost can do for us are among the clearest instructions on the Holy Ghost in all scripture.

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1 *a* D&C 50:41 (41–42).

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37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I a follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. 38 Jesus answered him, Wilt thou

lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

CHAPTER 14

Jesus speaks of many mansions—He says that He is the way, the truth, and the life and that to see Him is to see the Father—He promises the first and second Comforters.

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it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might abelieve.

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: afor the bprince of this ^cworld cometh, and hath nothing in me.

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me acommandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

CHAPTER 15

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is the husbandman.

2 Every ^abranch in me that beareth not bfruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he ^cpurgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

5 I am the ^avine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much

Jesus is the vine; His disciples are the

law of love—His servants have been chosen and ordained by Him—The world hates and fights true religion— He promises the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth. you, ar I AM the true ^avine, and my Father

4 ^aAbide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

28b TG Godhead.

29 a TG Faith. cometh, but hath no

30 a JST John 14:30 . . . for the prince of darkness, who is of this world,

5a TG Vineyard of the I *b* Philip. 4:13. 6a Col. 1:23. 7a TG Problem-Solving b TG Prayer.

Ps. 25:4;

John 10·7 (1_−15)

12a Acts 9:41 (36–43);

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4 Ne. 1:5 (5, 32–33). TG Faith.

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16a TG Holy Ghost, Comforter. b D&C 20:77.

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b TG Iesus Christ.

10a D&C 93:3.

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18a GR orphans. TG Comfort.

d TG God, Omniscience of;

b TG Guidance, Divine.

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8*a* Isa. 49:3; Matt. 5:16.

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Prophet Joseph Smith

"[The statement] 'In my Father's house are many mansions' ... should be—'In my Father's kingdom are many kingdoms, in order that ye may be heirs of God and joint-heirs with me. ... There are mansions for those who obey a celestial law, and there are other mansions for those who come short of the law, every man in his own order."

(Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith [2007], 219).

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Elder Lawrence E. Corbridge

"There is only one way to happiness and fulfillment. He is the Way. Every other way, any other way, whatever other way, is foolishness. ...

"... We can either follow the Lord and be endowed with His power and have peace, light, strength, knowledge, confidence, love, and joy, or we can go some other way, any other way, whatever other way, and go it alone—without His support, without His power, without guidance, in darkness, turmoil, doubt, grief, and despair. And I ask, which way is easier? ...

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("The Way," Oct 2008 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2008, 34, 36).

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Mosiah 3:17

And moreover, I say unto you, that there shall be no other name given nor any other way nor means whereby salvation can come unto the children of men, only in and through the name of Christ, the Lord Omnipotent.

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President Dieter F. Uchtdorf

God wants you to find your way back to Him, and the Savior is the way [see John 14:6]. God wants you to learn of His Son, Jesus Christ, and experience the profound peace and joy that come from following the path of divine discipleship.

(Dieter F. Uchtdorf, "Receiving a Testimony of Light and Truth," Oct 2014 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2014, 21)

