

Wells of Trust Fueling Flames of Faith

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“I did not separate myself from the Church because of bad behavior, spiritual apathy, looking for an excuse not to live the commandments, or searching for an easy out. I felt I needed the answer to the question ‘What do I really believe?’”

—One sister as quoted by Rosemary M. Wixom,
General Primary President, April 5, 2015

“We are all pilgrims seeking God’s light as we journey on the path of discipleship. We do not condemn others for the amount of light they may or may not have; rather, we nourish and encourage all light until it grows clear, bright, and true.”

—President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, “Receiving a Testimony of Light and Truth,” *Ensign*, Nov. 2014, 22.

Greek πίστις (*pistis*)

That which evokes trust and faith; an assurance

Faithfulness, reliability, fidelity, commitment

Trust, confidence, **faith**, **belief**

That which is believed; a system of faith

—Walter Bauer, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, 818–820.

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but **by the faith of Jesus Christ** (Greek, *dia pisteōs Iēsou Christou*), even we have believed in Jesus Christ, **that we might be justified by the faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.” (Galatians 2:16)

- By Christ’s faithfulness
- By our faith, or trust, *in* Christ

Accepting Spiritual Evidence

“For if I say that that to talk every day about virtue and the other things about which you hear me talking and examining myself and others is the greatest good to man, and that **the unexamined life is not worth living**, you will believe me still less.”

—Plato, *Apology* 38 B

“In moments of fear or doubt or troubling times, hold the ground you have already won, even if that ground is limited. . . .When those moments come and issues surface, the resolution of which is not immediately forthcoming, hold fast to what you already know and stand strong until additional knowledge comes.”

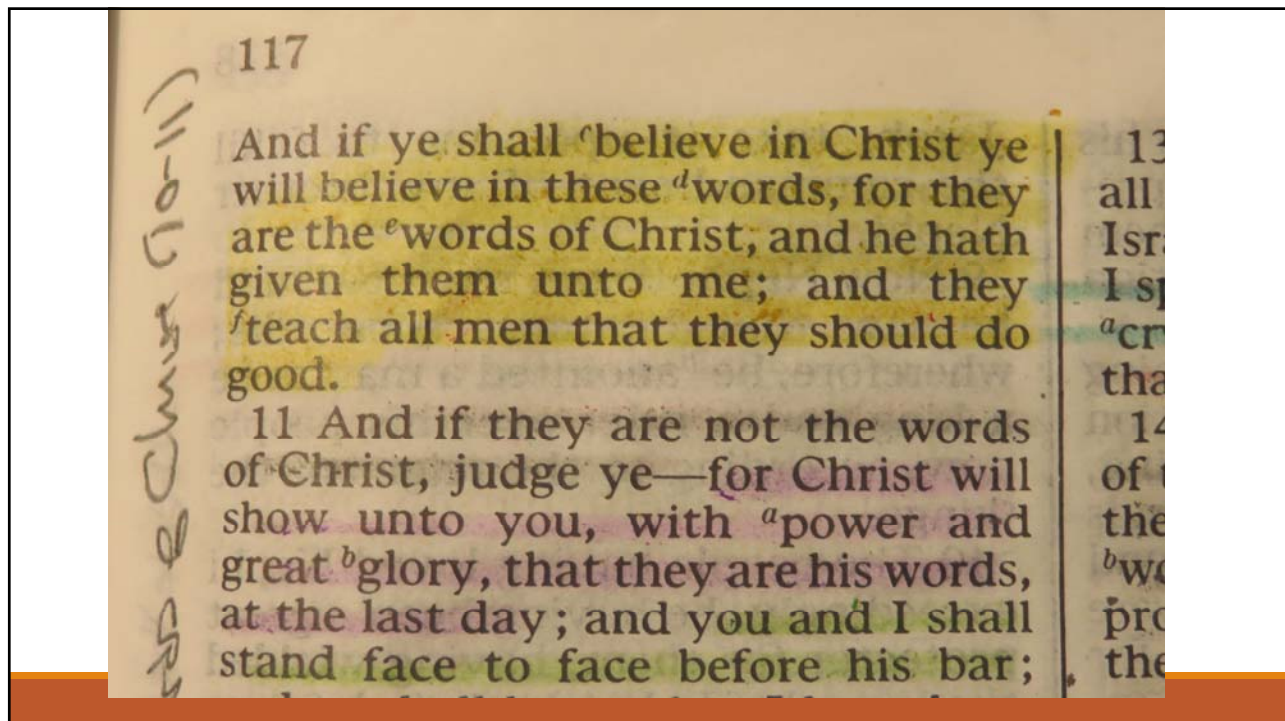
—Jeffrey R. Holland, “Lord, I Believe,” *Ensign* May 2013, 93–94.

Trusting Jesus

“As she reflected back, she said, ‘My testimony had become like a pile of ashes. It had all burned down. All that remained was Jesus Christ.’”

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“I glory in plainness; I glory in truth; I glory in my Jesus, for he hath redeemed my soul from hell.” (2 Nephi 33:6)



Acknowledging Our Lack of Faith

him? And he said, Of a child.

22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have ^acompassion on us, and help us.

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are ^apossible to him that ^bbelieveth.

24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine ^aunbelief.





Believing in Ourselves in Times of Doubt

“And why should I yield to sin, because of my flesh? Yea, why should I give way to temptations, **that the evil one have place in my heart to destroy my peace and afflict my soul?** Why am I angry because of mine enemy?” (2 Nephi 4:27)

“We are daughters, [and sons,] of our Heavenly Father, who loves us, and we love Him.”

—Young Women’s Theme

Come unto Jesus, ye heavy laden,
Careworn and fainting, by sin oppressed.

*Come unto Jesus, ye sore discouraged,
Heart-torn and wond’ring, by doubts assailed*

He’ll safely guide you, *with faith he’ll fill you,*
Where all who trust him may rest

—Hymn no. 117, text and music by Orson Pratt Huish (1851–1932),
additional lines by Eric Huntsman