



LESSON 11: CHRISTLIKE ATTRIBUTES

“Therefore, what manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am” (3 Nephi 27:27). “The lives we present to Him in that sacred hour must be worthy of Him!” (Jeffrey R. Holland, “Terror, Triumph, and a Wedding Feast,” BYU Devotional, Sept. 12, 2004).



SEAL: Sea, Air, And Land

What does it mean to have Navy SEAL attributes?



Extreme Mental Toughness

- Ability to stay calm under intense stress
- High pain tolerance
- Refusal to quit even when exhausted
- Comfort operating in uncertainty and danger
- Strong self-control over emotions



Exceptional Physical Fitness



- Excellent cardiovascular endurance
- Strong upper-body and core strength
- Superior swimming ability
- Ability to perform under sleep deprivation and cold





High Pain Tolerance

- Cold water immersion
- Sleep deprivation
- Long physical evolutions
- Heavy load carrying



Strong Team Orientation

- Dependability
- Protecting teammates
- Taking responsibility for group outcomes
- Avoiding ego-driven behavior



Emotional Stability Under Pressure



- Combat situations
- Life-or-death decisions
- Hostage rescue operations
- Covert missions



Adaptability and Problem-Solving

- Creative thinking
- Improvisation
- Rapid adjustment to changing situations



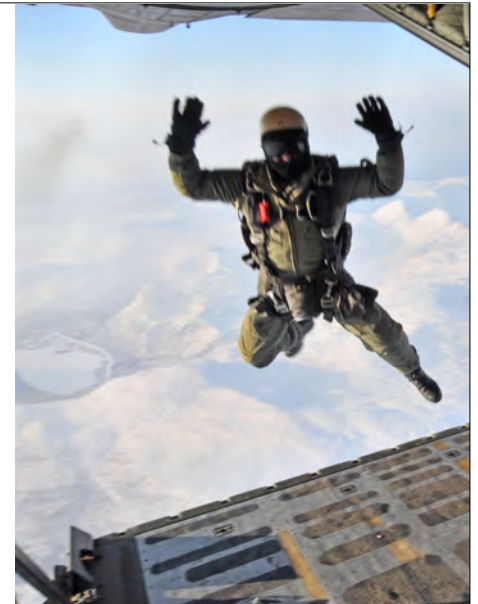
Discipline and Self-Motivation

Highly disciplined routines
Personal accountability
Self-driven improvement
Strong work ethic



Strong Sense of Purpose

Patriotism
Commitment to protecting others
Desire for meaningful challenge
Willingness to sacrifice personal comfort

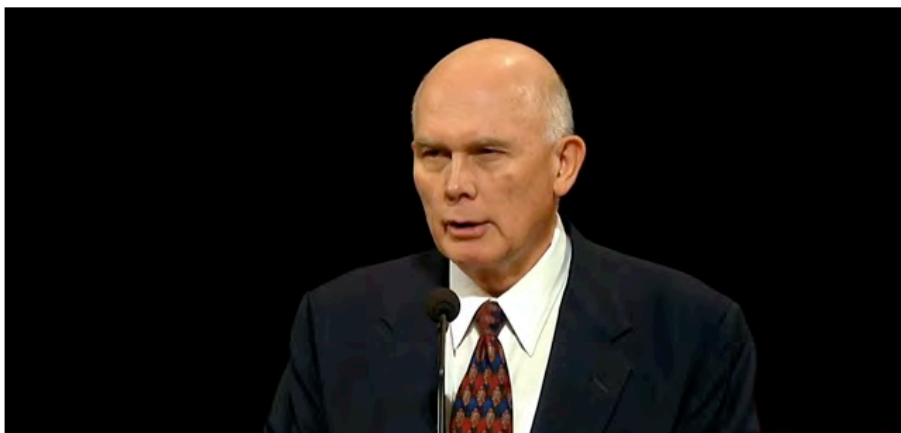


Humility and Quiet Confidence

Quiet professionalism
Confidence without arrogance
Focus on mission rather than recognition



What does it mean to have Christlike attributes?



“In teaching the Nephites, the Savior referred to what they must become. He challenged them to repent and be baptized and be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost, ‘that ye may stand spotless before me at the last day’ (3 Ne. 27:20). He concluded: ‘**Therefore, what manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am**’ (3 Ne. 27:27). The gospel of Jesus Christ is the plan by which we can become what children of God are supposed to become. This spotless and perfected state will result from a steady succession of covenants, ordinances, and actions, an accumulation of right choices, and from continuing repentance. ‘This life is the time for men to prepare to meet God’ (Alma 34:32)” (Dallin H. Oaks, October 2000)

Here’s the challenge:

Jesus was...



