

Acting in Faith to Find Answers

Acquiring Spiritual Knowledge, Part 2

Prepare to study by listening to a hymn or song and saying a prayer. Create a note for this lesson in your seminary notebook. As you study, write any questions you have and look for answers.

Jesus Christ invites us to look to Him and act in faith throughout our lives. It is critical that we focus on the Savior, especially when we cannot easily resolve questions or situations. This lesson can help you understand how to act with faith in Jesus Christ as you seek answers to your questions.

Study the Doctrine

As you grow in your understanding of the Church and the Savior’s teachings, you may discover new information about the doctrine, practices, or history of the Church that seem difficult to understand.

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, previously of the First Presidency, taught:

Is it all right to have questions about the Church or its doctrine? My dear young friends, we are a question-asking people. We have always been, because we know that inquiry leads to truth. That is the way that the Church got its start, from a young man who had questions. In fact, I’m not sure how one can discover truth without asking questions. . . . Inquiry is the birthplace of testimony. . . . Asking questions isn’t a sign of weakness. It’s a precursor of growth. (Dieter F. Uchtdorf, “[The Reflection in the Water](#),” Church Educational System devotional [Nov. 1, 2009])

When you encounter difficult questions, remembering and applying the [principles of acquiring spiritual knowledge](#) can help you. Today we will focus on the principle of acting in faith.

Read [Doctrine and Covenants 6:36](#) and [paragraphs five to seven](#) of the “Acquiring Spiritual Knowledge” section of the Doctrinal Mastery Core Document (2023). As you read, mark truths that you feel could help you look to the Savior when you encounter a challenging question.

Ponder the following question:

- Which of the statements from these paragraphs do you feel could be most helpful to someone with a challenging question? Why?

Complete the following activities looking for how some individuals acted in faith in Jesus Christ.

Examples from the Scriptures

Read the following examples.

1. Nephi, Lehi, and Sariah: [1 Nephi 3:31–4:7](#); [1 Nephi 5:1–8](#)
2. Peter and the Apostles: [John 6:59–69](#)

After you read, respond to the following questions:

- How did the individuals’ actions demonstrate their faith in Jesus Christ?

- What did you learn from their experience about how to act in faith in Jesus Christ?

Examples from Church history

Read the following examples.

1. Joseph Smith: [Joseph Smith—History 1:8–18](#)
2. Brigham Young, John Murdock, and Orson Pratt's reactions to hearing about the revelation on the celestial kingdom: [Excerpt from "The Vision," Revelations in Context, 2016, 150–151](#)
3. Parley P. Pratt: Excerpt from ["The Extraordinary Life of Parley P. Pratt,"](#) Ensign, April 2007

After you read, respond to the following questions:

- How did the individuals' actions demonstrate their faith in Jesus Christ?

- What did you learn about Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ from their experience?

Reflect and Connect

Share with me something you learned from this lesson. You could share:

- Examples you have seen in the scriptures, Church history, or your life that illustrate how Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ want us to ask questions.
- What it means to you to act in faith when you have a question or concern.
- Any questions this lesson raised for you, how you are going to try to find answers to your questions, and how your class can help.
- Anything else from this lesson that inspires you to be a better disciple of Jesus Christ.
