



inklings
A HINT OF SOMETHING MORE

APRIL 2020
6-MONTH STUDY
PROCLAMATION

WELCOME *friend,*

Words cannot express how excited we are to be starting another Inklings study with each of you! We know there is a power that comes when righteous women gather to ponder God's Word. It is a power that we can expect as we join together to study the Restoration Proclamation. We are so excited to accept the invitation from our dear Prophet during the Sunday Morning session of the April 2020 General Conference to study with friends.

But there is more!

It was Spencer W. Kimball who taught, "To be a righteous woman in the winding up scenes on this Earth before the Second Coming of our Savior is an especially noble calling. The righteous woman's strength and influence today can be tenfold what it might be in more tranquil times." He also said, "Much of the major growth that is coming to the Church in the last days will come because many of the good women of the world (in whom there is often such an inner sense of spirituality) will be drawn to the Church in large numbers. This will happen to the degree that the women of the Church reflect righteousness and articulateness in their lives and to the degree that the women of the Church are seen as distinct and different—in happy ways."

We can't stop thinking about what it looks like to become a righteous woman. Those thoughts have prompted us to expand this Inklings study to include three areas of growth.

STRENGTHEN THE SPIRIT

Mentors: *Emily Belle Freeman @emilybellefreeman and Rio Grange @work.and.wonder*

For the past six months we studied women and the Priesthood together and your engagement created a life giving community that found purpose from studying ongoing revelation from a Prophet of God. We want to continue to provide content that educates and enriches. President Spencer W. Kimball explained, "I stress again the deep need each woman has to study the scriptures. We want our homes to be blessed with sister scriptorians." Our goal is to explore doctrinal topics together from both ancient and modern prophets through scripture and General Conference addresses.

The text for our April 2020 study will be The Restoration Proclamation and you will find study hints on Thursdays @inklings.ahintofsomethingmore.

BEAUTIFY THE SOUL

Mentors: Janet Kinkade @janetkinkade and Taunya Olsen @honeyiceco

We believe that spiritual growth should create a sense of belonging, but also a greater recognition of identity and self-worth. We want to provide a space driven by beauty, creativity, and belief in yourself and God's purpose for you as His daughter. Spencer W. Kimball counseled, "Be so absorbed with uplifting, enriching pursuits and pastimes that you leave no room for the negative. Drink in deeply the gospel truths about the eternal nature of your individual identity and the uniqueness of your personality. Sense the value he places upon you as an individual. Sharpen the skills you have been given and use the talents with which God has blessed you." **Every Wednesday you will find hints for creating beauty, finding purpose, letting go of perfection, and instilling belief in your role as a daughter of God.**

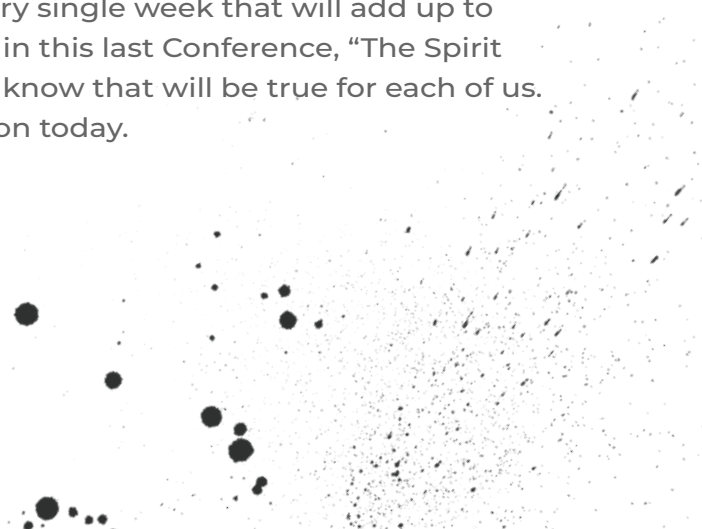
NOURISH THE BODY

Mentors: Karalynne Call @just.ingredients and Meg Miles @meg_miles

Did you know that cleansing the vessel is an important way to increase our ability to receive revelation? One of the ways we can do this is by increasing wellness within our body, both through the food we eat and through daily movement. Boyd K. Packer explained, "The Word of Wisdom...teaches how to keep the body you were born with in the best condition and your mind alert to delicate spiritual promptings." Spencer W. Kimball taught that we must "seek excellence...in all aspects of life. There are skills which can be appropriately cultivated and which will increase your effectiveness. Have a program of personal improvement. A practical and realistic program." **On Mondays you will find hints for this practical and realistic program of improvement.**

As we began our Inklings study last October, we talked about the importance of keeping things manageable and creating a study that would only take you a few minutes once a week. That is still our goal. Just a few small hints every single week that will add up to something more. We love the advice from Joy Jones in this last Conference, "The Spirit helps us focus on which work to focus on today." We know that will be true for each of us. Let the Spirit guide. Determine which work to focus on today.

