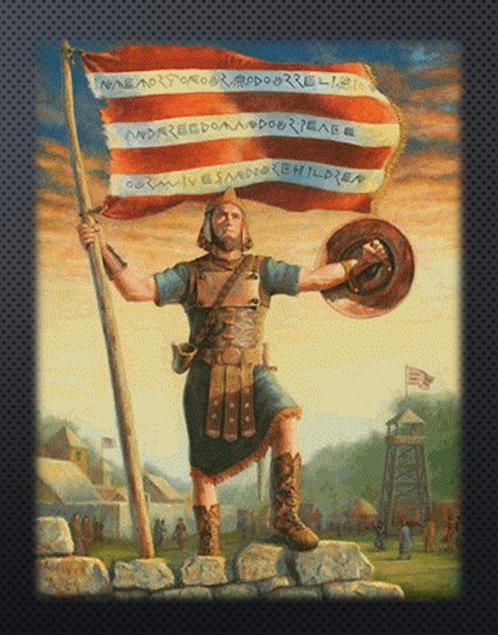


# LABORER IN ZION: AN ENSIGN TO THE WORLD

### WHAT IS AN ENSIGN?

### DEFINITION:

A FLAG OR STANDARD,
ESPECIALLY A MILITARY
OR NAVAL ONE
INDICATING
NATIONALITY.



AND THE LORD CALLED HIS PEOPLE,
ZION, BECAUSE THEY WERE OF ONE
HEART AND OF ONE MIND, AND
DWELT IN RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND THERE
WERE NO POOR AMONG THEM.

GENESIS 7:23

# FOR THIS IS ZION





### GARMENTS OF THE LABORER:

DISCIPLESHIP, SUBMISSION, SACRIFICE



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### TESTIMONY

### JOHN 15:1-12

- 1 AM THE TRUE VINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE HUSBANDMAN.
- 2 EVERY BRANCH IN ME THAT BEARETH NOT FRUIT HE TAKETH AWAY; AND EVERY BRANCH THAT BEARETH FRUIT, HE PURGETH IT, THAT IT MAY BRING FORTH MORE FRUIT.
- 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
- 4 ABIDE 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 VINE, YE ARE THE BRANCHES. HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME, AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT; FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING.
- 6 If A MAN ABIDE 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. (CONT. ->)

### JOHN 15:1-12 (CONT.)

- 7 IF YE ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, YE SHALL ASK WHAT YE WILL, AND IT SHALL BE DONE UNTO YOU.
- 8 HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT; SO SHALL YE BE MY DISCIPLES.
- 9 As the Father hath loved ME, so have I loved you; continue ye in MY love.
- 10 If YE KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, YE SHALL ABIDE IN MY LOVE; 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 JOY MIGHT BE FULL.
- 12 This is My Commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

  CONNECTED TO THE TRUE VINE!

### GOD'S PEOPLE ARE CONNECTED TO THE VINE:

MANY PEOPLE ARE CONTENT ONLY EATING THE FRUIT OF OTHERS (BENEFICIARY OF THE ZIONIC MISSION)

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE CONNECTED TO THE VINE, THUS BRINGING FORTH FRUIT THROUGH THEIR CONNECTION WITH GOD (RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ZIONIC MISSION)

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE CONNECTED TO CHRIST, WHICH MEANS THAT ARE A CONDUIT FOR THE HOLY GHOST

PARABLE OF THE 10 VIRGINS — THOSE WHO HAVE OIL AND THOSE WHO DON'T, OR THOSE WHO BEAR THEIR OWN FRUIT VS THOSE WHO ONLY PARTAKE OF OTHERS' FRUIT

ALL GOOD THINGS COME FROM GOD, MADE POSSIBLE BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS, THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST (GENESIS 6:61-63)



### GOD'S PEOPLE WHAT ARE THEIR CHARACTERISTICS?

- Loving
- UNITY / FAMILY
- STRENGTH
- Power
- FAITH

- KNOWLEDGE
- PEACE
- HOPE
- SERVANTHOOD
- HUMILITY



### IN THE WORLD OF DARKNESS, GOD'S PEOPLE ARE LIGHT

IN THE WORLD OF CHAOS, GOD'S PEOPLE ARE PEACE

IN THE WORLD OF DESPAIR, GOD'S PEOPLE ARE HOPE



### IN THE WORLD OF SIN AND WICKEDNESS, GOD'S PEOPLE ARE HOLY

IN THE WORLD OF STORMS,
GOD'S PEOPLE ARE THE CALM

IN THE WORLD OF DEATH,
GOD'S PEOPLE ARE THE LIVING
CHURCH (ALIVE IN CHRIST)