Not only was He perfect, but He said to you:
“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (Matthew 5:48)



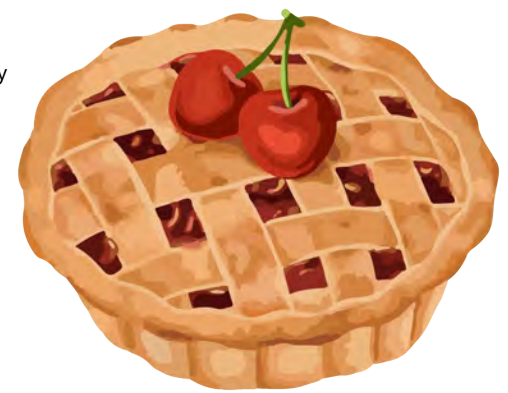


Thank goodness “Perfect” did not me totally free from sin.

In Greek, “perfect” mean to be **complete, finished, fully developed.**

Perfect means COMPLETE

“And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power” (Col. 2:10).



Perfect means FINISHED

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith” (1 Tim. 4:7).



Perfect means FULLY DEVELOPED

“But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith...” (2 Tim. 3:10).

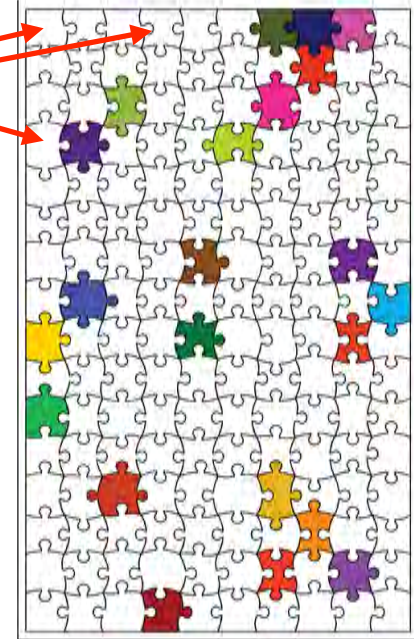


Jesus is perfect: complete, finished, and fully developed.



You are imperfect, unfinished, half-done and ripening.

You are not perfect, complete, finished, and fully developed.



QUESTION:
How do you become perfect, complete, finished, and fully developed?



ANSWER:
You develop Christlike attributes



Attribute:

It's the whole person such as a:



Quality
Feature
Characteristic
Trait
Element
Aspect
Hallmark
Distinction
Sign



EVERYBODY HAS ATTRIBUTES

For example, what attributes do you think about when you see these people?



Lebron James



Serena Williams



Bill Gates



**Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta
(Lady Gaga)**



Tom Hanks



JK Rowling



Donald Trump



Kamala Harris



John McCain



Jimmy Carter



What attributes do you think about when you see these people?

“The scriptures describe Christlike attributes that are essential for you to seek... throughout your life. A Christlike attribute is a quality or trait of the Savior’s nature and character” (Preach My Gospel, 123).



President Dallin and Kristen Oaks





Andy Reid



Al Caraway



Donny Osmond



Gail Miller



Gladys Knight



Don Carlos Edwards



1 July 1961 to 31 August 1997

Diana Frances Spencer



26 August 1910 to 5 September 1997

Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu (Mother Teresa)



Let's talk about it: how can you tell if someone is Christlike?



“The prophet Moroni exhorted, ‘I would commend you to seek this Jesus of whom the prophets and apostles have written’ (Ether 12:41). One important way to seek Jesus is to **make a diligent effort to learn about Him and become more like Him**” (Preach My Gospel, 124).



“As you strive to become more like Christ...you will experience **joy, peace, and spiritual growth** as His attributes become part of your character. You will also establish a foundation for continuing to follow Him throughout your life” (Preach My Gospel, 124).



“Christlike attributes are gifts from God.
Like all good things, these gifts come
through ‘the grace of God the Father,
and also the Lord Jesus Christ, and the
Holy Ghost’ (Ether 12:41)”
(Preach My Gospel, 124).



Christlike attributes are gifts from God. They cannot be developed without His help. The one help we all need is given to us freely through the Atonement of Jesus Christ. Having faith in Jesus Christ and in His Atonement means relying completely on Him—trusting in His infinite power, intelligence, and love. **Christlike attributes come into our lives as we exercise our agency righteously.** (Dieter F. Uchtdorf, October 2005)



Faith in Jesus Christ leads to action. When we have faith in Christ, we trust the Lord enough to follow His commandments—even when we do not completely understand the reasons for them. In seeking to become more like the Savior, **we need to reevaluate our lives regularly** and rely, through the path of true repentance, upon the merits of Jesus Christ and the blessings of His Atonement. (Dieter F. Uchtdorf, October 2005)



“Focus on Christ as you seek to cultivate His attributes. These attributes are not items on a checklist. They are not techniques you develop in a self-improvement program. They are not earned only through personal determination. **Rather, you can receive them as you strive to become a more devoted disciple of Jesus Christ”** (Preach My Gospel, 124).