There are good things to come.



THE RESTORATION OF THE FULNESS OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

A BICENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION TO THE WORLD

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY AND COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

We solemnly proclaim that God loves His children in every nation of the world. God the Father has given us the divine birth, the incomparable life, and the infinite atoning sacrifice of His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. By the power of the Father, Jesus rose again and gained the victory over death. He is our Savior, our Exemplar, and our Redeemer.

Two hundred years ago, on a beautiful spring morning in 1820, young Joseph Smith, seeking to know which church to join, went into the woods to pray near his home in upstate New York, USA. He had questions regarding the salvation of his soul and trusted that God would direct him.

In humility, we declare that in answer to his prayer, God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, appeared to Joseph and inaugurated the “restitution of all things” (Acts 3:21) as foretold in the Bible. In this vision, he learned that following the death of the original Apostles, Christ’s New Testament Church was lost from the earth. Joseph would be instrumental in its return.

We affirm that under the direction of the Father and the Son, heavenly messengers came to instruct Joseph and re-establish the Church of Jesus Christ. The resurrected John the Baptist restored the authority to baptize by immersion for the remission of sins. Three of the original twelve Apostles—Peter, James, and John—restored the apostleship and keys of priesthood authority. Others came as well, including Elijah, who restored the authority to join families together forever in eternal relationships that transcend death.

We further witness that Joseph Smith was given the gift and power of God to translate an ancient record: the Book of Mormon—Another Testament of Jesus Christ. Pages of this sacred text include an account of the personal ministry of Jesus Christ among people in

the Western Hemisphere soon after His Resurrection. It teaches of life’s purpose and explains the doctrine of Christ, which is central to that purpose. As a companion scripture to the Bible, the Book of Mormon testifies that all human beings are sons and daughters of a loving Father in Heaven, that He has a divine plan for our lives, and that His Son, Jesus Christ, speaks today as well as in days of old.

We declare that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, organized on April 6, 1830, is Christ’s New Testament Church restored. This Church is anchored in the perfect life of its chief cornerstone, Jesus Christ, and in His infinite Atonement and literal Resurrection. Jesus Christ has once again called Apostles and has given them priesthood authority. He invites all of us to come unto Him and His Church, to receive the Holy Ghost, the ordinances of salvation, and to gain enduring joy.

Two hundred years have now elapsed since this Restoration was initiated by God the Father and His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Millions throughout the world have embraced a knowledge of these prophesied events.

We gladly declare that the promised Restoration goes forward through continuing revelation. The earth will never again be the same, as God will “gather together in one all things in Christ” (Ephesians 1:10).

With reverence and gratitude, we as His Apostles invite all to know—as we do—that the heavens are open. We affirm that God is making known His will for His beloved sons and daughters. We testify that those who prayerfully study the message of the Restoration and act in faith will be blessed to gain their own witness of its divinity and of its purpose to prepare the world for the promised Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This proclamation was read by President Russell M. Nelson as part of his message at the 190th Annual General Conference, April 5, 2020, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

BELOVED BROTHERS AND SISTERS this is our bicentennial proclamation to the world regarding the Restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ in its fullness.

STUDY IT PRIVATELY AND WITH your family members and FRIENDS.

Ponder the truths and think of the impact those truths will have on your life if you will hear them, hearken to them, and heed the commandments and covenants that accompany them.

What will happen as you more intentionally hear, hearken, and heed what the Savior has said and what He is saying now through His prophets?

I promise that you will be blessed with additional power to deal with temptation, struggles, and weakness. I promise miracles in your marriage, family relationships, and daily work. And I promise that your capacity to feel joy will increase even if turbulence increases in your life.

RUSSELL M. NELSON

STUDY SCHEDULE

1 LINE A WEEK FROM THE PROCLAMATION

- Apr 16** Prepare
- Apr 23** God's Love
- Apr 30** The Birth, Life, & Sacrifice of Jesus Christ

- May 7** Jesus as Savior, Exemplar, and Redeemer
- May 14** On Questions and Trust JSH
- May 21** Restitution & Apostasy (Acts 3:21)
- May 28** John the Baptist

- Jun 4** Peter, James & John
- Jun 11** Elijah
- Jun 18** Instruction from others —Moroni
- Jun 25** The Translation Process

- Jul 2** An Account of the Personal Ministry of Christ
- Jul 9** The Doctrine of Christ
- Jul 16** The Plan of Salvation
- Jul 23** Jesus Christ as the Chief Cornerstone
- Jul 30** Priesthood Authority