### D&C 45:2F-H

2f wherefore hearken ye together, and let me show it unto you, even my wisdom, the wisdom of him who ye say is the God of **Enoch and his brethren**, who were separated from the earth, and were received unto myself;

#### 2G A CITY RESERVED UNTIL A DAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL COME:

2H A DAY WHICH WAS SOUGHT FOR BY ALL HOLY MEN, AND THEY FOUND IT NOT, BECAUSE OF WICKEDNESS AND ABOMINATIONS, AND CONFESSED THAT THEY WERE **STRANGERS AND PILGRIMS ON THE EARTH**, BUT OBTAINED A PROMISE THAT THEY SHOULD FIND IT, AND SEE IT IN THEIR FLESH.



### GOD'S PEOPLE HOW TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE?

### D&C 18:6A

PRAY ALWAYS AND I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT UPON YOU, AND GREAT SHALL BE YOUR BLESSING; YEA, EVEN MORE THAN IF YOU SHOULD OBTAIN TREASURES OF EARTH AND CORRUPTIBLENESS TO THE EXTENT THEREOF.

### D&C 17:6E

THEREFORE LET THE CHURCH TAKE HEED AND PRAY ALWAYS, LEST THEY FALL INTO TEMPTATIONS; YEA, AND EVEN LET THOSE WHO ARE SANCTIFIED, TAKE HEED ALSO.

#### MATTHEW 6:17-18

MOREOVER, WHEN YE FAST, BE NOT AS THE HYPOCRITES, OF A SAD COUNTENANCE; FOR THEY DISFIGURE THEIR FACES, THAT THEY MAY APPEAR UNTO MEN TO FAST. VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, THEY HAVE THEIR REWARD. BUT THOU, WHEN THOU FASTEST, ANOINT THY HEAD AND WASH THY FACE, THAT THOU APPEAR NOT UNTO MEN TO FAST, BUT UNTO THY FATHER WHO IS IN SECRET; AND THY FATHER WHO SEETH IN SECRET, SHALL REWARD THEE OPENLY.

#### OMNI 1:47

YEA, COME UNTO HIM, AND OFFER YOUR WHOLE SOULS AS AN OFFERING UNTO HIM, AND CONTINUE IN FASTING AND PRAYING, AND ENDURE TO THE END; AND AS THE LORD LIVETH, YE WILL BE SAVED.

#### PSALMS 1:1-3

1 BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT WALKETH NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY, NOR STANDETH IN THE WAY OF SINNERS, NOR SITTETH IN THE SEAT OF THE SCORNFUL.

- 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 AND HE SHALL BE LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY THE RIVERS OF WATER, THAT BRINGETH FORTH HIS FRUIT IN HIS SEASON; HIS LEAF ALSO SHALL NOT WITHER; AND WHATSOEVER HE DOETH SHALL PROSPER.

### EXAMPLE: ALMA & SONS OF MOSIAH



ALMA 12:1-2 - AND NOW IT CAME TO PASS THAT AS ALMA WAS JOURNEYING FROM THE LAND OF GIDEON, SOUTHWARD, AWAY TO THE LAND OF MANTI, BEHOLD, TO HIS ASTONISHMENT, HE MET THE SONS OF Mosiah, Journeying towards the land of Zarahemla. Now THESE SONS OF MOSIAH WERE WITH ALMA AT THE TIME THE ANGEL FIRST APPEARED UNTO HIM; THEREFORE ALMA DID REJOICE EXCEEDINGLY, TO  $(CONT. \rightarrow)$ SEE HIS BRETHREN;

### EXAMPLE: ALMA & SONS OF MOSIAH

(CONT.) ALMA 12:3-5 - AND WHAT ADDED MORE TO HIS JOY, THEY WERE STILL HIS BRETHREN IN THE LORD; YEA, AND THEY HAD WAXED STRONG IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH; FOR THEY WERE MEN OF A SOUND UNDERSTANDING, AND THEY HAD SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DILIGENTLY, THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW THE WORD OF GOD. BUT THIS IS NOT ALL: THEY HAD GIVEN THEMSELVES TO MUCH PRAYER, AND FASTING, THEREFORE THEY HAD THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, AND THE SPIRIT OF REVELATION, AND WHEN THEY TAUGHT, THEY TAUGHT WITH POWER AND AUTHORITY, EVEN AS WITH THE POWER AND AUTHORITY OF GOD.

