

Episode 5

Music with a Message

FAMILY, HOME, CHILDEN

NARRATOR: Marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God. The family is central to the creator’s plan for the eternal destiny of His children. Husband and wife have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and their children. Parents have the sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their physical and spiritual needs, to teach them to love and serve one another, to observe the commandments of God and to be law-abiding citizens where ever they live. Husbands and wives, mothers and fathers will be held accountable before God for the discharge of these obligations.

David Osmond sings “The Second Greatest Thing” from the Michael McLean album, “It’s Not Love, Till It’s Been Through A Storm”.

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“The Second Greatest Thing” by Michael, McLean, sung by David Osmond.

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NARRATOR: The First Presidency has again stressed parental priority. From their recent letter to the Saints, I quote "We call upon parents to devote their best effort to the teachings and rearing of their children in gospel principles, which will keep them close to the Church. The home is the basis of a righteous life, and no other instrumentality can take its place or fulfill its essential functions in caring forward this god-given responsibility." Do today and everyday all the things you would do if you only had today. Hilary Weeks sings “If I Only Had Today” from her album of the same name.

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“If I Only Had Today” by Hilary Weeks

[END MUSIC]

NARRATOR: Happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Successful marriages and families are established and maintained on principles of faith, prayer, repentance, forgiveness,

respect, love, compassion, work and wholesome recreational activities. By divine design, fathers are to preside over their families in love and righteousness and are responsible to provide the necessities of life and protection for their families. Mothers are primarily responsible for the nurture of their children. In these sacred responsibilities, fathers and mothers are obligated to help one another as equal partners. Disability, death, or other circumstances may necessitate individual adaptation.

Katie Thompson sings “You Can Make It” from the Michael McLean album, “The Other Side of Sorrow”.

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“You Can Make It” by Michael McLean, sung by Katie Thompson

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NARRATOR: President Brigham Young explained that our families are not yet ours. The Lord has committed them to us to see how we will treat them. Only if we are faithful will they be given to us forever. What we do on earth determines whether we will be worthy enough to become heavenly parents.

One Clear Voice on their self-titled album sings this rendition of “Keeping Sheep”.

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“Keeping Sheep” sung by One Clear Voice

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NARRATOR: Build family traditions, plan and carry out meaningful activities together, considering your children’s needs, talents and abilities, help them create happy memories, improve their talents and build their feelings of self worth. Cherie Call sings of a loving impact of a loving father in her song, “He” from the album, “Beneath These Stars”.

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“He” by Cherie Call

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NARRATOR: By word and example, teach moral values and a commitment to obeying the commandments. Remember the Prophet Joseph Smith's words: "Nothing is so much calculated to lead people to forsake sin as to take them by the hand and watch

over them with tenderness. When persons manifest the least kindness and love to me, oh what power it has over my mind, while the opposite course has a tendency to harrow up all the harsh feelings and depress the human mind."

Marie Pearson sings "Lullaby from Me" from the Michael McLean album, "Tender Mercies".

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"Lullaby from Me" by Michael McLean, sung by Marie Pearson

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NARRATOR: Elder L. Tom Perry counsels, "In a world of turmoil and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to make our families the center of our lives and the top of our priorities. Families lie at the center of our Heavenly Father's plan. We must use all of the resources we have to foster greater harmony, greater love and greater influence in the Lord's special designated unit, the family."

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square perform "Love at Home" from their album, "Come, Come Ye Saints".

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"Love at Home" performed by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square.

There is beauty all around, When there's love at home;
There is joy in every sound, When there's love at home.

In the cottage there is joy, When there's love at home;
Hate and envy ne'er annoy, When there's love at home.
Roses bloom beneath our feet. All the earth's a garden sweet, Making life a bliss complete, When there's love at home.
Love at home, love at home;
All the earth's a garden sweet, When there's love at home.

Kindly heaven smiles above, When there's love at home;
All the world is ne'er annoy, When there's love at home.
Sweeter sings the brooklet by; Brighter beams the azure sky.
Oh, there's One who smiles on high, When there's love at home.

There is beauty all around, When there's love at home;
There is joy in every sound, When there's love at home.

Peace and plenty here abide, Smiling sweet on every side.
Time doth softly, sweetly glide, When there's love at home.
Love at home. Love at home.
Time doth softly, sweetly glide when there's love at home

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