# Foundations of the Restoration

# **▼** @September 28, 2022

## **▼** Coming Forth of The Book Of Mormon

- ▼ I remember that Joseph needed some support to receive the plates. At the beginning he was expecting Alvin to help him, but he was only able to do it after meeting Emma. We need other people to be able to perform great things.
- ▼ If you had some light, once you let the dark enter, the dark increases a lot.

## ▼ The Keystone of our Religion

- ▼ Why did Joseph Smith use the word "correct" instead of "perfect"?
- Why do prophets emphasize reading the Book of Mormon more than any other religious literature?
- ▼ It's important to notice that the Book of Mormon contains errors. It doesn't make any sense to say the opposite if in one of its first pages mentions that we should excuse their errors.

# **▼** @October 5, 2022

#### ▼ The Restoration of the Priesthood

- ▼ Have you thought how much the priesthood has blessed you lately? How often does that happen? How long do you take to notice that?
- ▼ Do we need exact dates for the restoration of the Priesthood? Why does it only mention a date for the Aaronic Priesthood?

▼ In this dispensation it was necessary to receive the priesthood by the laying on of hands. Did Alma need something similar in The Book of Mormon?

#### ▼ The Restoration of the Church of Jesus Christ

- ▼ What's the destiny of the Church? I believe that the church is becoming more and more about living the gospel than a place to meet. Meetings are shorter, and we care more about family and ministering than ever. This is an organization to help people receive the saving ordinances and not only receive tons of information.
- ▼ The Restoration of the Church is still news for many people. It's true that people know us better now, but they still don't know the facts behind this organization.

# ▼ @October 12, 2022

#### **▼ Jesus Christ: Our Divine Redeemer**

- ▼ I have been prepared for this time since before the foundation of the World.
- Being an "old soul" is a good thing. It means that someone has a lot of maturity when compared to his years on Earth.
- ▼ The more we get to know people to help them, the more we're becoming like Christ. He knows us individually.
- ▼ He knows how it's like to experience same sex attraction, to lose a child, to be pregnant, etc.
- ▼ He also knows how it is not to believe in himself. He thought it was too hard to do the job.

## **▼** Following the Lord's living prophets

- ▼ I never thought that the change of policy of getting married only civically first was in preparation for COVID.
- ▼ There were other changes that the prophet felt inspired to make. I'm almost certain that he didn't know exactly what was gonna happen, but he still felt impressions and counseled with the other apostles to better prepare us.

# **▼** @October 19, 2022

## **▼** The Gathering of Israel

- ▼ What if you're just bold? We are looking for "normal" times to share the Gospel. What if you can just be direct? Hey, I want you to meet the missionaries of my Church. They'll be coming over to my house. Do you want to join?
- ▼ Where's that excitement of sharing the gospel that we once felt when we were missionaries? Do you remember inviting the members to improve their efforts of missionary work? Where are your efforts? What are you willing to change?

## **▼** Establishing the Cause of Zion

▼ In what way you're judging people? In what way you're being intolerant as the people from Missouri were?

# ▼ @October 26, 2022

#### **▼** The Laws of God

- ▼ When talking to these guys I can see that they have very different ideas of how to keep the Sabbath Day. I don't think they're wrong, but their opinions are new to me.
- ▼ Think about the laws that you're not fully following right now. I'm not saying you're a sinner, but you know you can do better.

#### **▼** More Scriptures

- ▼ "I believe the Bible as it read when it came from the pen of the original writers." That's what Joseph Smith said about the Bible.
- ▼ Commandments not a few.
- ▼ Let's get used to have our "own scriptures". I'm talking about having a revelation book where we can write what God is talking to us, and later that book can serve us as a guide.

# **▼** @November 2, 2022

## ▼ Heavenly Father's Plan and our Divine Potential

- ▼ Perfection will come through Jesus Christ. You only need to worry with repentance and do the best you can in all the situations you may face.
- ▼ Jesus Christ got to be a good going little by little. It's a similar path the one we're walking on.

# **▼** @November 9, 2022

# **▼** Remaining Faithful Amidst Opposition and Affliction

- ▼ What is a bad thing anyway? Can you classify something that is happening to you as bad? If all the experiences will help you to become a god, are those bad things happening to you? I don't believe that.
- ▼ Why do people feel opposition so strongly? I don't feel that really bad things happen to me. And because of that I don't feel sensitive enough when people share with me their problems. This is especially here in America.

## **▼** Women and the Relief Society

▼ Women participate of the blessings of the Priesthood and they act by its power. Even though they don't have the authority. Maybe they don't need it. I

don't think we should pay lots of attention to that.

▼ I wonder what the ordinances in the Temple say when they're performed for women. What's different? What names do they receive?

# **▼** @November 16, 2022

## **▼** Redemption for the death

- ▼ No class on @November 23, 2022
- Why is is that we need our death? I know that they need us, but why do we need them?
- ▼ Even if we fail in the spiritual world, we still have a chance, right? I believe that there's no moment in which we can't continue progressing. I believe that our mistakes only make it to take longer than it should. It's like during this life there's a lot of people who are procrastinating. I believe that they will progress less than someone who pays lots of attention to his progress, but they can still continue working and progressing at a different rate.
- ▼ Every Sunday I'll index or revise at least one batch.
- ▼ I'll go to the Temple at least once a week. If I don't go one week, I need to go twice the next week.

## **▼** Temple Ordinances and Worship

- ▼ The real application of the Temple Blessings come to us in the morning of the first resurrection.
- ▼ Resurrection is a Priesthood ordinance. Fathers will resurrect their sons and wives.
- ▼ The Temple is one of the few places where the Evil Spirits can't go. It is truly a place of safety.

# **▼** @December 7, 2022

## **▼** Succession in the Presidency and the Trek West

- ▼ At the time that Joseph died, Sidney Rigdon didn't have a major role in the Church.
- ▼ Sidney Rigdon and Brigham Young both got to speak to the body of the Christ.
- ▼ Sidney spoke for a long time, but couldn't convince a lot of people.
- ▼ Brigham Young spoke as well, and people testified that he sounded like Joseph Smith. Dozens of Saints mentioned the same thing.
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#### **▼** The Church in the West

- ▼ There are some things that we know when they started and when they finished. The priesthood ban to black people doesn't have a registry to when it started.
- ▼ Joseph Smith gave the priesthood to some African descendants. Out of nowhere, the ban took place and they couldn't receive it anymore. We don't know the reason, there's no revelation, there's no journal entry, nothing.