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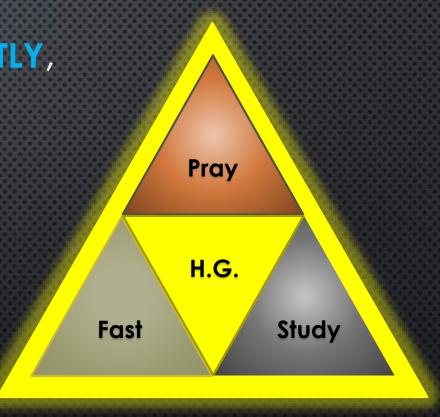
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TAUGHT WITH POWER AND AUTHORITY,



Pray, Fast, Study = Power of Holy Ghost

### WHAT IS MY HEART'S DESIRE?

• HOW DO I SPEND MY TIME?

• AM I IN THE WORLD?



AM I GOD'S HOLY CHILD?

# WHAT DO I PLACE HIGHER THAN ZION?

(WHAT AM I NOT WILLING TO TURN FROM?)

# WRITE II

#### WHAT IS MY HEART'S DESIRE?

### If YOUR HEART IS FOR GOD'S HOLY KINGDOM, THEN YOU WILL SEEK IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART!

D&C 38:4E-F

4E A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY, UPON WHICH THERE SHALL BE NO CURSE WHEN THE LORD COMETH; AND I WILL GIVE IT UNTO YOU FOR THE LAND OF YOUR INHERITANCE, IF YOU SEEK IT WITH ALL YOUR HEARTS:

4F AND THIS SHALL BE MY COVENANT WITH YOU, YE SHALL HAVE IT FOR THE LAND OF YOUR INHERITANCE, AND FOR THE INHERITANCE OF YOUR CHILDREN FOR EVER, WHILE THE EARTH SHALL STAND; AND YE SHALL POSSESS IT AGAIN IN ETERNITY, NO MORE TO PASS AWAY.

Ponder on Zion

### 1 NEPHI 3:187-189

187 AND BLESSED ARE THEY WHO SHALL SEEK TO BRING FORTH MY ZION AT THAT DAY, FOR THEY SHALL HAVE THE GIFT AND THE

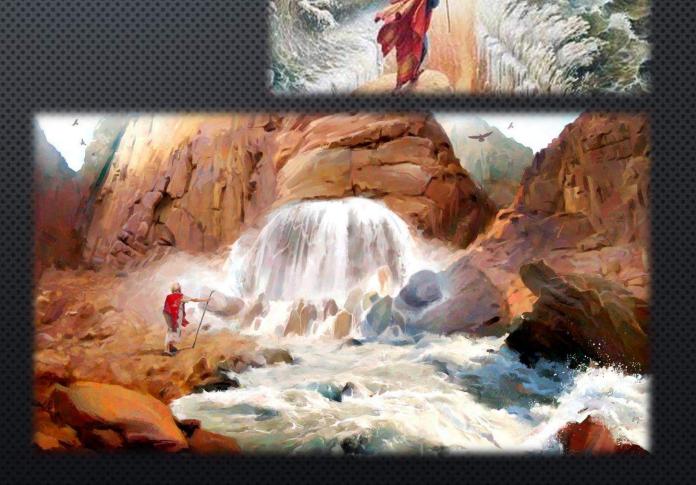
### POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST;

188 And if they endure unto the end, they shall be lifted UP AT THE LAST DAY, AND SHALL BE SAVED IN THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM OF THE LAMB;

189 And whoso shall publish peace, yea, tidings of great JOY, HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS SHALL THEY BE.