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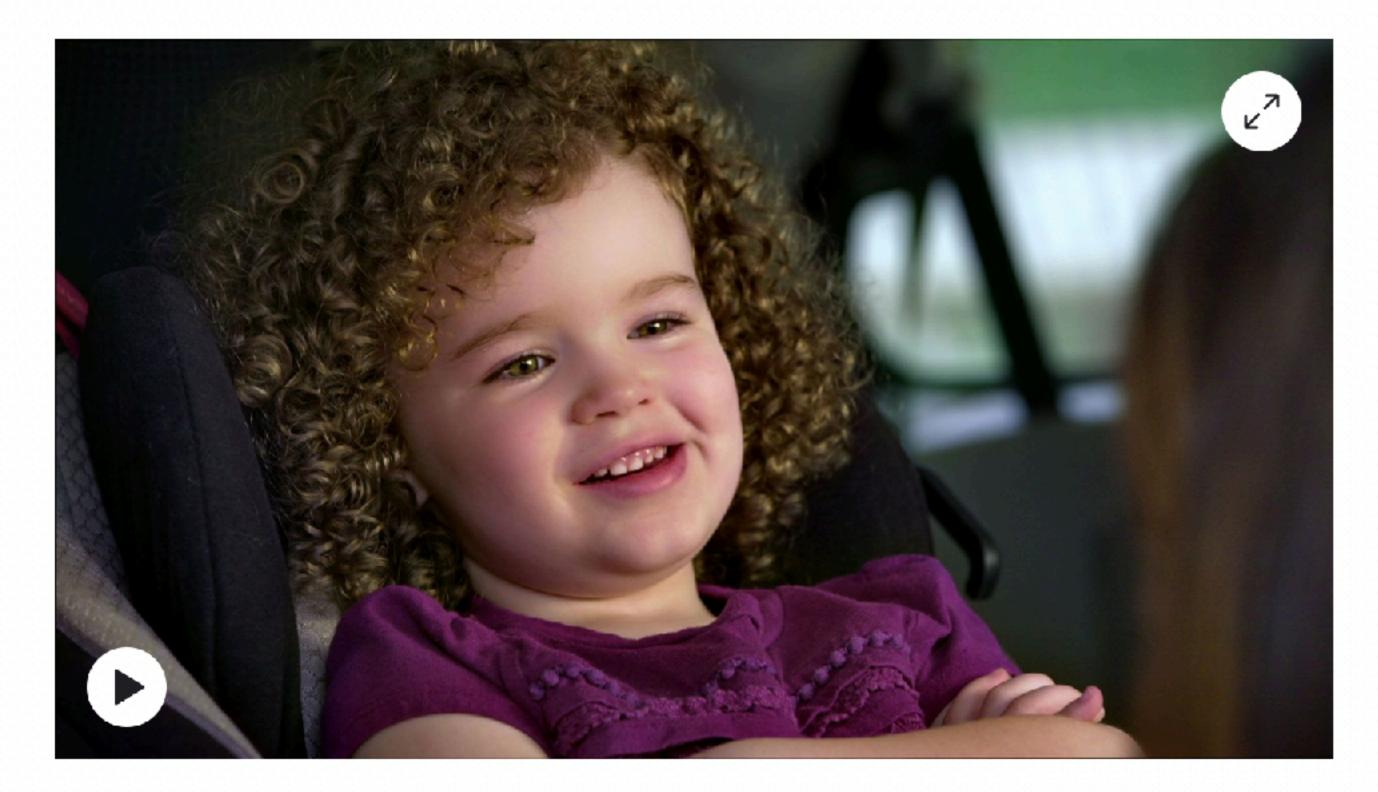
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Carole M. Stephens

"We may feel at times that God's laws restrict our personal freedom, take from us our agency, and limit our growth. But as we seek for greater understanding, as we allow our Father to teach us, we will begin to see that His laws are a manifestation of His love for us and obedience to His laws is an expression of our love for Him."

(Carole M. Stephens, "If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments," Oct 2015 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2015, 119)

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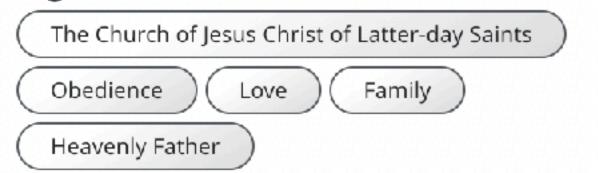


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In the New Testament, the Greek word parakletos, translated "Comforter" in the King James Version, appears only in the writings of John. The word is composed of para, meaning "beside," and klētos, meaning "one who is summoned." A paraklētos is one who is summoned to another's side as a helper, intercessor, or advocate. In John's writings, the title parakletos is applied to two individuals: the Holy Ghost and Jesus Christ. The Savior promised His disciples that after He departed, they would not be left alone but would have the companionship of the Holy Ghost to help them (see John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7). The Savior's promise that He would give His disciples the Holy Ghost as "another Comforter" (John 14:16; italics added) meant that He Himself was also a Comforter.

Prophet Joseph Smith

"There are two Comforters spoken of. One is the Holy Ghost, the same as given on the day of Pentecost, and that all Saints receive after faith, repentance, and baptism. This first Comforter [is the] Holy Ghost. ...

"The other Comforter spoken of is a subject of great interest, and perhaps understood by few of this generation. After a person has faith in Christ, repents of his sins, and is baptized for the remission of his sins and receives the Holy Ghost, (by the laying on of hands), which is the first Comforter, then let him continue to humble himself before God, hungering and thirsting after righteousness, and living by every word of God, and the Lord will soon say unto him, Son, thou shalt be exalted. When the Lord has thoroughly proved him, and finds that the man is determined to serve Him at all hazards, then the man will find his calling and his election made sure, then it will be his privilege to receive the other Comforter, which the Lord hath promised the Saints, as is recorded in the testimony of St. John, in the 14th chapter, from the 12th to the 27th verses.

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"Note the 16, 17, 18, 21, 23 verses. ...

"Now what is this other Comforter? It is no more nor less than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself; and this is the sum and substance of the whole matter; that when any man obtains this last Comforter, he will have the personage of Jesus Christ to attend him, or appear unto him from time to time, and even He will manifest the Father unto him, and they will take up their abode with him, and the visions of the heavens will be opened unto him, and the Lord will teach him face to face, and he may have a perfect knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God" (in History of the Church, 3:380–81).