“Pray for God to bless you with these attributes. **Humbly acknowledge your weakness and your need for His power in your life.** As you do, He will ‘make weak things become strong unto [you]’ (Ether 12:27)” (Preach My Gospel, 124).



“Becoming more like the Savior is a **gradual, lifelong process.** With a desire to please God, improve one decision at a time” (Preach My Gospel, 124).



“Be patient with yourself. God knows that change and growth take time. He is pleased with your sincere desires **and will bless you for every effort you make**” (Preach My Gospel, 124).



“As you seek to become more like Christ, your desires, thoughts, and actions will change. **Through the Atonement of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Ghost, your very nature will be refined**” (Preach My Gospel, 124).

As we prepare for the sacred hour of His Second Coming, we need to become more like Him.

Elder Jeffrey Holland said:

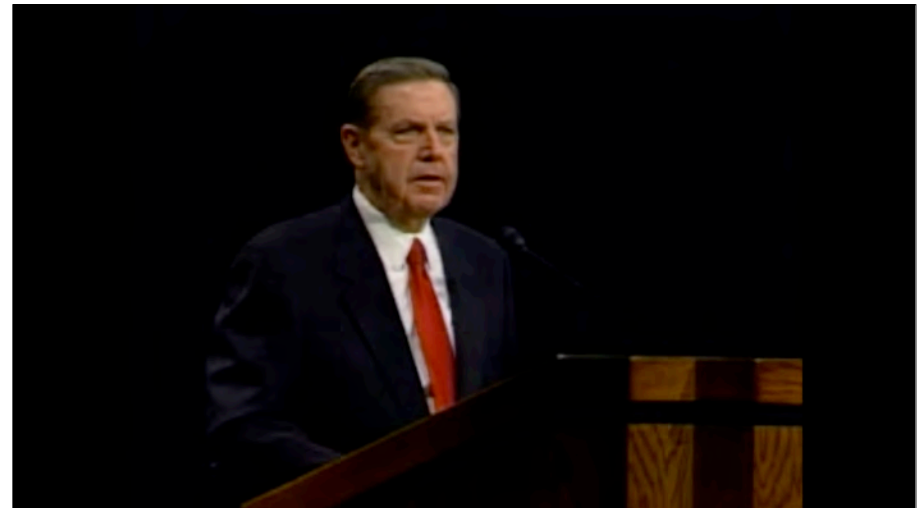


“The lives we present to Him in that sacred hour must be worthy of Him!”

Jeffrey R. Holland, “Terror, Triumph, and a Wedding Feast,”
BYU Sunday Devotional, Sept. 12, 2004



Collectively speaking—whether it is in our lifetime or our children’s or our grandchildren’s or whenever—we nevertheless have the responsibility as a Church and as individual members of that Church to be worthy to have Christ come to us, to be worthy to have Him greet us, and accept us and receive us. To be worthy to have Him embrace us.
The lives we present to Him in that sacred hour must be worthy of Him! (Jeffrey R. Holland, “Terror, Triumph, and a Wedding Feast,” BYU Devotional, Sept. 12, 2004)



So, setting aside fear of the future or concerns about the dimensions of a backyard bomb shelter, I am filled with awe, with an overwhelming sense of duty **to prepare my life** (and to the extent that I can, to help prepare the lives of the members of the Church) for that long-prophesied day, for that transfer of authority, for the time when we will make a presentation of the Church to Him whose Church this is. (Jeffrey R. Holland, “Terror, Triumph, and a Wedding Feast,” BYU Sunday Devotional, Sept. 12, 2004)



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I do know this that when Christ comes, the members of His Church must look and act like members of His Church like they are supposed to look and act if we are to be acceptable to Him. We must be doing His work and we must be living His teachings. **He must recognize us quickly.** He must recognize us easily as truly being His disciples. As President J. Reuben Clark, Jr. once said, “Our faith must not be difficult to detect.” (Jeffrey R. Holland, BYU Sunday Devotional, Sept. 12, 2004)



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Yes, in that great, final hour, if we say we are believers, then **we had surely better be demonstrating it.** The Shepherd knows His sheep, and we must be known in that great day as His followers in deed as well as word. (Jeffrey R. Holland, “Terror, Triumph, and a Wedding Feast,” BYU Sunday Devotional, Sept. 12, 2004)