### MOSES

PARTED THE RED SEA
BROUGHT WATER
FROM A ROCK

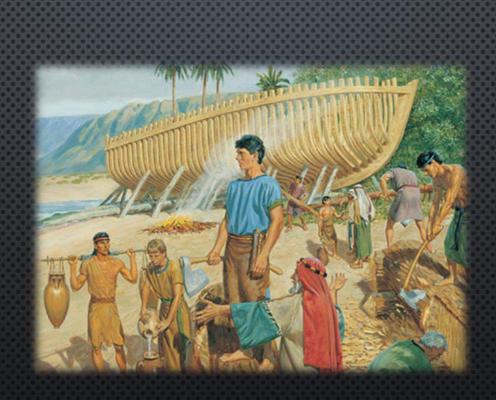


### <u>Nephi</u>

BUILT A SHIP

SHOCKED HIS BROTHERS

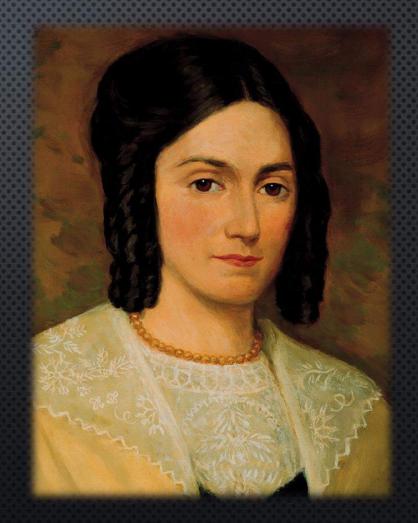
LED HIS PEOPLE





### EMMA SMITH

WOMAN OF STRENGTH,
COURAGE, CONFIDENCE,
FAITHFUL THROUGH ALL HER
TRIALS



### CAPTAIN MORONI

CONQUERED ENEMIES

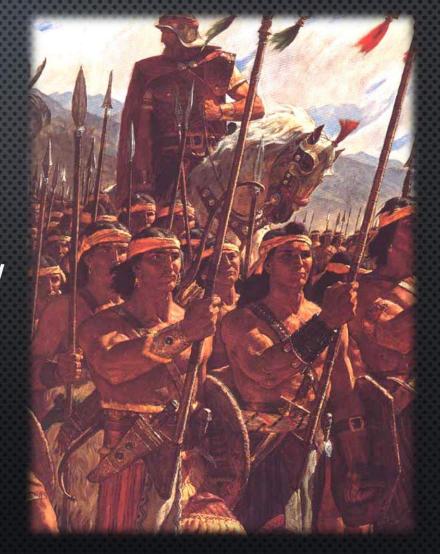
"GATES OF HELL WOULD SHAKE IF ALL WERE AS CAPTAIN MORONI"



## MOTHERS OF THE STRIPLING WARRIORS

Knew God's word and knew Him

TAUGHT THEIR SONS TO BE FAITHFUL AND VALIANT



### JESUS' MIRACLES

HEALING SICK

FED THOUSANDS

CASTE OUT DEVILS







#### JOHN 14:12

VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, THE WORKS THAT I DO SHALL HE DO ALSO; AND GREATER WORKS THAN THESE SHALL HE DO; BECAUSE I GO UNTO MY FATHER.

### WE ARE CALLED TO BE A PEOPLE OF POWER

I WANT TO BE SO FULL OF CHRIST THAT IF A MOSQUITO BITES ME IT FLIES THE BLOOD!

#### A DISCIPLE IS

#### SOMEONE

WHO HAS MOVED FROM BEING THE

#### RECIPIENT

OF THE HOPE OF ZION

TO BEING

#### **RESPONSIBLE**

**FOR THE** 

**WORK OF ZION** 



#### ROMANS 12:4-7

4 FOR AS WE HAVE MANY MEMBERS IN ONE BODY, AND ALL MEMBERS HAVE NOT THE SAME OFFICE;

5 SO WE, BEING MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST, AND EVERYONE MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER.

6 HAVING THEN GIFTS DIFFERING ACCORDING TO THE GRACE THAT IS GIVEN TO US, WHETHER PROPHECY, LET US PROPHESY ACCORDING TO THE PROPORTION OF FAITH;

7 OR MINISTRY, LET US WAIT ON OUR MINISTERING; OR HE THAT TEACHETH, ON TEACHING;

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-18

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

14 FOR THE BODY IS NOT ONE MEMBER, BUT MANY.

 $(CONT. \rightarrow)$ 

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-18 (CONT.)

- 15 IF THE FOOT SHALL SAY, BECAUSE I AM NOT THE HAND, I AM NOT OF THE BODY; IS IT THEREFORE NOT OF THE BODY?
- 16 AND IF THE EAR SHALL SAY, BECAUSE I AM NOT THE EYE, I AM NOT OF THE BODY; IS IT THEREFORE NOT OF THE BODY?
- 17 IF THE WHOLE BODY WERE AN EYE, WHERE WERE THE HEARING? IF THE WHOLE WERE HEARING, WHERE WERE THE SMELLING?
- 18 BUT NOW HATH GOD SET THE MEMBERS EVERY ONE OF THEM IN THE BODY, AS IT HATH PLEASED HIM.

