

The Cost – and Blessings – of Discipleship

At the zenith of His mortal ministry, Jesus said, “Love one another, as I have loved you.” To make certain they understood exactly what kind of love that was, He said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments” and “whosoever ... shall break one of the least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be ... the least in the kingdom of heaven.” Christlike love is the greatest need we have on this planet in part because righteousness was always supposed to accompany it. So, if love is to be our watchword, as it must be, then by the word of Him who is love personified, we must forsake transgression and any hint of advocacy for it in others. Jesus clearly understood what many in our modern culture seem to forget: that there is a crucial difference between the commandment to forgive sin (which He had an infinite capacity to do) and the warning against condoning it (which He never did even once).

Friends, especially my young friends, take heart. Pure Christlike love flowing from true righteousness can change the world. I testify that the true and living gospel of Jesus Christ is on the earth and you are members of His true and living Church, trying to share it. I bear witness of that gospel and that Church, with a particular witness of restored priesthood keys which unlock the power and efficacy of saving ordinances. I am more certain that those keys have been restored and that those ordinances are once again available through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints than I am certain I stand before you at this pulpit and you sit before me in this conference.

Be strong. Live the gospel faithfully even if others around you don't live it at all. Defend your beliefs with courtesy and with compassion, but defend them. A long history of inspired voices, including those you will hear in this conference and the voice you just heard in the person of President Thomas S. Monson, point you toward the path of Christian discipleship. It is a strait path, and it is a narrow path without a great deal of latitude at some points, but it can be thrillingly and successfully traveled, “with ... steadfastness in Christ, ... a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men.” In courageously pursuing such a course, you will forge unshakable faith, you will find safety against ill winds that blow, even shafts in the whirlwind, and you will feel the rock-like strength of our Redeemer, upon whom if you build your unflinching discipleship, you cannot fall.

By Elder Jeffrey R. Holland
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Skyline Ward

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Anytime you do anything that helps anyone – on either side of the veil – take a step toward making covenants with God and receiving their essential baptismal and temple ordinances, you are helping to gather Israel. It is as simple as that.

President Russell M. Nelson

Go to the stake website for more announcements:

<https://renostakeinfo.org>

Turn Your Heart Challenge. At the end of February 46 of 2467 members of the Reno NV stake had added a new person to the FamilySearch tree. The April challenge is “Join the crowd and get involved by using the Get Involved app.” Here is a link that explains how to use the app. [FamilySearch.org Get Involved](https://www.familysearch.org/get-involved)

The Reno Nv Stake will host a personal finance class starting Thursday, May 2nd, at 6:30 PM, in the Primary Room, Golconda Building, each Thursday night through July 18th.

Skyline ward cleaning assignments for Saturday, April 20th.
Lindsay Barlow, Travis & Krista Clark, Juicetina Ezra, Jeffrey & Janessa Loftin, Joyce MacArthur, Guy & Lynda Morris, Ref Perez, Ryan & Whitney Stodtmeister, Holly Tambo. Thank you for your help.

Addiction Recovery Group Meeting – Tuesdays 7:00pm, High Council Rm
Family Support Group Meeting-Sundays 7:00pm, High Council Room
Questions? Call Jon Hiatt, High Council at 775-772-3540

Adult Emotional Resilience, Thursday nights, Primary Room, 6:30 pm
Youth (high school) Emotional Resilience class, Thursday nights in the Young Women Room, 6:30 pm (both in Golconda building)

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Welcome and Announcements

<i>Presiding:</i>	<i>Bishop Russell Stodtmeister</i>
<i>Conducting:</i>	<i>Brother Geoff Norby</i>
<i>Organist:</i>	<i>Sister Laura Karrasch</i>
<i>Music Director:</i>	<i>Brother Jay Chamberlain</i>
<i>Opening Hymn:</i>	<i>#19 We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet</i>
<i>Invocation:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>
<i>Ward Business:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>
<i>Sacrament Hymn:</i>	<i>#169 As Now We Take the Sacrament</i>

Passing of The Sacrament

Bearing of Testimonies

<i>Closing Hymn:</i>	<i>#153 Lord, We Ask Thee Ere We Part</i>
<i>Benediction:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>