Week 13 Reflection – Jared Linares

- Why is this week's topic important for teamwork?
 - The Acorn project presentations were this week, and the culmination of the hard work that was all done by each team came to fruition. There is not greater topic on teamwork than seeing the fruits of each project and the results of the many teams. Something that really stood out to me about each project is how each team seemed like a cohesive unit, and they were all really friendly with each other.
- How does your experience relate to other experiences you have had?
 - Throughout the acorn project I felt like there were many experiences that related to other experiences I've had in my life. There was one experience where I started working in a warehouse and I was required to form a team with some rough looking individuals. However, as I got to know my team and their quirks and interests the less rough they looked and the friendlier they got. It was a neat experience, and I know that I'll probably get along well in jail. But I'd relate that experience to first getting the team project started. There was an awkward phase, followed by great teamwork and interesting conversations following those initial meetings.
- How does your experience relate to other classmates' experiences?
 - Talking with my brother who was also taking this class, it was a similar experience for him as well as myself. Getting started in a team project is difficult at first, but once you get started, everything else falls in place. The only difference is that my brother is much more of a people person than I tend to be, and I feel that works out in his favor. Additionally, looking through the other presentations that were presented during class, the same experience was felt by every team.
- Tell me about what you taught someone? And what did they learn, that they didn't know before?
 - I was talking with another younger brother of mine, and we were talking about computer science and teamwork. The assumption that many people have of programming is a solo person locked in a dark room working on code, however, they fail to realize that it's a group of people locked in small rooms working on code. The teamwork aspect that's required in computer programming can't be understated, and I feel that all code is written as a group effort in some way. With the advent of the internet, all code could be changed, modified, or improved upon. And we can get advice from strangers who might know more than us. What I taught my brother was that coding is a team effort, and there are many ways that one can write code, and solo isn't really one of them.

- If this was a religion class, how would you relate this week's topic to the gospel?
 - I feel that this week's topic could related to the gospel in the sense of community. Much like how the projects were meant to foster a sense of unity and teamwork throughout a small team, wards and stakes are setup to allow for a greater sense of unity and teamwork over a localized population. The larger the stake the more teamwork comes into play in making sure that unit is able to function properly. There are many different ways in which a ward or stake unit could operate, but they all require some form of teamwork and close interactions between members.