FROM WHOM THE WHOLE BODY FITLY JOINED TOGETHER AND COMPACTED BY THAT WHICH EVERY JOINT SUPPLIETH, ACCORDING TO THE EFFECTUAL WORKING IN THE MEASURE OF EVERY PART, MAKETH INCREASE OF THE BODY UNTO THE EDIFYING OF ITSELF IN LOVE.

EPHESIANS 4:16

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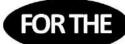
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**WORK OF ZION** 

### OWNERSHIP

IF WE WANT ZION, WE CAN'T JUST WANDER TO AND FRO LOOKING FOR IT, WE MUST LABOR WITH OUR MIGHT, TO USE OUR TALENTS AND GIFTS FOR ZION, SO THAT WE CAN

BE ZION.

YOU MAY NOT BE A CAPTAIN MORONI (YET)
YOU MAY NOT BE AN EMMA SMITH (YET)
YOU MAY NOT BE A SONS OF MOSIAH (YET)

READ, PRAY, FAST, SEEK EXPERIENCES AND YOU WILL BE!

GOD'S TIME OF POWER IS NEAR!!!

YOU ARE LOVED, YOU ARE CHOSEN, YOU HAVE GIFTS, YOU HAVE TALENTS, YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN ALL THE TOOLS NEEDED,

MHAT MILL AOU DOS

# WRITE II

- HOW CAN I CONNECT TO THE VINE?
- WHAT MORE DO I NEED TO DO?
- WHAT DO I NEED TO REMOVE?
- WHAT GIFTS & TALENTS DO I HAVE TO OFFER?

THROUGH SACRIFICING ONE FOR ANOTHER, WE GROW IN LOVE AND WE BECOME ONE BODY (UNITY).



## MAKE A LIST: WRITE IT DOWN

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[THEY]...CONFESSED THAT THEY WERE STRANGERS AND PILGRIMS ON THE EARTH. FOR THEY...DECLARE PLAINLY THAT THEY SEEK A COUNTRY. AND TRULY, IF THEY HAD BEEN MINDFUL OF THAT COUNTRY FROM WHENCE THEY CAME OUT, THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE RETURNED. BUT NOW THEY DESIRE A BETTER COUNTRY, THAT IS, A HEAVENLY; WHEREFORE GOD IS NOT ASHAMED TO BE CALLED THEIR GOD; FOR HE HATH PREPARED FOR THEM A CITY [EVEN ZION]. HEBREWS 11:13-16

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GENESIS 7:23

FOR THOU SHALT DEVOTE ALL THY SERVICE IN ZION. AND IN THIS THOU SHALT HAVE STRENGTH. BE PATIENT IN AFFLICTIONS, FOR THOU SHALT HAVE MANY; BUT ENDURE THEM, FOR LO, I AM WITH YOU, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THY DAYS...AND YOUR WHOLE LABOR SHALL BE IN ZION, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, FROM HENCEFORTH; YEA, YOU SHALL EVER OPEN YOUR MOUTH IN MY CAUSE, NOT FEARING WHAT MAN CAN DO, FOR AM WITH YOU. AMEN. D&C 23:4A-B AND D&C 29:3C

NEVERTHELESS, THEY DID FAST AND PRAY OFT, AND DID WAX STRONGER AND STRONGER IN THEIR HUMILITY, AND FIRMER AND FIRMER IN THE FAITH OF CHRIST, UNTO THE FILLING THEIR SOULS WITH JOY AND CONSOLATION, YEA, EVEN TO THE PURIFYING AND THE SANCTIFICATION OF THEIR HEARTS, WHICH SANCTIFICATION COMETH BECAUSE OF THEIR YIELDING THEIR HEARTS UNTO GOD. HELAMAN 2:31

AND BLESSED ARE THEY WHO SHALL SEEK TO BRING FORTH MY ZION AT THAT DAY, FOR THEY SHALL HAVE THE GIFT AND THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST;

AND IF THEY ENDURE UNTO THE END, THEY SHALL BE LIFTED UP AT THE LAST DAY, AND SHALL BE SAVED IN THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM OF THE LAMB;

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D&C 38:4E





YOU ARE CALLED!



YOU ARE CHOSEN!





NEXT YEAR IN ZION!



## ZION

## LABAREREN JON: