

[Your Name]  
Rel. 225, Section #

## [Class Topic]

### **“FOUNDATIONS” NOTES**

[What important historical events and/or doctrinal teachings from class today could be considered “foundational” to the Restoration? Which of these might I want to write about in my final “Top Ten Foundations of the Restoration Paper” due at the end of the course? Why? (75 word minimum)]

- Plural marriage is publicly announced. This was a large turning point in the idea of plural marriage in our church because it led to the saints being prosecuted by the government. Government officials passed laws in order to persecute the members of the church.
- Plural marriage is no longer practiced after a while because God told us we no longer needed to practice polygamy. Critics of the church take this revelation to mean that our prophet buckled under the pressure of the government.
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### **PERSONAL INSIGHTS & REFLECTIONS**

Today's class was very interesting to me and definitely provided some context to the idea of plural marriage and why the saints were practicing it. It also showed how the backlash looked like from people who weren't a part of our church. It showed that oftentimes the government isn't protecting everyone equally and gave some perspective on how that might feel for other groups who were persecuted as well. I also loved how today's class had a lesson on how God won't have you follow a commandment that external or internal conflicts prevent you from doing. I think that lesson will be applied in my life when I feel as though I have disappointed God.

### **QUESTIONS/TOPICS TO PURSUE**

[Questions I have or things I want to study *more* as a result of this class (at least two)]

1. I would love to explore some accounts of how the saints felt at this time and things like that
2. Did any saints move to Mexico instead of removing polygamy from their lives?