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Surely that is why President Hinckley said: “It’s not enough [for us, you and me, now, in our time] to simply be known as members of the Church. . . . **We must live as true followers of . . . Christ.**” (Jeffrey R. Holland, “Terror, Triumph, and a Wedding Feast,” BYU Sunday Devotional, Sept. 12, 2004)



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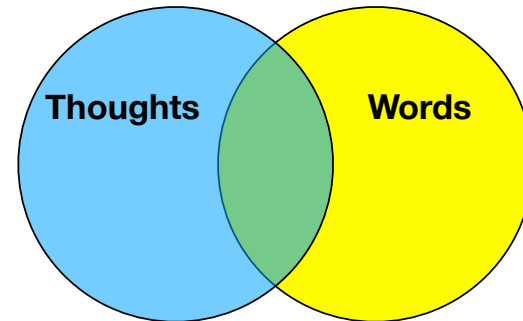
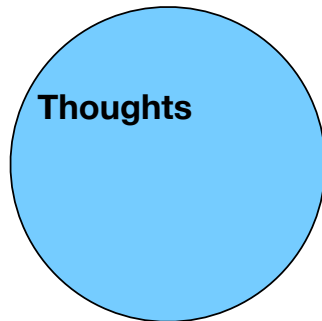
Yes, my beautiful, beloved young friends, yes, these are the latter days, and **you and I are to be the best Latter-day Saints we can.** Emphasis on the last word, please. (Jeffrey R. Holland, “Terror, Triumph, and a Wedding Feast,” BYU Sunday Devotional, Sept. 12, 2004)

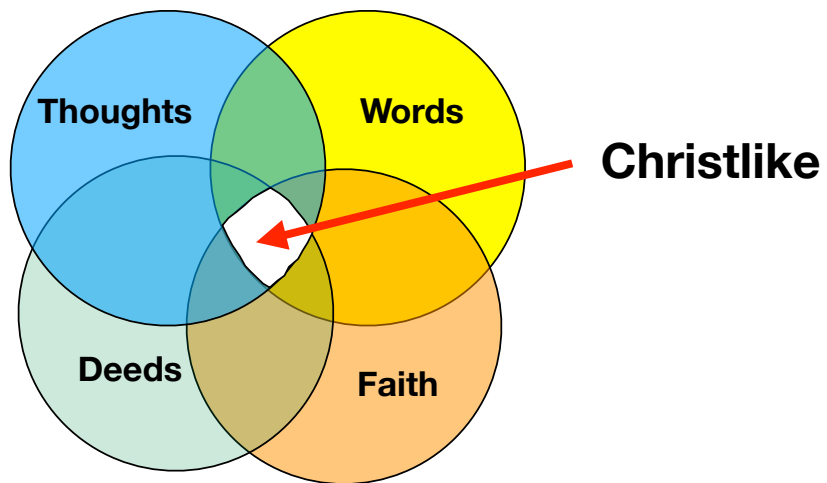
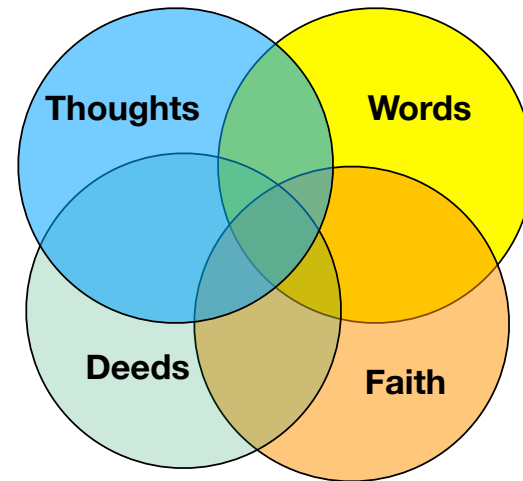
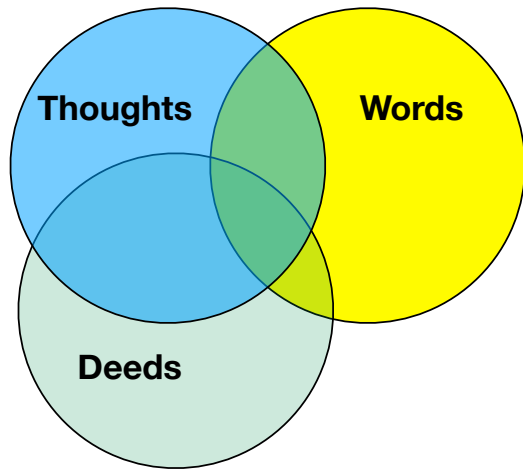


To learn how to be more Christlike, we will review stories from the life of the Savior and His attributes.

What are some attributes?

