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SUPPLEMENT #2 Joseph Smith

“With what unspeakable delight, and what transports of joy swelled my bosom, when I took by the hand, on that night, my beloved Emma—she that was my wife, even the wife of my youth, and the choice of my heart. Many were the reverberations of my mind when I contemplated for a moment the many scenes we had been called to pass through, the fatigues and the toils, the sorrows and sufferings, and the joys and consolations, from time to time, which had strewed our paths. ... Oh what a commingling of thought filled my mind for the moment, again she is here, ... undaunted, firm, and unwavering—unchangeable, affectionate Emma!”

(History of the Church, 5:107.)

SUPPLEMENT #3 Lucy Mack Smith

“I have never seen a woman in my life, who would endure every species of fatigue and hardship, from month to month, and from year to year, with that unflinching courage, zeal, and patience, which she has ever done; for I know that which she had had to endure. ... She has breasted the storms of persecution, and buffeted the rage of men and devils, which would have borne down almost any other woman.”

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SUPPLEMENT #4 Elder Marvin J. Ashton

“None of us will escape tragedy and suffering. Each of us will probably react differently. However, if we can recall the Lord’s promise, ‘for I the Lord am with you,’ we will be able to face our problems with dignity and courage. We will find the strength to be of good cheer instead of becoming resentful, critical, or defeated. We will be able to meet life’s unpleasant happenings with clear vision, strength, and power. ... What a joy it is to see someone of good cheer, who, when others because of an unpleasant happening or development live in angry silence or vocal disgust, meets the situation with cheerful endurance and good spirits”

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I Nephi 19:23 - The scriptures become much more meaningful if we liken them unto us.

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Four infant children died within four years. Of 11 children, only 3 sons and one daughter lived into late adulthood.

What was happening to the church at this time?

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To whom is the Lord speaking in Section 25? **Given to Emma in 1830 along with sections 24 and 26**

1- Husbands and wives should support each other

- a. D&C 25:3-5 What did the Lord counsel Emma Smith? How can spouses & family members help in times of difficulty?
- b. Supplement #1 Joseph Smith What do these quotes say about mutual affection?
- c. D&C 25:14 What did the Lord counsel Emma here? How can spouses show that they delight in each other?
- d. Supplement #2 Joseph Smith **(he was in hiding)**
- e. Supplement #3 Lucy Mack Smith.....

What a special tribute to Emma from both her spouse and her mother, two people who knew her best. She must have been a special lady.

2- We should be meek and avoid pride

Read D&C 25:14

- a. D&C 23:1 Beware of... pride (to Oliver Cowdery)
- b. D&C 38:39 Beware of pride (to Saints in a conference)
- c. D&C 90:17 Be admonished in... high mindedness and pride (to First Presidency)
- d. D&C 98:19-20 I, the Lord, am not well pleased with... pride of their hearts (to Saints in Kirtland)
- e. What is pride? How would we define the word pride as used in these scriptures?
- f. How does pride affect our relationship with God? My will and not thine be done
- g. How does pride affect our relationship with others? Fault-finding, gossip, murmuring, envy
- h. How can we overcome pride and cultivate meekness? Antidote = humility, meekness
- i. D&C 19:23;112:10 What blessings accompany meekness?..... Have peace, lead & answer prayers

Self-centeredness
Conceit
Boastfulness
Arrogance
Haughtiness
Enmity toward God and our fellowmen

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- a. D&C 25:13 What did the Lord admonish Emma? Lift up thy heart and rejoice / How do we do this when oppressed?
- b. D&C 29:5 Lift up your hearts and be... glad in your midst and am your advocate (to Joseph Smith)
- c. D&C 61:36 Be of good... cheer and I have not forsaken you (to Joseph Smith)
- d. D&C 68:6 Be of good... cheer and do not fear for I will stand by you (to Orson Hyde and others)
- e. D&C 78:18 Ye cannot bear... all things now, be of good cheer, I will lead you (to Joseph Smith)
- f. D&C 136:29 If thou art sorrowful... call on the Lord, that souls may be joyful (to Camp of Israel, Winter Qtrs)
- g. What are consequences of being negative?
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Haven't we all known somebody who walks within a dark and ominous cloud, oblivious to the feelings of others? They dwell on their own desires and needs and have little or no regard for those of others. They turn every conversation and activity back to themselves and react with adult tantrums if their wishes are not immediately satisfied. They reverse the uplifting mood of a room by their mere presence and we all ask, "Why don't they recognize their negative influence and change?"

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