

## Episode 12

### Music with a Message MISSIONARY WORK

NARRATOR: The Lord has declared that missionary work is the responsibility of all who follow Him.

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NARRATOR: Members of the Lord's Church can by the goodness of their lives and the strength of their testimonies share the gospel message and help prepare family members, friends and other acquaintances who are not Latter-day Saints to be taught by the full-time missionaries.

Cherie Call sings "A Secret I Can't Keep"

(Music: Cherie Call, "A Secret I Can't Keep")

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NARRATOR: When we experience the blessings of gospel living, we naturally want to share those blessings with others.

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NARRATOR: Hilary Weeks sings "Raise Your Voice."

(Music: Hilary Weeks, "Raise Your Voice")

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NARRATOR: After His resurrection, the Lord commanded His disciples to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

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NARRATOR: In Doctrine and Covenants 18:15–16 we read: "if it so be that you should labor all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father! And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me!"

Felicia Wolfe sings "The Olive Tree."

(Music: Felicia Wolfe, "The Olive Tree")

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NARRATOR: In fulfillment of the Lord’s command, able young men in the Church have a duty to prepare spiritually, physically and emotionally to serve as full-time missionaries. Single women and mature couples also have the opportunity to serve full-time missions.

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NARRATOR: Your mission is something you will always remember fondly—worth any sacrifice you may have to make. The sacred powers available to those who are ordained of God and sent forth can only be exercised by those who are purified and cleansed from all sin.

Todd Michael Schwartzman sings “I Will Be Ready.”)

(Music: Todd Michael Schwartzman, “I Will Be Ready”)

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NARRATOR: The ultimate goal of missionary work in the Church is to invite all the inhabitants of the earth to come unto Christ.

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NARRATOR: Six billion people throughout the world are waiting to hear the message of the restored gospel. We are the people so blessed with the charge and responsibility to carry forth that invitation and message. One young man spoke to his bishop about his fear that he would not be able to learn the discussions or teach the gospel. He perceived himself as a poor representative of the Lord. Moses, Jeremiah, Enoch and others had feelings of inadequacy about their callings. The Lord promised them, however, that He would strengthen them and give them the words that they should say.

Kenneth Cope sings “I Will Not Be Still.”

(Music: Kenneth Cope, “I Will Not Be Still”)

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NARRATOR: The prophet Joseph Smith stated, “It is through the medium of the sacrifice of all earthly things that men do actually know that they are doing the things that are well pleasing in the sight of God.”

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NARRATOR: The thought of giving up something we dearly treasure can be difficult, even painful. Yet the Lord abundantly compensates for any sacrifice. Mormon wrote, “perfect love casteth out all fear” (Moroni 8:16). When prospective missionaries learn of life’s purpose and of the Lord’s love, they gain the courage to act in spite of fears. In so doing, they learn the fears were an illusion—a creation of their minds. The Lord repeatedly assures missionaries that He will give them strength to succeed in the face of obstacles. “He that trembleth under my power shall be made strong, and shall bring forth fruits of praise and wisdom” (D&C 52:17).

David Kimball sings “Send Me.”

(Music: David Kimball, “Send Me”)

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NARRATOR: President Spencer W. Kimball said, “There is a spiritual adventure in doing missionary work.”

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NARRATOR: To embark on a mission, as so many know, involves many of the same emotions as embarking on some high adventure: excitement, some anxiety, perhaps a touch of fear. In missionary work, we take a step into the unknown. Perhaps we go to a far-away land with a strange culture. We are required to live continually with a companion we have never met before. And the essence of missionary work is meeting and talking to new people, bearing testimony of marvelous and wondrous things that they may find odd. In publicly taking such a stance, we place ourselves at risk of being mocked or scorned. Such is the nature of an adventure. And like many other adventures, we will talk fondly of it the rest of our lives.

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NARRATOR: Peter Breinholt sings “The Call I Hear.”

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(Music: Peter Breinholt, “The Call I Hear”)

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NARRATOR: Though missionaries must continue their best efforts to find persons to teach, President Gordon B. Hinckley declared that the better way is through the members of the Church.

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NARRATOR: He asked each of us to give our very best efforts to assisting missionaries in finding persons to teach. He also asked that each stake president and each bishop accept full responsibility and accountability for the finding and friendshipping of investigators within their units. President Hinckley also invoked the blessings of the Lord upon each of us in meeting the tremendous challenge that is ours. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the brightest light and the only hope for this darkened world. “Wherefore,” as Nephi teaches, “ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men” (2 Nephi 31:20).

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square perform “Called to Serve.”

(Music: The Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square, “Called to Serve.”)

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