Case Study

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# 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.

**I chose case study A**

**Your friend has seen a lot of family members experience divorce and heartache in marriage. Although your friend believes that marriage can be a positive experience in God’s plan, your friend is scared and wants to talk with you about it.**

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?

If you look in the very first paragraph of The Family: A Proclamation to the World it mentions this principle, marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God. Something that I think is often overlooked is the need for our Heavenly Father within our marriages. Often people comment on 2 becoming one but we must remember that it is more of a triangle and we are to seek our Father in Heaven for help and guidance in finding our eternal companion and in maintaining a marriage that is righteous. I can understand the worries and fears of this friend with all that is possible. I would share an excerpt from the talk by Elder Anderson where he reminds us that “There is One who knows your burdens because of His sacrifice made in the garden and on the cross. As you seek Him and keep His commandment, I promise you that He will bless you and lift the burdens too heavy to bear alone. (Elder Neil L Anderson, ”The Eye of Faith” General Conference April 2019) Sometimes the road may seem difficult but we must remember why we are taking that path, for the destination.

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.

When looking for resources to guide me on marriage and family I would stick with the scriptures and words of living prophets. The world has so much to say about marriage and how to fix worldly problems but our Father in Heaven has seen it all and knows us individually. Elder Oaks shares why this is necessary in his talk “Truth and the Plan” where he states, “We live in a time of greatly expanded and disseminated information. But not all of this information is true. We need to be cautious as we seek truth and choose sources for that search. We should not consider secular prominence or authority as qualified sources of truth.” (Elder Dallin H Oaks, “Truth and the Plan” General Conference October 2018) Gladly we have the spirit to guide us, especially as we read our scriptures.

In the beginning of the Bible when Isaac is to find a wife, he is not guided to just marry any woman. Gen 24: 3-4 says,” and I will make thee sear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: 4. But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred and take a wife unto my son Isaac.” Through this scripture, and more, we see that marriage isn’t to be taken lightly but with the help of our Father in Heaven so that we can be who he guides us to be.

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

It is important to remember that this life is a test and it wasn’t presented to us as a free and easy vacation. We will have trials and struggles but those bring us to be greater beings. We learn that “God’s loving parentage and guidance can help each willing, obedient child of God receive of His fullness and of His Glory.“ (Becoming Like God, Gospel Topics Essay) When we follow the commandments and guidance from a loving Heavenly Father we can one day be like Him.

I think Sister Julie B Beck concludes it best as to how to resolve the worry of divorce or heartache in marriages. She said,” Without the family, there is no plan; there is no reason for it.” (Julie B. Beck, “Teaching the Doctrine of the Family” Seminaries and Institutes of Religion Satellite Broadcast August 4, 2009) It isn’t going to be perfect even with an incredible spouse because this life isn’t perfect but what matters is your work towards perfection will be worth it.

## References Used (All 6 required):

1. Scripture: Genesis 24: 3-4
2. Proclamation: Paragraph 1.
3. Talk: Elder Neil L Anderson, ”The Eye of Faith” General Conference April 2019
4. Talk: Elder Dallin H Oaks, “Truth and the Plan” General Conference October 2018
5. Talk: Julie B. Beck, “Teaching the Doctrine of the Family” Seminaries and Institutes of Religion Satellite Broadcast August 4, 2009
6. Talk: “Becoming like God”, Gospel Topics Essay