- Aug 6** The Holy Ghost
- Aug 13** The Ordinances of Salvation
- Aug 20** Enduring Joy
- Aug 27** Restoration (Ephesians 1:10)

- Sep 3** Act in Faith
- Sep 10** Preparing the World for the Second Coming
- Sep 17** EVENT



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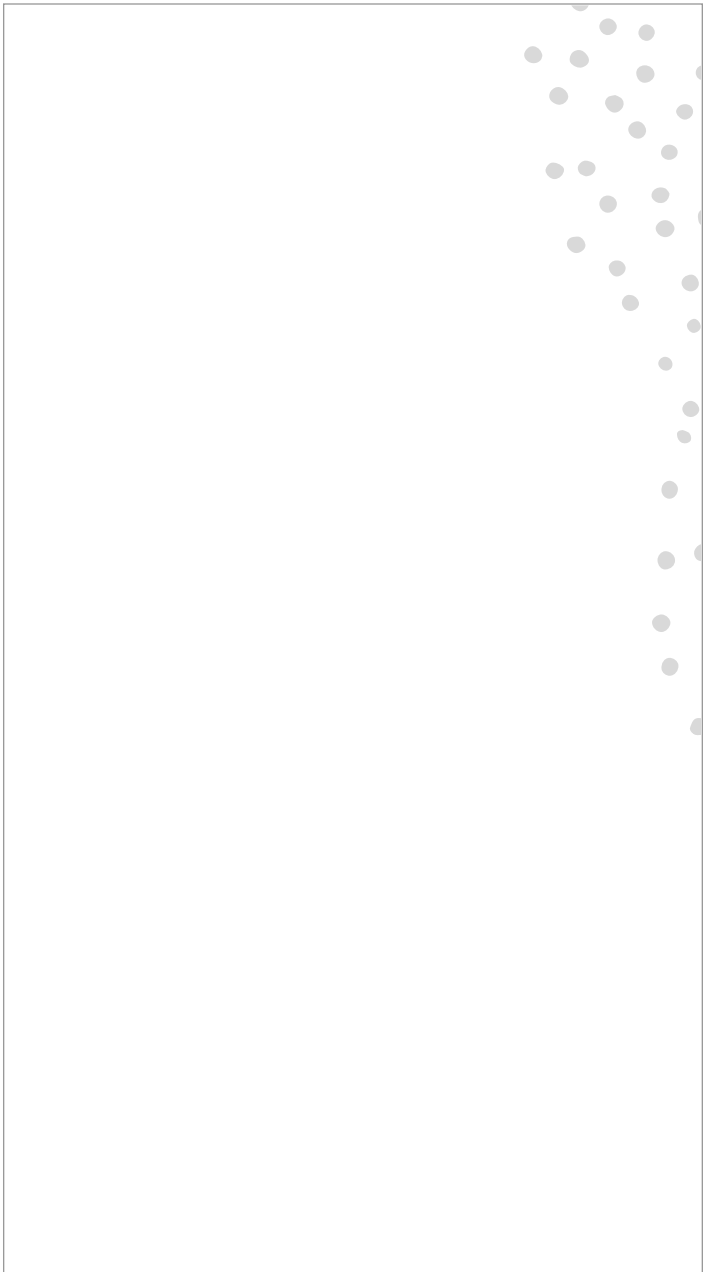
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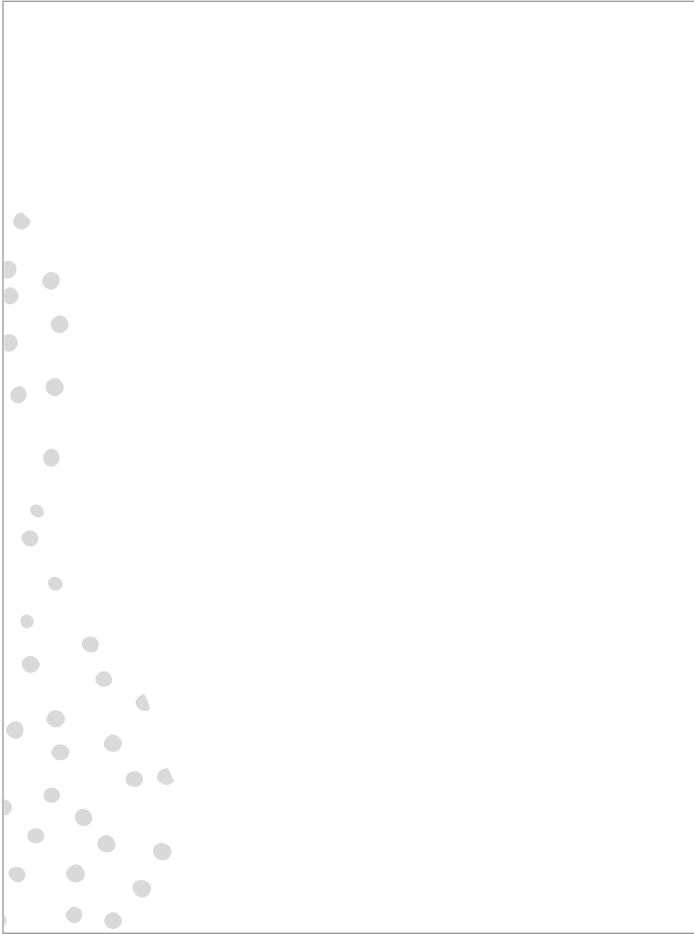