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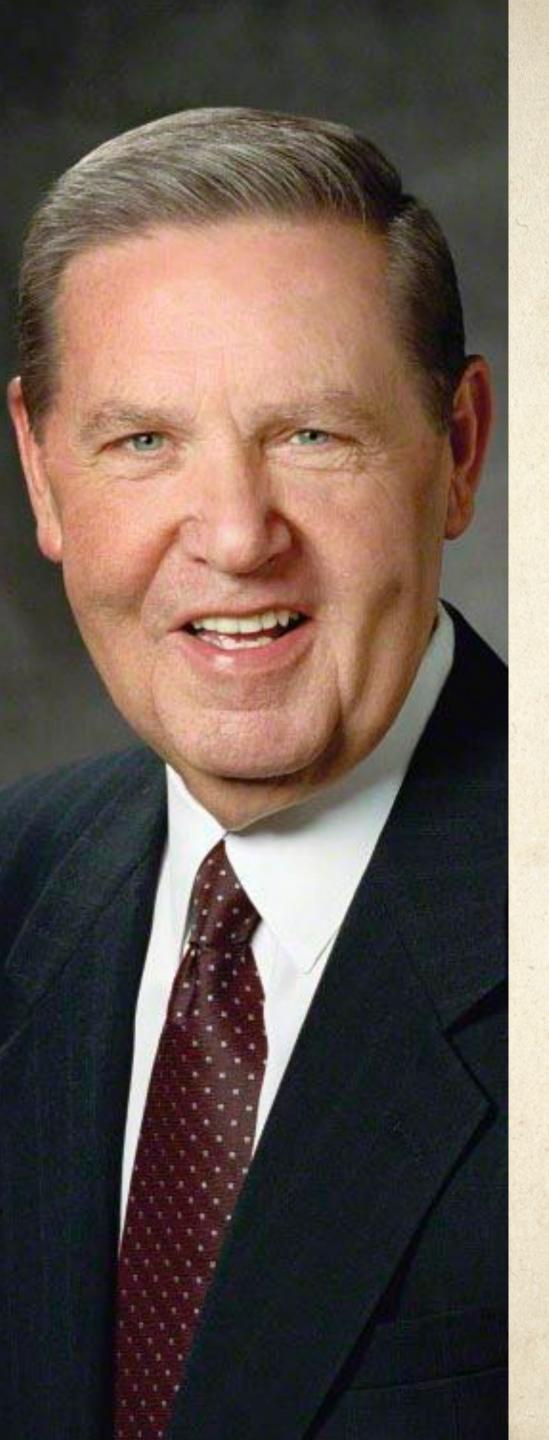
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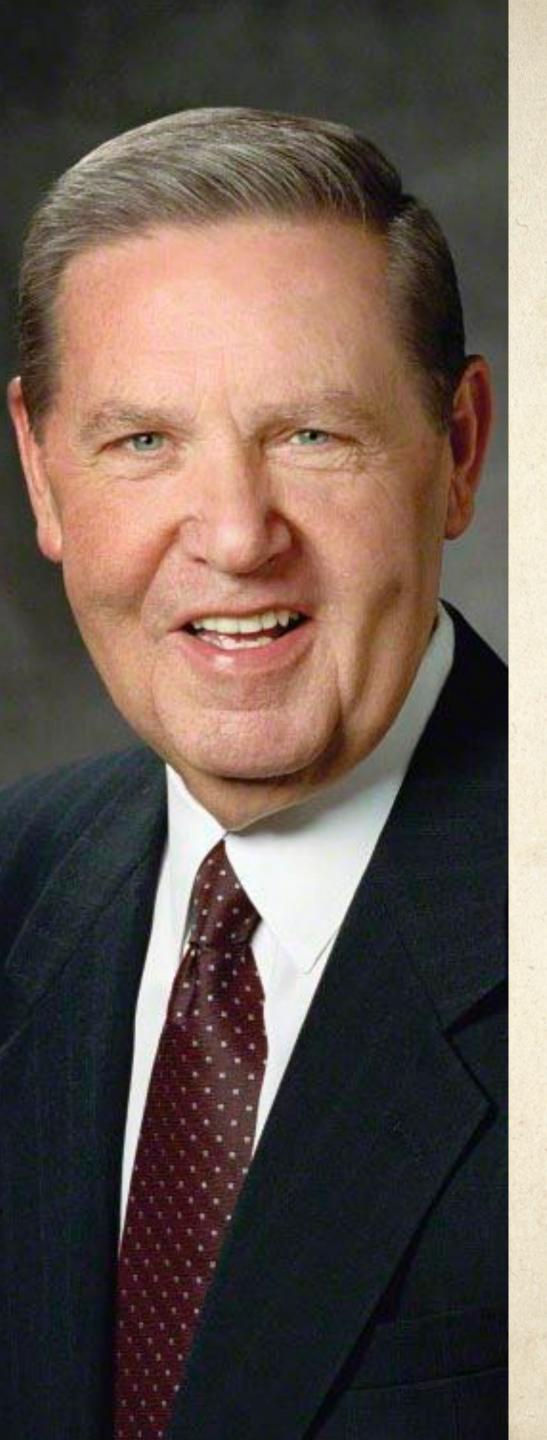
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Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

