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:

Question or requirement 1: Comfort

Question or requirement 2: Reassurance of God’s love for him and understanding of his feelings

Question or requirement 3: Instruction as to why the temple ordinances are critical for him and for all of God’s children, including those who he will be serving as a missionary

# 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.

**Case Study A:**

**Comfort**

We are children of God. As we draw closer to Him, and keep the covenants that we have made, we are able to have the peace that comes from Him. This quote from Elder Bednar helps me have a little more understanding of why the temple is so important.

“You are sons and daughters of God, children of the covenant, and builders of the kingdom. You need not wait until you reach an arbitrary age to fulfill your responsibility to assist in the work of salvation for the human family. The Lord has made available in our day remarkable resources that enable you to learn about and love this work that is sparked by the Spirit of Elijah” (**Bednar, The Hearts of the Children Shall Turn, Nov 2011).**

I think one of the most comforting things in my life, is my understanding of the plan of salvation, and the role that the covenants that I have made in the temple has in my life. Elder Scott says it best in this quote:

“One of the most beautiful, comforting doctrines of the Lord—one that brings immense peace, happiness, and unbounded joy—is that principle called eternal marriage. This doctrine means that a man and woman who love each other deeply, who have grown together through the trials, joys, sorrows, and happiness of a shared lifetime, can live beyond the veil together forever with their family who earn that blessing. That is not just an immensely satisfying dream; it is a reality. Any husband and wife who have shared the joys of marriage here on earth would want that blessing. But only those who meet the requirements established by the Lord will receive that supernal gift.” (**Scott, Receive the Temple Blessings, May 1999).**

I loved this line especially: “That is not just an immensely satisfying dream; it is a reality.” Because of the covenants we make in the temple by His priesthood power, we can be together forever.

**Reassurance of God’s love for him and understanding of his feelings**

In the quotes above it mentions that we are children of God. We have heard this from our youth in the song “I am a Child of God”. As we come to know this we are able to know that God knows us personally, and understands us. Even more, the Savior provided a way for us to repent, and He understands exactly what we are feeling, and understanding.

One of my favorite lines from *The Family: A Proclamation to the World* is:

“In the premortal realm, spirit sons and daughters knew and worshipped God as their Eternal Father and accepted His plan by which His children could obtain a physical body and gain earthly experience to progress toward perfection and ultimately realize their divine destiny as heirs of eternal life” **(Fam. Proc. Para. 3).**

We aren’t just left here to fend for ourselves, there is a plan, and this scripture explaines Heavenly Fathers part in that plan. “Know ye not that ye are in the hands of God? Know ye not that he hath all power, and at his great command the earth shall be rolled together as a scroll?” **(Mormon 5:23).**

**Instruction as to why the temple ordinances are critical for him and for all of God’s children, including those who he will be serving as a missionary**

On my mission I was only able to go to the temple once. It was one of the biggest struggles for me. I like the stake president in Elder Bednars talk wish I would have made it more of a priority when I had the opportunity. “I believe I was a good stake president. The programs in our stake ran well, and our statistics were above average. But serving in the temple has expanded my vision. If I were called today to serve as a stake president, my primary focus would be on worthiness to receive and honor temple covenants. I would strive to make temple preparation the center of all that we did. I would do a better job of shepherding the Saints to the house of the Lord” **(Bednar, Honorably Holding a Name and Standing, April 2009**).

As a missionary we teach and invite others to repent so they can enjoy the fruits of the temple, being together forever as families. How can you do that if you don’t understand the covenants you make in the temple?

There are so many people who want to be with their families forever, but don’t understand how. “The noblest yearning of the human heart is for a marriage that can endure beyond death. Fidelity to a temple marriage does that. It allows families to be together forever. Knowledge of this revealed truth is spreading across the earth. We, as the Lord’s prophets and apostles, again proclaim to the world that “the family is central to the Creator’s plan for the eternal destiny of His children” **(President Nelson, Celestial Marriage Nov 2008).** I am so grateful for this knowledge, and that I had the opportunity to share that message with others.

## References Used (All 6 required):

1. Scripture: Mormon 5:23
2. Proclamation: Paragraph 3
3. Talk: President Nelson, Celestial Marriage, Nov 2008
4. Talk: Scott, Receive the Temple Blessings, May 1999
5. Talk: Bednar, The Hearts of the Children Shall Turn, Nov 2011
6. Talk: Bednar, Honorably Holding a Name and Standing, April 2009