SKYLINE WARD

EQ Newsletter

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Tested, Proved, and Polished

Celebration Of Life Events

Meetings and Reflections

“Tested, Proved, and Polished” by President Henry B. Eyring

To read the full article, go to this **link**.

My hope is to give encouragement when life seems especially difficult and uncertain. For some of you, that time is now. If not, such a time will come.

That is not a gloomy view. It is realistic—yet optimistic—because of God’s purpose in the Creation of this world. That purpose was to give His children the opportunity to prove themselves able and willing to choose the right when it is hard. In so doing, their natures would be changed and they could become more like Him. He knew that would require unshakable faith in Him.

Much of what I know came from my family. When I was about eight years old, my wise mother asked my brother and me to pull weeds with her in our family’s backyard garden. Now, that seems a simple task, but we lived in New Jersey. It rained often. The soil was heavy clay. The weeds grew faster than the vegetables.

I remember my frustration when the weeds broke off in my hands, their roots stuck firmly in the heavy mud. My mother and my brother were soon far ahead in their rows. The harder I tried, the more I fell behind.

“This is too hard!” I cried out.

Instead of giving sympathy, my mother smiled and said, “Oh, Hal, of course it’s hard. It’s supposed to be. Life is a test.”

In that moment, I knew her words were true and would continue to be true in my future.

You and I accepted that invitation to be tested and to prove that we would choose to keep the commandments of God when we would no longer be in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

Those of us who accepted the plan did so because of our faith in Jesus Christ, who offered to become our Savior and Redeemer. We must have believed then that whatever mortal weaknesses we would have and whatever evil forces would be against us, the forces of good would be overwhelmingly greater.

You might reasonably wonder why a loving and all-powerful God allows our mortal test to be so hard. When you wonder how much pain you can endure well, remember Him. He suffered what you suffer so that He would know how to lift you up. He may not remove the burden, but He will give you strength, comfort, and hope. He knows the way. He drank the bitter cup. He endured the suffering of all.

You are being nourished and comforted by a loving Savior, who knows how to succor you in whatever tests you face.

SACRAMENT MEETING

This week

Sacrament Services are held In-Person at 11 AM for up to 200 persons and a broadcast link for all members is located below for those that wish to attend virtually.

Here's the link to all broadcasts:
http://mywebcast.churchofjesuschrist.org/Events/renonevadastake

As a reminder:

Please wear a mask while and maintain social distancing of 6 feet while in the building.

Sunday School (1st and 3rd Sundays) and Elders Quorum and Relief Society (2nd and 4th Sundays) will still be held virtually. You can find links to these meetings at renonvstakeinfo.org.

Young Men/Women to be held in person at 2 PM. See the Ward website for more info.

> **"And the church did meet together oft, to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls. And they did meet together oft to partake of bread and wine, in remembrance of the Lord Jesus."**
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> **~ Moroni 6:5-6**

ELDERS QUORUM MEETING
FEBRUARY 28th @ 2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/97692918657?pwd=dXE5K21sQ2hnS0dpOGVJZFA3M0xaZz09

Meeting ID: 976 9291 8657

FAMILY HISTORY

The Family History Center will be holding Office Hours from 3 PM – 4 PM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Office Hours Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 860 8299 8578
Passcode: 181112

Come, Follow Me 2021

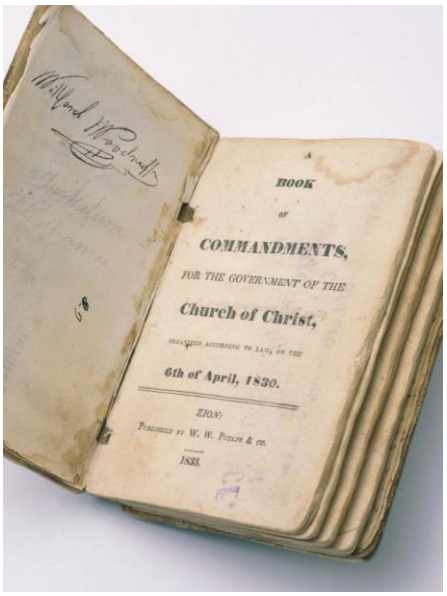
Doctrine and Covenants

Feb 1 – Feb 7 – Doctrine and Covenants 10 – 11

Feb 8 – Feb 14 – Doctrine and Covenants 12 – 13;
Joseph Smith History 1:66 – 75

Feb 15 – Feb 21 – Doctrine and Covenants 14 – 17

Feb 22 – Feb 28 – Doctrine and Covenants 18 – 19



Please check RenoNVstakeinfo.org > Stake > Preparedness for all sorts of preparedness information.

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SMALL STEPS TOWARD BEING PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

Make a Plan

THE GOAL: Understand what puts you at risk from disasters and take steps to lower your risk.

