# Case Study Report # 4

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The purpose of this assignment is to apply your knowledge and deepen your learning by responding to real life examples that you or others may face in defending the Proclamation and the eternal family.

# General Instructions

Save this report on your computer with a filename something like “Jon Doe CaseStudy-1.” Follow the instructions in your course to complete the case study and report, and to upload and submit it when complete. Also read the rubric.

Remember, you should not be so concerned about presenting the "correct" answers or solutions. Focus on ***identifying and understanding the gospel principles and doctrines that might provide guidance*** in the particular situation you chose to respond to. The Spirit will teach and testify most effectively when we are focused on true principles and doctrines instead of seeking to defend a personal position.

**General Requirements**:

* Answer each question asked within your chosen Case Study response option
* Cite at least four talks from this unit and cite the proclamation and at least one scripture. C*onnect the references to your thoughts and discuss why/how the reference helps to answer or strengthen your response*.
* Responses must use college-level writing and include good thought, reflection, pondering and depth.

Review these helpful examples – [Example Case Study Responses](https://content.byui.edu/integ/gen/6e6b01a5-f4e0-4242-90cb-001bc23c33e5/0/FDREL200_CaseStudyExamples.pdf).

# Case Study Option and Questions

**Response Option**: C

**Questions (copy from the instruction page in the course)**:

* Referring to course materials, what might Amanda tell her sister about God’s love for her and her husband and His plan for His children?
* How might Amanda counsel Sarah to interact with other’s who inquire about her “having a baby”?
* How might Sarah come to terms with living in a “family” oriented church, when she has not been blessed with children and does not feel she has a “family”?

# Case Study Response (1-2 pages)

We are the children of God and he wants us to be happy. He must have planned something for us. Being childless doesn’t mean we are less worthy or sinful people. There is imperfection in everything and everyone maybe you guys got a little of biological imperfection. Lord has always done miracles, maybe we deserve such miracles to happen in our life. We must keep our faith strong. In Genesis 21:2 it says, “For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.” She waited for years and years until she got her firstborn. Lord was praised by her patience and trust in him. As elder Utchdorf once said in his talk that nothing is perfect in this world not even families, but we must make our best from what we got. We must find a way to celebrate our differences.

People will ask these things to you because they don’t know about it and they do care. So the best thing to do will be to not hide from them. They are people in your need. They are your counseller, they are your support. You must tell them what you are going through. This will even make you feel better.

Being in family church doesn’t mean one has to have kids. I go to family church too and I don’t have kids. And now since I am focused on my career I just say people I am planning on it. You can do that too, but it would be short term and it will be like lying to people.   
I think the best option will be adoption. Have you ever thought of it? You don’t have to have your own blood for making an eternal family. It is not mentioned anywhere in scripture. I am sure you will love someone else kids as your kids. That way people will know what you are going through and they won't even ask.

People

# References

Talks:

1. M. Russell Ballard, "[Mothers and Daughters (Links to an external site.)](https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2010/04/mothers-and-daughters?lang=eng)."
2. M. Russell Ballard, "[Fathers and Sons: A Remarkable Relationship. (Links to an external site.)](https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2009/10/fathers-and-sons-a-remarkable-relationship?lang=eng)"
3. President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, "[In Praise of Those Who Save. (Links to an external site.)](https://content.byui.edu/integ/gen/940dd189-2316-4f50-b86b-83aafe9a00b5/0/W10%20-%20In%20praise%20of%20those%20who%20save.pdf)"
4. Sister Julie B. Beck, "[Mothers Who Know.](https://content.byui.edu/integ/gen/940dd189-2316-4f50-b86b-83aafe9a00b5/0/W10%20-%20Mothers%20who%20know.pdf)”
5. Carolynn R. Spencer, “Learning to Cope with Infertility.”

Proclamation:

1. “Happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. “

Scriptures:

1. Genesis: 21:2