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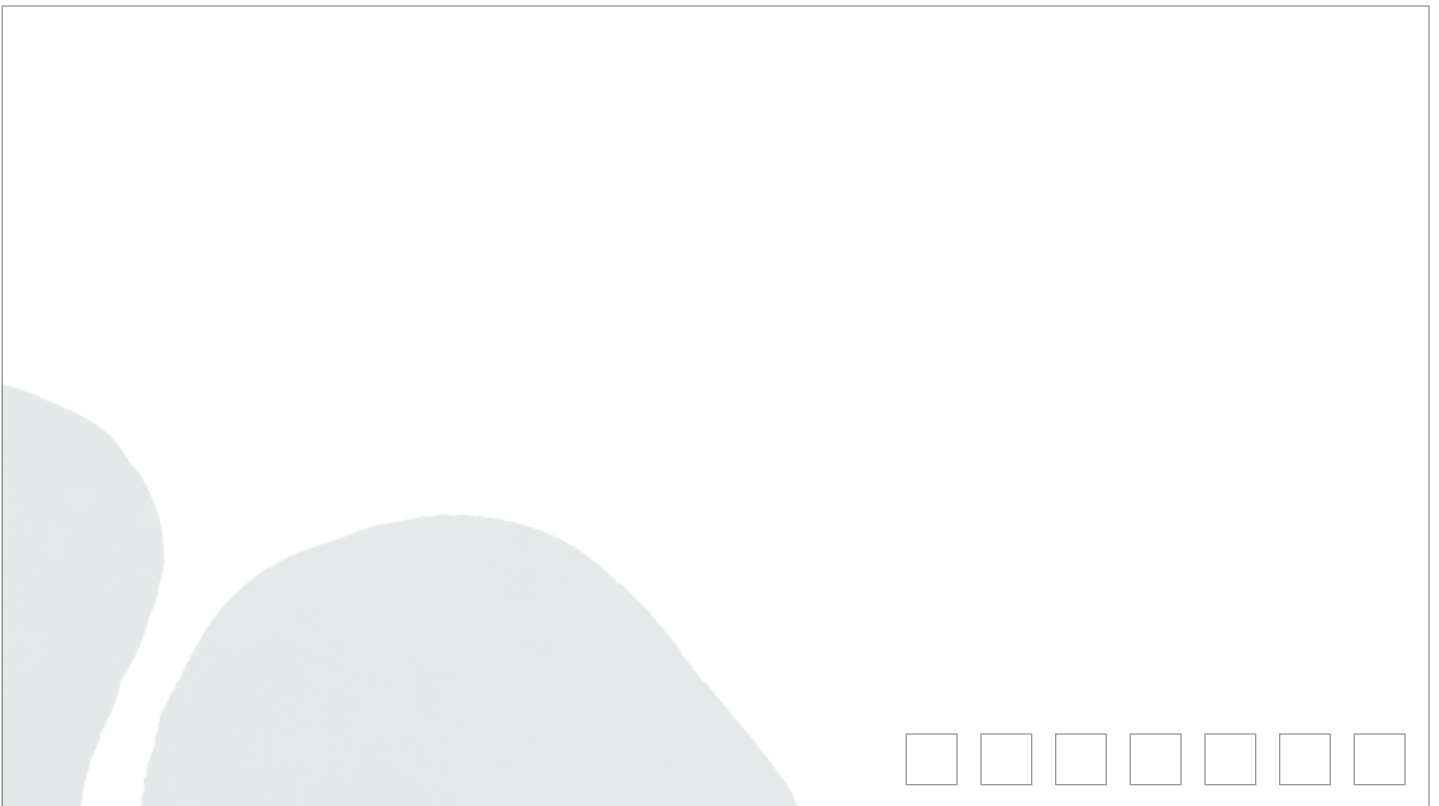
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