Case Study

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# Instructions

The purpose of this assignment is to **apply your knowledge and deepen your learning** from *responding to real life examples that you or others may face in defending the Proclamation and the eternal family****.* You must answer the questions** in the case study (cut and paste them below for reference). *Be sure to connect the references to your thoughts and discuss why/how the reference helps to answer or strengthen your response****.* Responses must show thought, reflection, pondering and depth with college-level writing skills. You must provide at least four citations**from the talks discussed in this unit. Each citation must be from a different talk. **You must also use the Proclamation and at least one scripture**. The passages must be cited properly based on the following criteria:

**CASE STUDY A:** You have a friend who shares with you that he experiences same-sex attraction. He loves the Lord, loves the Church, but struggles to move forward in Church experience.

Question or requirement 1: What gospel principles or doctrines are involved in the case study, and how do they help to clarify and give direction in addressing the situation?

Question or requirement 2: Drawing inspiration from the proclamation, scripture block, and talks, discuss what resources you would use to address the dilemma and how those resources would be helpful.

Question or requirement 3: Are there specific things you would suggest that could be done to help resolve the issue?

Question or requirement 4 (if required): Copy and Paste the question or requirement here for reference

# Case Study Report

In 1-2 page(s), write a response that responds appropriately to the requirements and questions for the case study that you have chosen.

If I had to respond to this friend I would remind him why we were put on this earth and our duties. We are out in this earth to face challenges and endure to the end. It is a test and we must pull through. In the talk by President Russell M. Nelson titled “Spiritual Treasures” he says “What I can tell you is that accessing the power of God in your life requires the same things that the Lord instructed Emma and each of you to do. So I invite you to study prayerfully section 25 of the Doctrine and Covenants and discover what the Holy Ghost will teach you. Your personal spiritual endeavor will bring you joy as you gain, understand, and use the power with which you have been endowed. Part of this endeavor will require you to put aside many things of this world.” Though it will be challenging to fight urges and the natural man the reward is so great. If this friend did act on these urges I would recommend to repent. President Nelson again says i’m the talk “We Can Do Better and Be Better” he explains what comes with repentance. “When we choose to repent, we choose to change! We allow the Savior to transform us into the best version of ourselves. We choose to grow spiritually and receive joy.” These changes show our love for our Savior. Repentance shows our faith and can help us build spiritually and become more like him. We must live the covenants we made and keep the commandments. To be worthy or go to the Celestial Kingdom we have certain responsibilities we must take. Elder D. Todd Christofferson explains the duties of men and what they must do in a talk titled, “Brethren, We Have Work to Do” he says “Take heart and prepare the best you can, whatever your circumstances. Prepare to be a good husband and father; prepare to be a good and productive citizen; prepare to serve the Lord, whose priesthood you hold.” This is a big reminder since those who hold the priesthood have a greater responsibility and must stay to that. I would remind this friend that even with these feelings and thoughts they have, they are still loved. God loves all his children no matter what. I would ask him to put his trust in the Lord and ask for help. Elder Jeffery R Holland says in his talk, “Helping Those Who Struggle With Same Gender Attraction”, “Not long ago I received a letter from a man in his early 30s who struggles with same-gender attraction. His struggles has not been easy, and he has not yet married. But he wrote “the Lord has helped me face my current circumstances, and I am content to do my best and leave my life in His hands.” I weep with admiration and respect at the faith and courage of such a man who is living with a challenge I have never faced.” There are other who struggle and you will never be alone. He is there to help you all you need to do is ask. Thought it may be hard we are asked that marriage is between a man and a woman. This is needed for the plan. The Family Proclamation to the World says “The family is ordained of God. Marriage between a man and woman is essential to His eternal plan.” I would then finally encourage my friend to read the scriptures mentioned by president Nelson. Doctrine and Covenants 25: 13 says “Wherefore, lift up thy heart and rejoice, and cleave unto the covenants which thou hast made.”

## References Used (All 6 required):

1. Scripture: D&C 25:13
2. Proclamation: The Family: A Proclamation to the World
3. Talk: “Spiritual Treasures” President Nelson
4. Talk: ”We can Do Better and Be Better” President Nelson
5. Talk: ”Brethren, We Have a Work to Do” Elder Christofferson
6. Talk: ”Helping Those Who Struggle With Same-Gender Attraction” Elder Holland