Disasters change things. When an emergency happens you may have to decide what to do very quickly, while you are worrying about what might happen. By planning ahead, it will be easier to make the right decisions when the worst happens.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

❒ Learn what disasters can happen in your area and decide what you will do in a disaster.

It is important to know what types of disasters can happen where you are. Is your home in a floodplain? Are you in an area that has earthquakes? When are tornadoes most likely to happen? Knowing what disasters could happen can help you know how to be prepared and what to do. Contact your local American Red Cross or emergency management office to learn more about the disasters in your area.

Meet with your family or household members. Discuss how to prepare and respond to emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work, and play. Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team. If a family member is in the military, plan how you would respond if they were deployed.

TALKING ABOUT DISASTERS

Talking about disasters can be scary, especially with children, or with someone who may have difficulty coping with daily life. Be open and positive. The unknown often causes more anxiety than knowing the facts. Listen to what the individual has to say, learn how they feel and what they may be afraid of. Older people and people with disabilities may worry that asking for help during a disaster will take away their independence. Talk about different options for assistance and make a plan with them.

❒ Take steps now to prevent damage to your home in a disaster.

Once you know what disasters could happen in your community, there are things you can do to lower your risk of injury or property damage. Here are some suggestions:

TORNADO

Add a tornado safe room to your home, or add extra protection to an existing room to keep your family safe in a tornado. Look for FEMA publication 320 for more information.

HURRICANE

Install hurricane shutters. Keep trees around your house trimmed to prevent damage from falling branches. Secure your soffits to make sure that they won't provide a way for wind and water to get into your home. Make sure entryway doors have three hinges and a deadbolt lock.

WILDFIRE

Use fire-resistant building materials like shingles and siding. Cut back branches and brush within 30 feet of your home. Keep firewood at least 30 feet away. Check into the National Fire Protection Association's Firewise program for more ideas.

FLOOD

Elevate your home above the base flood level or take steps to floodproof. Elevate your utilities above the base flood level. Make sure you have adequate flood venting. Use flood-resistant building materials when you build or remodel. Taking steps like these can lower your flood insurance rates.

EARTHQUAKE

Secure your furniture, appliances, and water heater to walls and floors. Install safety catches on cabinets and cupboard doors. Make sure your appliances are connected with flexible connections. Consider using a safety film on your windows or installing laminated glass to prevent injuries from broken glass.

For more information on any of these projects, or other things you can do to protect your home and family, contact your local sheriff's department or emergency management office.

❒ Plan what to do if you have to evacuate.

Choose two places for your family to meet. One should be right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire. The other should be outside of your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.

Decide where you would go and what route you would take to get there. You may choose to go to a hotel, stay with friends or family in a safe location, or go to a shelter. Hold evacuation drills at home. Practice getting out of the house quickly, and drive your planned evacuation route. The more you practice, the more confident you will be if you really have to evacuate.

Plan ahead for your pets. Due to health concerns, pets are not allowed in Red Cross shelters. Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels and animal shelters that are along your evacuation route in case a designated pet shelter is not available. Contact your local humane society or animal shelter to ask if pet emergency shelters will be opened in a disaster.

A Celebration for a Librarian and a Friend

It is the wish of Sister Jensen that we celebrate her and her life while she is alive to participate, and some special events have been scheduled at the Honors Academy of Literature.

The Honors Academy of Literature will rename the library in honor of Ms. Jen to the Liz Warner and Jennifer Jensen Love of Learning Library at a rededication ceremony on **March 4, 2021** at **4:30 pm** outside, in front of the school.

Immediately following, a Celebration of Life Walk will take place along the Riverwalk next to school.

All are welcome to attend this special event.

Spiritual Reflection

As we pursue a pure knowledge of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our studies in *Come, Follow Me* and the *Doctrine and Covenants*, I am reminded of various scriptures we find in the Book of Mormon that inspire me to ask Heavenly Father and then ponder what the spirit whispers to me.

1 Nephi 2:16 & 19 says, "and also having great desires to know of the mysteries of God, wherefore, I did cry unto the Lord; and behold he did visit me, and did soften my heart that I did believe all the words which had been spoken by my father; wherefore, I did not rebel against him like unto my brothers." And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto me, saying: Blessed art thou, Nephi, because of thy faith, for thou hast sought me diligently, with lowliness of heart."

1 Nephi 11:1 states, "For it came to pass after I had desired to know the things that my father had seen, and believing that the Lord was able to make them known unto me, as I sat pondering in mine heart I was caught away in the Spirit of the Lord,"

Finally, 1 Nephi 15:8-9 tells us, "And I said unto them: Have ye inquired of the Lord? And they said unto me: We have not; for the Lord maketh no such thing known unto us." Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ know of our mortal journey personally and our prayers will be answered through our patient listening to the spirit, which is confirmed by the Holy Ghost.

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