

LESSON 7 / "I Know in Whom I Have Trusted"

2 Nephi 3-5

(members strengthen testimonies of Joseph Smith & find happiness in Lord)

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2Nephi 5:1,5	Nephi prays for help and what is answer?
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Overcoming Feelings of Discouragement

Action

- 1- Read the scriptures
- 2- Delight in & ponder things of Lord
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- 5- Be industrious; work
- 6- Serve in the temple

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- 2- 2Nephi 4:16
- 3- 2Nephi 4:20-21,34
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- 2Nephi 3:4 Lehi teaches son Joseph about Joseph Egypt..... Son of Jacob and Rachael
- 2Nephi 3:5 Why were JosephE's covenants important?..... Covenant found in Genesis 30 & 37 / talking about our generation
- 2Nephi 3:6-15 Who was "choice seer" that JosephE saw? Read 6-9,12-15
- Supplemental #1 Elder LeGrand Richards
- 2Nephi 3:12 The Lord tells JosephE about what 2 books?..... How have the two books "grown together"? What are blessings of this?
- 2Nephi 3:5 Who is the righteous branch that broke off?..... How is this promise being fulfilled today?
- 2Nephi 3 What connects JosephL, JosephE, and JosephJr? Linage, covenants, BofM

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- 2Nephi 4:15-30,30-35 Psalm of Nephi (self-reflection & prayer) read / written soon after death of father / brothers were angry with him
 - Supplemental #2 Bishop Dnnis Roberts..... Why important to recognize both our fallen nature and our potential?
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- 15-30 self-reflection / 30-35 a prayer → Don't we all do this?
- What do these phrases from Nephi's prayer mean to you? Nephi's promise to the Lord

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- 2Nephi 4:13;5:3 Why were L&L angry toward Nephi? Law of Primogeniture (see footnote about boarding the ship)
- 2Nephi 5:2,4 What did L&L seek to do because of anger?..... Would killing the messenger kill their guilt?
- 2Nephi 4:27-29 What did Nephi seek to do because of anger?..... Good contrast between how people handle their anger
- Supplemental #3 President Howard W. Hunter
- 2Nephi 5:1,5 Nephi prays for help and what is answer?..... That he should depart from his brothers (good advice for us too)
- 2Nephi 5:27 How did people live after separation?..... "after the manner of happiness" cool!
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How does this apply to me?

Supplement #4 "Awake my soul! ... Rejoice, O my heart"..... What can we do to overcome feelings of discouragement?

(24) What were Lamanites doing? (10)kept commandments, (11)sow seeds and raise flocks, (12)preserved records, (15) be industrious, (16)built temple, (17)worked together

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