"Because Jesus walked such a long, lonely path utterly alone, we do not have to do so. His solitary journey brought great company for our little version of that path—the merciful care of our Father in Heaven, the unfailing companionship of this Beloved Son, the consummate gift of the Holy Ghost, angels in heaven, family members on both sides of the veil, prophets and apostles, teachers, leaders, friends.



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All of these and more have been given as companions for our mortal journey because of the Atonement of Jesus Christ and the Restoration of His gospel. Trumpeted from the summit of Calvary is the truth that we will never be left alone nor unaided, even if sometimes we may feel that we are. Truly the Redeemer of us all said: 'I will not leave you comfortless: [My Father and] I will come to you [and abide with you]' [John 14:18; see also verse 23]"

("None Were with Him," Apr 2009 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2009, 88).

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16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another ^aComforter, that he may ^babide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you ^acomfort-less: I will ^bcome to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20 At that day ye shall know that

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26 But the ^aComforter, which is the ^bHoly Ghost, whom the Father will send in my ^cname, he shall ^dteach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever Lhave said unto you

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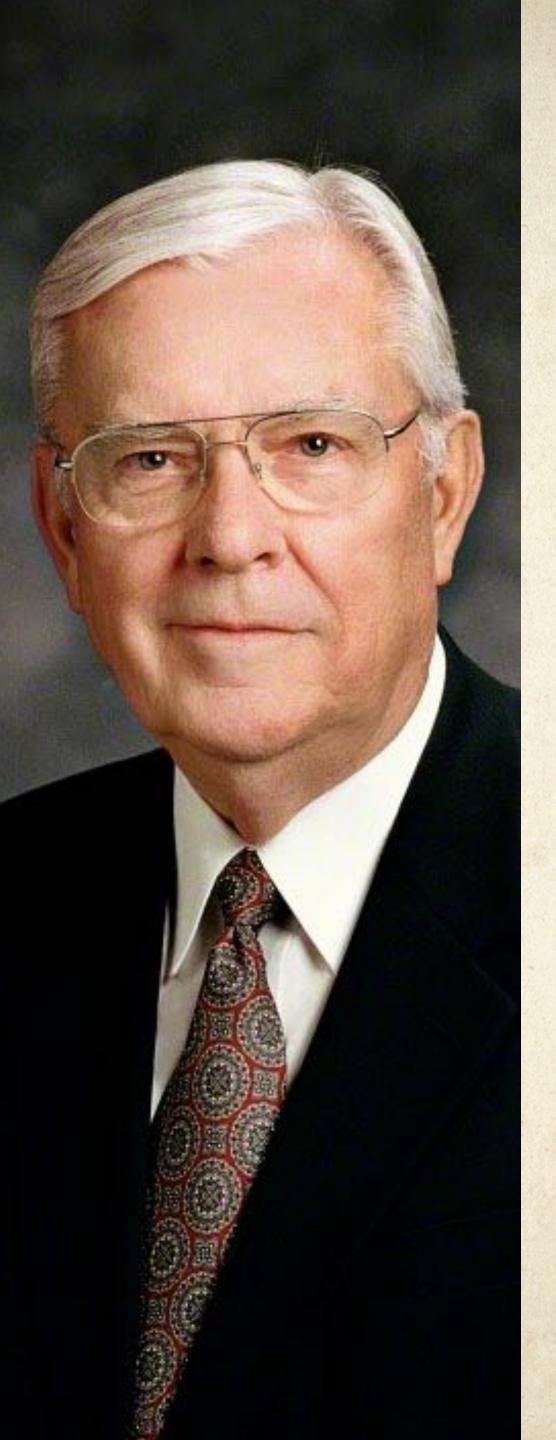
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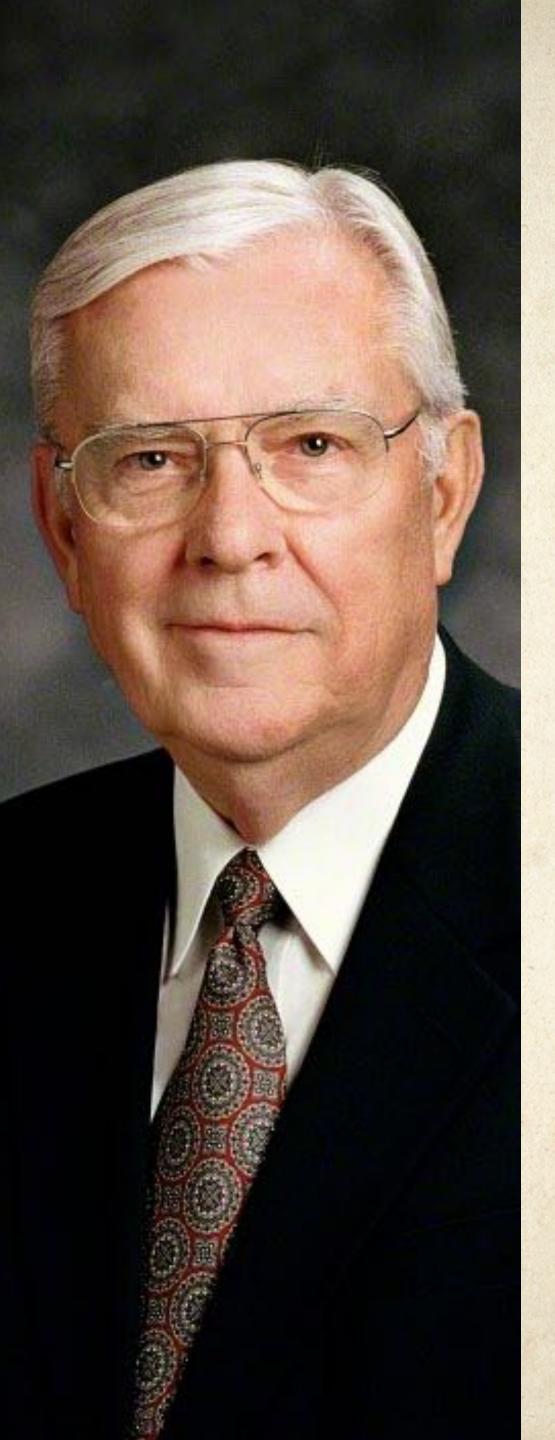
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President M. Russell Ballard

"Just hours before He was to begin that glorious yet awful process of the Atonement, the Lord Jesus Christ made this significant promise to His Apostles: 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you' (John 14:27).

"Was He promising His beloved associates the kind of peace the world recognizes—safety, security, with the absence of contention or tribulation? Certainly the historical record would suggest otherwise. Those original Apostles knew much of trial and persecution throughout the remainder of their lives, which is probably why the Lord added this insight to His promise: 'Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid' (John 14:27).



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"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace," He continued. 'In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world' (John 16:33; emphasis added).

"Peace—real peace, whole-souled to the very core of your being—comes only in and through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

("The Peaceable Things of the Kingdom," Apr 2002 GC, Ensign, May 2002, 88).

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29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might ^abelieve.

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: afor the prince of this ^cworld cometh, and hath nothing in me.

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me ^acommandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

CHAPTER 15

Jesus is the vine; His disciples are the branches—He discourses on the perfect law of love—His servants have been chosen and ordained by Him—The world hates and fights true religion— He promises the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth.

I AM the true avine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every ^abranch in me that beareth not bfruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he ^cpurgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 ^aAbide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the ^avine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much

fruit: for without bme ye can do nothing.

6 If a man ^aabide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye ^aabide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall bask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father ^aglorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9 As the Father hath aloved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye akeep my commandments, ye shall abide in my blove; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your a joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye alove one another, as I have bloved you.

13 Greater alove hath no man than this, that a man lay down his blife for his ^cfriends.

14 Ye are my afriends, if ye do whatsoever I bcommand you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you afriends; for all things that I have bheard of my Father I have made ^cknown unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have achosen you, and bordained

you, that ye should go and bring forth 'fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my dname, he may give it you. 17 These things I command you,

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18 If the world ^ahate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

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20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The aservant is not greater than his lord. If they have beersecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

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5 But now I ^ago my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

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8 And when he is come, he will are prove the world of sin, and of ^brighteousness, and of judgment:

9 Of ^asin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

28b TG Godhead.

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29 a TG Faith.