“But this much I can tell you, that if ye do not watch yourselves, and your **thoughts**, and your **words**, and your **deeds**, and observe the commandments of God, and continue in the **faith** of what ye have heard concerning the coming of our Lord, even unto the end of your lives, ye must perish. And now, O man, remember, and perish not” (Mosiah 4:30).





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“I did **lik**en all scriptures unto us, that it might be for our profit and learning”
(1 Nephi 19:23).



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Picture yourself in the scriptures.



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Act as if God is talking directly to you. Because He is.



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Make a connection between you and the stories in the scriptures.



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Treat the scriptures like your handbook for life. Apply what is taught to your life.



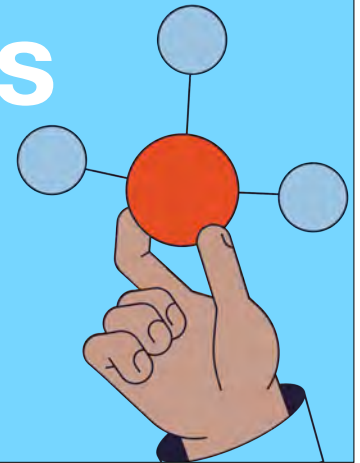
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Draw a parallel between the scriptures and your life.



Christlike Attributes

Let's learn about the character of Christ by examining His life.



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

When you think of Christlike attributes, what stories from Christ's life come to mind?



Jesus wept at Lazarus

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

John 11:35



Lazarus — John 11

Jesus Christ receives word that His friend Lazarus is very sick, but He delays coming to Bethany. By the time He arrives, Lazarus has been dead four days. Lazarus's sisters, Martha and Mary, come to Him grieving. As Jesus sees their sorrow and the mourning of others, He is deeply moved and weeps. He then goes to the tomb, asks that the stone be removed, and calls Lazarus to come out, and Lazarus rises from the dead. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



Woman at the well

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

John 4:1-30



Woman at the Well — John 4

In John 4, Jesus Christ travels through Samaria and stops at a well where He speaks with a Samaritan woman. During their conversation, He asks her for water and then teaches about "living water." As they talk, Jesus reveals knowledge about her life and teaches her about true worship. The woman leaves to tell others in her town about Him, and many people come to hear Him for themselves. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



Sermon on the Mount

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

Matthew 5-7



Sermon on the Mount — Matthew 5–7

Jesus Christ goes up on a mountainside and teaches a large crowd of followers. He gives teachings that begin with the Beatitudes and continues with instructions about prayer, forgiveness, giving, judging others, and living righteously. Throughout the sermon He contrasts common interpretations of the law with deeper principles and concludes by urging listeners to build their lives on a firm foundation by following His words.

What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?



Healing the Servant

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

Matthew 8:5–13



Healing the Centurion's Servant — Matt. 8

A Roman centurion approaches Jesus Christ in Capernaum and asks for help for his servant who is suffering. The centurion explains that he believes Jesus only needs to speak the word for the servant to be healed. Jesus comments on the man's faith and tells him to go his way. When the centurion returns home, he finds that his servant has been healed. What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?



Turning water into wine

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

John 2:1–11



Turning Water into Wine — John 2:1–11

Jesus Christ attends a wedding feast in Cana with His disciples and His mother, Mary. When the hosts run out of wine, Mary tells Jesus about the problem. Jesus instructs the servants to fill large stone jars with water, and when the master of the feast tastes it, the water has become wine. This event is described as the first public miracle through which Jesus' disciples begin to believe in Him. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

Matthew 21:12–13; John 2:13–17



Cleansing the Temple — Matthew 21; John 2

Jesus Christ enters the temple in Jerusalem and finds people buying and selling animals and exchanging money. He overturns the tables of the money changers and drives out those who are selling, declaring that the temple is meant to be a house of prayer. His actions draw strong reactions from both the crowd and the religious leaders who witness what He has done. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

Matthew 14:13–21



Feeding 5,000 — Matthew 14:13–21

A large crowd follows Jesus Christ into a remote area. As evening approaches, the disciples are concerned because the people have little food. Jesus takes five loaves of bread and two fish, blesses them, and has the disciples distribute the food to the crowd. Everyone eats until they are full, and afterward the disciples gather several baskets of leftover pieces. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



Who is the greatest?

