

LESSON 9

Avoiding A Faith Crisis

TODAY'S KEY WORD:

Holy Ghost

TODAY'S MAIN POINT:

Will you trust the Spirit even more than relying on evidence you can see with your eyes?

“The Spirit of God speaking to the spirit of man has power to impart truth with greater effect and understanding than the truth can be imparted by personal contact even with heavenly beings. Through the Holy Ghost the truth is woven into the very fibre and sinews of the body so that it cannot be forgotten.”

Joseph Fielding Smith, *Doctrines of Salvation*, comp. Bruce R. McConkie, 3 vols. [1954–56], 1:47–48



WEEKLY Q&A

Answer these questions in your study journal.

Dale G. Renlund offered missionaries 14 principles on receiving personal revelation (*Church News*, 05/27/21). **Why is each statement true?**

1. Revelation is needed to hear God's voice
2. Learning to receive revelation takes work
3. Worthiness is needed to receive revelation
4. Preparation is needed to receive revelation
5. Recognizing the Spirit's voice is critical to understanding personal revelation
6. Receiving revelation requires the elimination of distractions
7. Receiving revelation requires proximity
8. Revelation builds on itself as prior revelation is relied upon
9. Faith in the ability to receive revelation is key
10. Act in faith, even when unsure if revelation has been received
11. In personal revelation, be open to the unexpected
12. Revelation comes within the limits God has directed
13. Revelation will not be contrary to revealed word
14. When personal revelation is confirmed by unity, revelation is more certain

QUOTE OF THE DAY



“You can learn vitally important things by what you hear and see and, even more, by what you feel, as prompted by the Holy Ghost. Many individuals limit their learning primarily to what they hear or read. Be wise. Develop the skill of also learning by what you see and particularly by what the Holy Ghost prompts you to feel. Consciously and consistently seek

to learn by what you feel. Your capacity to do so will expand through repeated practice. Significant faith and effort are required to learn by what you feel from the Spirit. Ask in faith for such help. Live to be worthy of such guidance.”

—Richard G. Scott, “How to Learn by the Spirit,” From a Brigham Young University Education Week devotional given August 21, 2007, emphasis added.



“Perhaps you would like to rephrase your last answer?”

How do you know when you are feeling the Spirit?

Proverbs 3:6
 Luke 12:12
 Luke 24:32
 John 14:26
 Romans 5:5
 Galatians 5:22
 Galatians 5:23
 Galatians 5:26
 1 Nephi 2:16
 1 Nephi 4:6

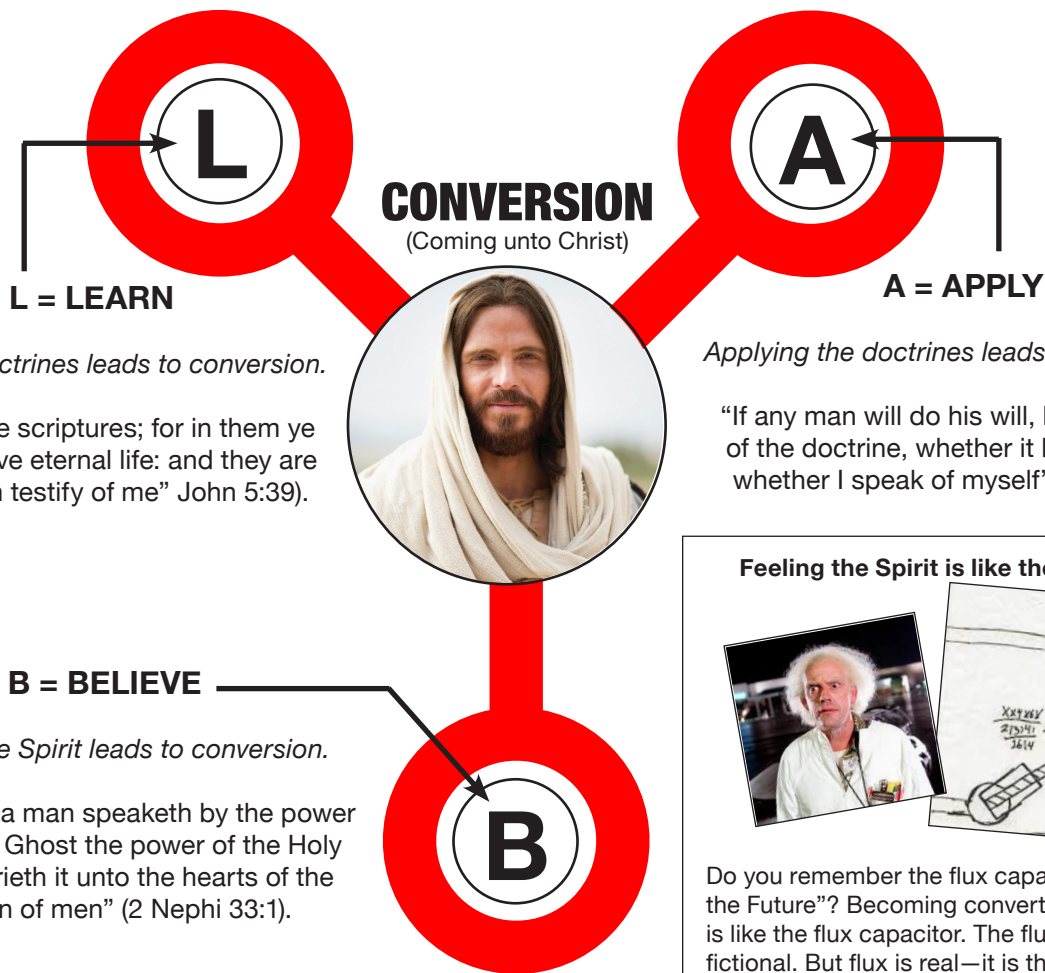
2 Nephi 4:15
 2 Nephi 32:5
 2 Nephi 33:1
 Enos 1:10
 Mosiah 3:19
 Mosiah 4:3
 Mosiah 18:8
 Mosiah 18:9
 Alma 5:13
 Alma 12:7

Alma 18:16
 Moroni 10:5
 D&C 6:14-15
 D&C 6:22-23
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“SPIRITUAL FLUX CAPACITOR” Your goal is find the truth and come unto Christ



Feeling the Spirit is like the flux capacitor

Do you remember the flux capacitor in “Back to the Future”? Becoming converted to Jesus Christ is like the flux capacitor. The flux capacitor was fictional. But flux is real—it is the process of flowing or continuous change. You come unto Christ by doing this: **L**earn (you study doctrine), **A**pply (you commit to act), **B**elieve (you pray to feel the Spirit). The result is a flux of spiritual conversion. In spiritual terms, spiritual flux is conversion.



HOMEWORK

Choose a topic. Study it. Listen to your heart. Write your feelings in your journal. Use your study journal to help you understand, clarify, and remember what you are learning. Elder Richard G. Scott taught, “Knowledge carefully recorded is knowledge available in time of need. Spiritually sensitive information should be kept in a sacred place that communicates to the Lord how you treasure it. That practice enhances the likelihood of your receiving further light” (“Acquiring Spiritual Knowledge,” Ensign, Nov. 1993, 86). Review your study journal regularly to recall spiritual experiences, see new insights, and recognize your growth.