30 a JST John 14:30 . . . for the prince of darkness, who is of this world, cometh, but hath no power over me, but he hath power over you.

D&C 35:18; 43:3; 50:24. 5*a* TG Vineyard of the Lord.

b Philip. 4:13.

6a Col. 1:23. 7*a* TG Problem-Solving.

b TG Prayer. 8*a* Isa. 49:3; Matt. 5:16.

9a TG God, Love of.

10 a 1 Ne. 17:35; Mosiah 2:4;

c TG Brotherhood and Sisterhood; Friendship. 14a D&C 84:63.

b TG Commandments of God.

15*a* Luke 12:4. b John 16:12;

3 Ne. 15:16 (13–18).

c TG Revelation.

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(Jeffrey R. Holland, "Abide in Me," April 2004 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2004, 32).

- Vine Jesus Christ.
- Branches Disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Fruit can represent Righteous Works.
- Husbandman Heavenly Father who cares for the vineyard.



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Bible Dictionary, "Grace"

"It is ... through the grace of the Lord that individuals, through faith in the Atonement of Jesus Christ and repentance of their sins, receive strength and assistance to do good works that they otherwise would not be able to maintain if left to their own means. This grace is an enabling power that allows men and women to lay hold on eternal life and exaltation after they have expended their own best efforts."

Elder James E. Talmage

"A grander analogy is not to be found in the world's literature. Those ordained servants of the Lord were as helpless and useless without Him as is a bough severed from the tree. As the branch is made fruitful only by virtue of the nourishing sap it receives from the rooted trunk, and if cut away or broken off withers, dries, and becomes utterly worthless except as fuel for the burning, so those men, though ordained to the Holy Apostleship, would find themselves strong and fruitful in good works, only as they remained in steadfast communion with the Lord. Without Christ what were they, but unschooled Galileans, some of them fishermen, one a publican, the rest of undistinguished attainments, and all of them weak mortals?" (Jesus the Christ, 3rd ed. [1916], 604-5).

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President Russell M. Nelson

"Surely the best evidence of our adoration of Jesus is our emulation of Him"

("The Mission and Ministry of Jesus Christ," Ensign, Apr. 2013, 38.)

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President Gordon B. Hinckley

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("My Testimony," Apr. 2000 GC, Ensign, May 2000, 71).

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Elder Claudio R. M. Costa

"[Jesus Christ] gave us the supreme example of love when He declared, 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends' [John 15:13]. He later atoned for all our sins and finally gave His life for all of us.

"We can lay down our lives for those we love not by physically dying for them but rather by living for them—giving of our time; always being present in their lives; serving them; being courteous, affectionate, and showing true love for those of our family and to all men—as the Savior taught."

("Don't Leave for Tomorrow What You Can Do Today," Oct. 2007 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2007, 74).

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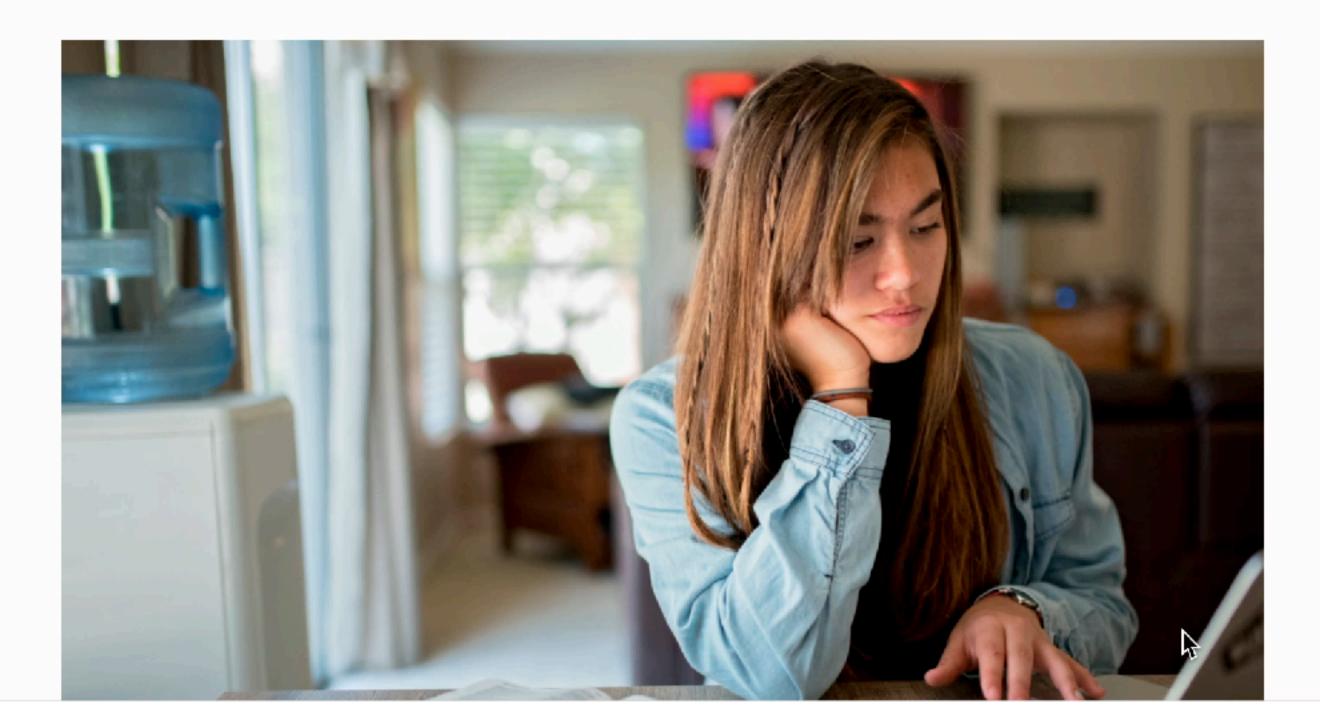
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Elder Robert D. Hales