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

Matthew 18:1–4



Who Is the Greatest — Matthew 18:1–5

The disciples come to Jesus Christ and ask who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus calls a small child and places the child among them. He explains that those who wish to enter the kingdom must become like little children and that whoever receives such a child in His name receives Him. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



Good Samaritan

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

Luke 10:25–37



The Good Samaritan — Luke 10:25–37

A lawyer asks Jesus Christ what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus responds with the commandment to love God and one's neighbor. When the man asks who his neighbor is, Jesus tells the story of a traveler who is beaten by robbers and left by the roadside. Several people pass by, but a Good Samaritan stops to help the injured man and cares for him. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



Healing on Sabbath

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

Luke 13:11–17



Healing on the Sabbath — Luke 13:10–17

Jesus Christ is teaching in a synagogue on the Sabbath when He notices a woman who has been crippled for many years. He calls her forward and heals her. The synagogue leader objects because the healing occurs on the Sabbath, which leads to a discussion about the meaning and purpose of the day. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



Healing ten lepers

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

Luke 17:11–19



Healing Ten Lepers — Luke 17:11–19

In Luke 17, while traveling between Samaria and Galilee, Jesus Christ meets ten men who suffer from leprosy. They call out to Him for mercy. Jesus tells them to go show themselves to the priests, and as they go, they are healed. One of the men returns to thank Jesus, while the others continue on their way. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



Let the children come

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

Mark 10:13–16



Let the Children Come — Mark 10:13–16

People bring their young children to Jesus Christ so He can bless them. The disciples attempt to turn them away, but Jesus calls the children to Him instead. He places His hands on them and blesses them while teaching that the kingdom of God belongs to those who receive it like a child. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



Woman taken in adultery

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

John 8:1–11

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Woman Taken in Adultery — John 8:1–11

In John 8, religious leaders bring a woman accused of adultery before Jesus Christ and ask what should be done according to the law of Moses. Jesus stoops and writes on the ground, then tells those without sin to cast the first stone. One by one the accusers leave. Jesus then speaks privately with the woman before sending her away. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



Prodigal Son

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

John 8:1–11

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The Prodigal Son — Luke 15:11–32

Jesus Christ tells the story of a younger son who asks for his inheritance and leaves home. After wasting everything, the son eventually decides to return to his father and ask to be treated as a servant. When he returns, the father receives him and celebrates his arrival, which causes tension with the older brother who remained at home. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



Washing disciples' feet

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

John 13:1–17



Washing the Disciples' Feet — John 13:1–17

During the Last Supper, Jesus Christ rises from the table, takes a towel, and begins washing the feet of His disciples. At first Peter the Apostle resists, but Jesus explains the meaning of what He is doing. After finishing, He tells the disciples they should follow His example in how they treat one another. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



Forgiving executioners

What attributes did Jesus demonstrate?

Luke 23:34



Forgiving His Executioners — Luke 23:32–34

In Luke 23, Jesus Christ is crucified outside Jerusalem between two criminals while soldiers and onlookers watch. During the crucifixion, Jesus speaks several words from the cross. One of His statements is a prayer asking the Father to forgive those responsible because they do not understand what they are doing. **What does this story reveal about the kind of person Jesus is?**



When will all of this finish? When shall Christ appear publicly, triumphantly, and the Millennium begin? I have already told you I don't know. What I do know is that the initial moments of that event began 184 years ago. I do know that as a result of that First Vision and what has followed it, we live in a time of unprecedented blessings—blessings given to us for the purpose of living faithfully and purely so when the Bridegroom finally and triumphantly arrives, **He can personally, justifiably bid us to the wedding feast.**

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Is there a happy future for you and your posterity in these latter days? Absolutely! Most assuredly—a beautiful future. All wedding feasts are happy occasions. Will there be difficult times when those ominous latter-day warnings and prophecies are fulfilled? Of course, there will. Be prepared. There always have been. (Jeffrey R. Holland, “Terror, Triumph, and a Wedding Feast,” BYU Sunday Devotional, Sept. 12, 2004)



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Will those who have built upon the great rock of Christ withstand such winds, such hail, the mighty shafts in the whirlwind? You know they will. You have it on good word. You have it on His word! That “rock upon which ye are built . . . is a sure foundation, a foundation whereon if men [and women] build they cannot fall.” (Jeffrey R. Holland, “Terror, Triumph, and a Wedding Feast,” BYU Sunday Devotional, Sept. 12, 2004)



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I leave an apostolic blessing on each one of you individually within the sound of my voice that you will live with confidence, optimism, faith, and devotion. I bless you, in the name of the Lord, that you will be serious about life’s challenges but not frightened and never discouraged. (Jeffrey R. Holland, “Terror, Triumph, and a Wedding Feast,” BYU Sunday Devotional, Sept. 12, 2004)



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I bless you to feel the joy of the Saints in the latter days—never to fear crippling anxiety or destructive despair. Indeed, the only concern I would have us entertain is a very personal one: How can I live more fully, more faithfully, so that all the blessings of this great dispensation can be showered upon each one of us and upon those whose lives we touch and teach? (Jeffrey R. Holland, “Terror, Triumph, and a Wedding Feast,” BYU Sunday Devotional, Sept. 12, 2004)

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HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

WEEK 11 CHALLENGE **CHRISTLIKE ATTRIBUTES**

Jesus told us what kind of person we should become: “Therefore, what manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am.” Will you live your life so that we He comes again, He will see you are trying to be like Him?

