

Episode 4

Music with a Message

FAITH

NARRATOR: We live in a precarious time. The world is in desperate need of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which enables men to live by faith and not by fear. When we choose to follow Christ in faith rather than choose another path out of fear, we are blessed with peace. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Faith is a fact of life and can become the very well spring of purposeful living. There is no more compelling motivation to do good than the knowledge that we are the children of God, who expects us to do something worthwhile with our lives, and gives help when help is sought.

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“It Passes All My Understanding” by Sheri Call

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NARRATOR: It passes all my understanding, written and performed by Sheri Call on the album *Beneath These Stars*.

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland said, "We must never let fear and the father of fear, Satan himself, divert us from our faith and faithful living. Every person in every era has had to walk by faith into what has always been some uncertainty, this is the plan. Just be faithful. God is in charge. He knows your name and he knows your need."

God expects you to have enough faith, determination and trust in him to keep moving, keep living, keep rejoicing. He expects you not simply to face the future, he expects you to embrace and shape the future, to love it, rejoice in it and delight in your opportunities.

[BEGIN MUSIC]

“Forward with Faith” sung by Kim Bracken and written by Roger Hoffman and John Schmidt

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NARRATOR: From the album *Forward with Faith, Especially for Youth 2000*. Kim Bracken sings the title tune written by Roger Hoffman and John Schmidt.

Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin taught, there are those who can teach us regarding faith, if we will just open our hearts and our minds. One such person is a woman whose husband had died. Left alone to raise her son; she had tried to find ways of supporting herself. But, she lived in a time of terrible famine. Food was scarce and many were perishing because of hunger. Every day she watched helplessly as her meager supply of food decreased. Hoping for relief but finding none, the woman finally realized the day had come that when she had only enough food for one last meal. It was then that a stranger approached and asked the unthinkable; bring me I pray thee, he said to her, a morsel of bread. The woman turned to the man and said, as the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in a barrel and a little oil in a cruse. She told him that she was about to prepare it as a last me for herself and her son. That we may eat it and die. She did not know that the man before her was the prophet Elijah, sent to her by the Lord. Fear not he said to her, but make me thereof a little cake first and bring it unto me, and after, make for thee and for thy son. For thus sayeth the Lord God of Israel, the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail until that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. The woman hearing this prophetic promise went in faith and did as Elijah had directed. And, she and he, and her house did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord which he spake by Elijah.

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“Where Faith Lives” by Sheri Call and Tyler Castleton

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NARRATOR: From the 2002 Especially for Youth album, We Believe. Sheri Call sings the song, she and Tyler Castleton wrote, "Where Faith Lives".

Faith is a gift from God, but we must nurture our faith to keep it strong. Faith is like a muscle, if exercised it grows strong, if left immobile it becomes weak. We can nurture the gift of faith by praying to Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ. As we express our gratitude to our Father and as we plead with him for blessings that we and others need, we will draw nearer to him. We will draw near to the Savior whose atonement makes it possible to plead for mercy. We will also be receptive to the quiet guidance of the Holy Ghost.

Nancy Hanson sings A Quiet Prayer, from Forward with Faith, Especially for Youth 2000.

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“A Quiet Prayer” by Nancy Hanson

[END MUSIC]

NARRATOR: Over a millennia as Jeffrey R. Holland says, “Our prophets have focused not on the terror of the times in which they lived, and not on the ominous elements of the latter days, in which we are living, but on the opportunity and the blessing and above all, the responsibility to cease the privileges afforded us on this the greatest of all dispensations. I love the line from the prophet Joseph Smith saying that earlier prophets, priests and kings have looked forward with joyful anticipation to the day in which we live and have sung and written and prophesied of this hour of day. What were they so joyful about? I can assure you, they weren’t concentrating on terror and tragedy. President Woodruff’s words were, the eyes of God and all the holy prophets are watching us. This is the great dispensation that has been spoken of ever since the world began. Let me repeat President Hinckley’s words, through all the perils of the past somehow among all who have walked the earth, we have been brought forth in this unique and remarkable season. Be grateful and above all be faithful. I don’t know how all of that makes you feel but suddenly any undue anxiety about the times in which we live, dissipates for me. And I am humbled, spiritually thrilled and motivated at the opportunity we have been given. God is watching over His world, His Church, His

leaders, and He is certainly watching over you. Let's just make sure that we are the pure in heart and that we are faithful.”

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“Amazing Things” by Julie De Azevedo

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NARRATOR: Julie De Azevedo sings her song "Amazing Things" from Forward with Faith, Especially for Youth 2000.

As with all miracles, it was faith, the simple faith of a young boy who that trusted that God would answer his prayer that led to the opening of the heavens and the beginning of the dispensation of the fullness of times. Your faith in Jesus Christ will led you to the miracle of peace amid turmoil and many other blessings that God has prepared for you, his child.

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“Joseph Smith’s First Prayer” sung by The Tabernacle Choir

Oh, how lovely was the morning! Radiant beamed the sun above.
Bees were humming, sweet birds singing, Music ringing thru the grove,
When within the shady woodland Joseph sought the God of love,
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Humbly kneeling, sweet appealing- ‘Twas the boy's first uttered prayer-
When the pow'rs of sin assailing Filled his should with deep despair;
But undaunted, still he trusted In his Heave'nly Father's care,
But undaunted, still he trusted in his Heav'nly Father's care.

Suddenly a light descended, Brighter far than noon-day sun,
And a shining glorious pillar O'er him fell, around him shone,
While appeared two heav'nly beings, God the Father and the Son,
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"Joseph, this is my Beloved; Hear him!" Oh, how sweet the word!
Joseph's humble prayer was answered, and he listened to the Lord.
Oh, what rapture filled his bosom for he saw the living God;
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NARRATOR:

**The Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square
singing, "Joseph Smith's First Prayer", from Praise to the
Man.**

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