"One of mortality's great tests comes when our beliefs are questioned or criticized. In such moments, we may want to respond aggressively—to 'put up our dukes.' But these are important opportunities to step back, pray, and follow the Savior's example. Remember that Jesus Himself was despised and rejected by the world. ... When we respond to our accusers as the Savior did, we not only become more Christlike, we invite others to feel His love and follow Him as well.

Elder Robert D. Hales

"To respond in a Christlike way cannot be scripted or based on a formula. The Savior responded differently in every situation. When He was confronted by wicked King Herod, He remained silent. When He stood before Pilate, He bore a simple and powerful testimony of His divinity and purpose. Facing the moneychangers who were defiling the temple, He exercised His divine responsibility to preserve and protect that which was sacred. Lifted up upon a cross, He uttered the incomparable Christian response: 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do' (Luke 23:34)....

Elder Robert D. Hales

"The Prophet Joseph Smith demonstrated [Christian] courage throughout his life. ... He did not retaliate or give in to hatred. Like all true disciples of Christ, he stood with the Savior by loving others in a tolerant and compassionate way. That is Christian courage.

"When we do not retaliate—when we turn the other cheek and resist feelings of anger—we too stand with the Savior. We show forth His love, which is the only power that can subdue the adversary and answer our accusers without accusing them in return. That is not weakness. That is Christian courage" ("Christian Courage: The Price of Discipleship," Oct 2008 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2008, 72).