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Consider This

- How will seeking Christlike attributes help me fulfill my purpose as a missionary?
- How can I both seek and receive Christlike attributes?
- Which attribute or attributes should I focus on now?

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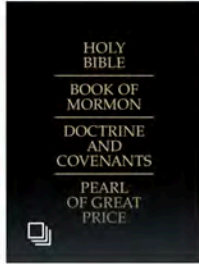
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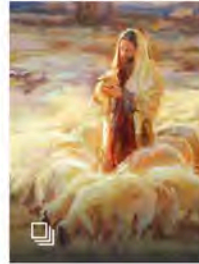
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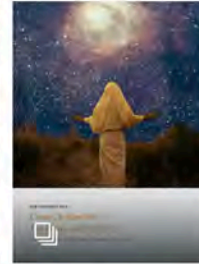
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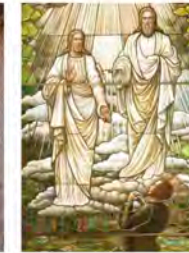
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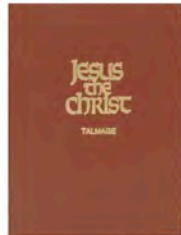
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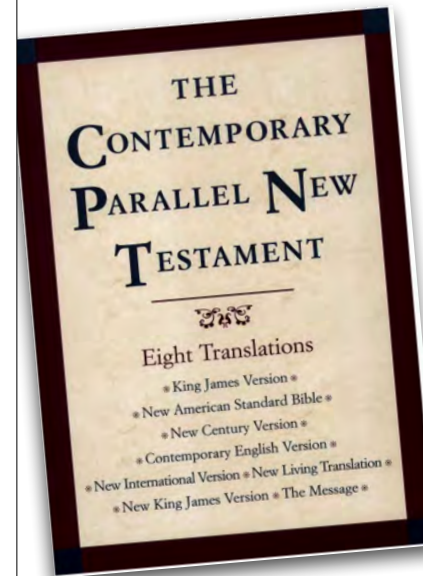
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8. The Message

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<p>[6] MATTHEW 1</p> <p>KING JAMES VERSION</p> <p>16 And Jacob began Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Messiah.</p> <p>17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to Christ are fourteen generations.</p> <p>18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.</p> <p>19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.</p> <p>20 But when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.</p> <p>21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.</p> <p>22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,</p> <p>23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Emmanuel, which is interpreted, God with us.</p> <p>NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE</p> <p>16 And Jacob began Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.</p> <p>17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to Jesus Christ are fourteen generations.</p> <p>Conception and Birth of Jesus</p> <p>18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to put her away secretly.</p> <p>20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."</p> <p>21 "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."</p> <p>22 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:</p> <p>23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Emmanuel," which is interpreted, "God with us."</p>	<p>NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION</p> <p>16 And Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Christ.</p> <p>17 There were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the Babylonian exile, and fourteen from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah.</p> <p>The Birth of Jesus Christ</p> <p>18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. "Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly."</p> <p>19 After he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."</p> <p>20 And this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:</p> <p>21 "The virgin will be with child and will bear a son, and they will name him Jesus." "This was fulfilled to fulfill what the Lord said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they will name him Emmanuel," which means "God with us."</p>	<p>MATTHEW 1 [7]</p> <p>NEW LIVING TRANSLATION</p> <p>Matthew was the father of Joseph.</p> <p>16 Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Mary was the mother of Jesus, who is called the Messiah.</p> <p>17 All these listed above include fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the Babylonian exile, and fourteen from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah.</p> <p>The Birth of Jesus the Messiah</p> <p>18 Now this is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. "Joseph, her fiancé, being a just man, decided to break the engagement quietly, so as not to disgrace her publicly."</p> <p>19 After he considered this, he fell asleep, and an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to go ahead with your marriage to Mary. For the child within her has been conceived by the Holy Spirit. "And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus," for he will save his people from their sins." "And all this happened to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:</p> <p>20 "Behold, the virgin will conceive a child! The virgin will give birth and bear a son, and they will name him Emmanuel," which means "God with us."</p>	<p>NEW CENTURY VERSION</p> <p>Matthew was the father of Joseph.</p> <p>16 Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus. Jesus is called the Christ.</p> <p>17 There were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, and there were fourteen generations from David until the people were taken to Babylon. And there were fourteen generations from the time when the people were taken to Babylon until Jesus was born.</p> <p>The Birth of Jesus Christ</p> <p>18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. His mother Mary was engaged to marry Joseph, but before they married, she learned she was pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. "Because Mary's husband, Joseph, was a good man, he did not want to disgrace her in public, so he planned to divorce her secretly."</p> <p>19 While Joseph thought about these things, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby in her is from the Holy Spirit. 'She will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus,' because he will save his people from their sins."</p> <p>20 All this happened to bring about what the Lord had said through the prophet:</p> <p>21 "Behold, the virgin will be pregnant and will give birth to a son, and they will name him Emmanuel," which means "God with us."</p>	<p>CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION</p> <p>16 And Jacob began Joseph, the husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who is called the Messiah.</p> <p>17 There were fourteen generations from Abraham to David. There were also fourteen from David to the exile in Babylon, and fourteen more to the birth of the Messiah.</p> <p>The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-7)</p> <p>18 This is how Jesus Christ was born. A young woman named Mary was engaged to Joseph from King David's family. But before they were married, she learned that she was going to have a baby by God's Holy Spirit. "Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary in front of everyone. So he decided to quietly call off the wedding."</p> <p>19 While Joseph was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, the baby that Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. Go ahead and marry her." "Then after her baby is born, name him Jesus," because he will save his people from their sins.</p> <p>20 So the Lord's promise came true, just as the prophet had said. "The virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be named Jesus." "The virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be named Jesus."</p> <p>21 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they will name him Emmanuel," which means "God with us."</p>
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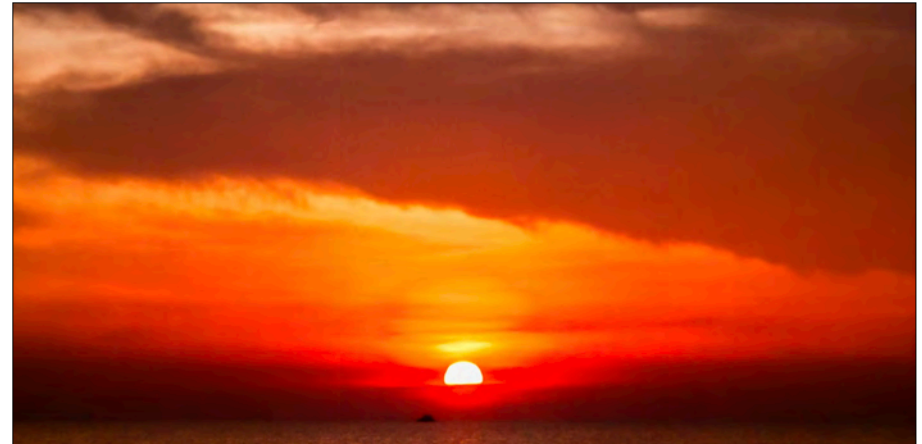


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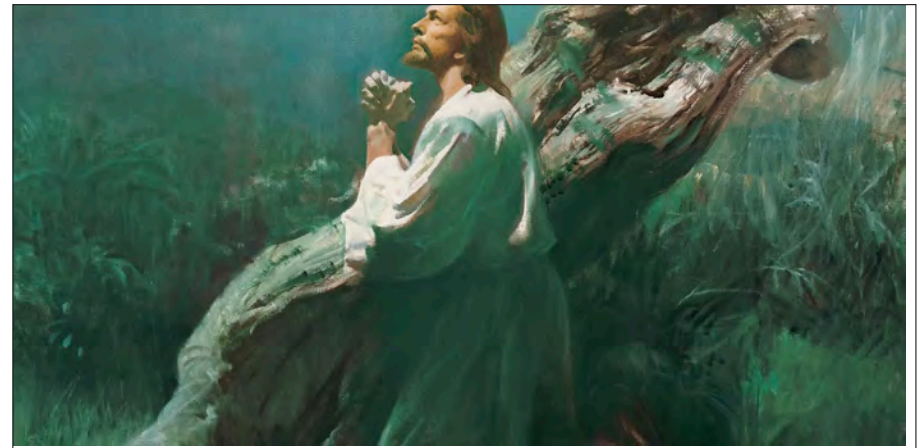
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Prepare—don't fear



LESSON 2
Watch for the signs



LESSON 3
Spiritually prepare



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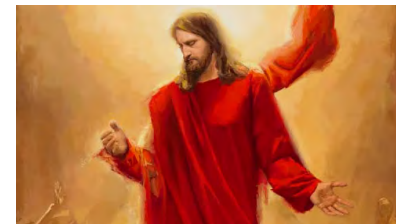
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