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President Thomas S. Monson

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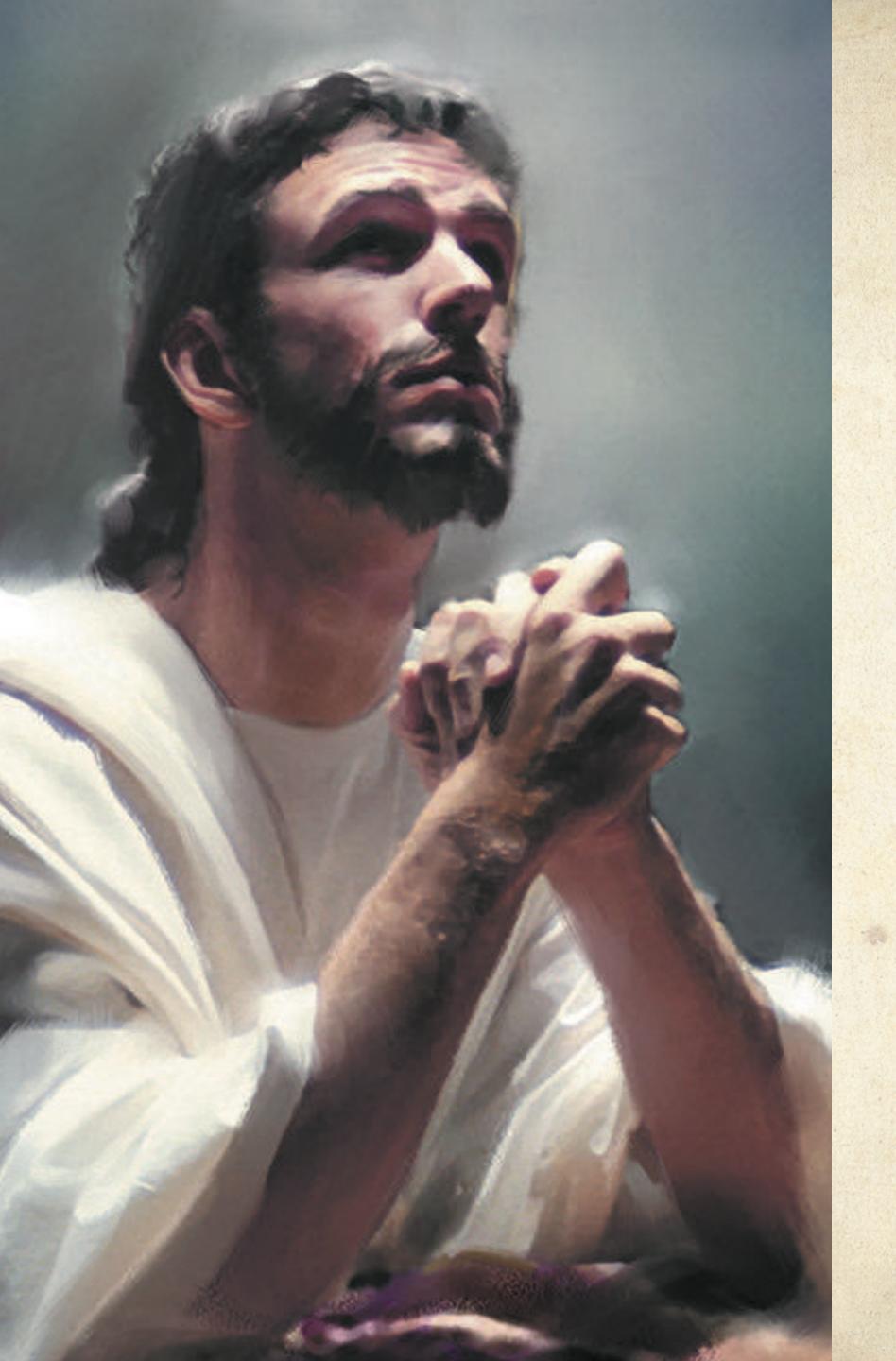
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Elder Joe J. Christensen

"Your level of spirituality is also directly related to how well you fill the Lord's commandments to 'Be of good cheer' and 'Lift up your heart and rejoice' (D&C 31:3). How many times in the scriptures did the Lord command us to be of good cheer? He didn't say, 'Be of good cheer if everything is going well, if you have enough money to pay all your bills, if [you are feeling well], or whatever. No. For us to be of good cheer is a commandment and not merely a suggestion."

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Pres. David O. McKay

"This text [referring to John 17] is taken from one of the most glorious prayers—I suppose the greatest prayer—ever uttered in this world, not excepting the Lord's Prayer. This was Christ's prayer uttered just before he entered the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of his betrayal. ... I know of no more important chapter in the Bible."

(in Conference Report, Oct. 1967, 5).

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b D&C 27:14; 84:63.

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¹⁵a TG World. b TG Refuge.

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Elder Michael John U. Teh

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("That We Might Know Thee," Ensign, Jan. 1999, 2, 5).

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Elder M. Russell Ballard

"In the Church, we often state the couplet: 'Be in the world but not of the world'....

"Perhaps we should state the couplet ... as two separate admonitions. First, 'Be in the world.' Be involved; be informed. Try to be understanding and tolerant and to appreciate diversity. Make meaningful contributions to society through service and involvement. Second, 'Be not of the world.' Do not follow wrong paths or bend to accommodate or accept what is not right. ...

"Members of the Church need to influence more than we are influenced. We should work to stem the tide of sin and evil instead of passively being swept along by it. We each need to help solve the problem rather than avoid or ignore it."

("The Effects of Television," Apr. 1989 GC, Ensign, May 1989, 80).

Elder C. Scott Grow

... We can begin to know God through prayer. ...

... As you study the scriptures each day, alone, and with your family, you will learn to recognize the voice of the Spirit and will come to know God. ...

As we seek to do God's will by faithfully serving Him and our fellowmen, we feel His approval and truly come to know Him.

Elder C. Scott Grow

The Savior tells us that the very best way to know God is to become like Him. He taught: "Therefore, what manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am" [3 Nephi 27:27].

Worthiness is essential to becoming like Him....

God knows you and invites you to know Him. Pray to the Father, study the scriptures, seek to do God's will, strive to become like the Savior, and follow righteous mentors. As you do, you will come to know God and Jesus Christ, and you will inherit eternal life.

(C. Scott Grow, "And This Is Life Eternal," Apr. 2017 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2017, 121–24)