

Peter Solie sermon to the Great Bend Ward on Sunday, May 8, 2022. Mother's Day.

Some of what you read below is just bullet points. Other parts I read word for word.

Honor thy Father and thy Mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exodus 20:12

- Honor
- Long life
- God giveth

[Alma 56:47](#)

Book of Mormon

**3** Behold, <sup>a</sup>two thousand of the sons of those men whom Ammon brought down out of the land of Nephi—now ye have known that these were

descendants of Laman, who was the eldest son of our father Lehi;

**5** Therefore it sufficeth me that I tell you that two thousand of these young men have taken their weapons of war, and would that I should be their leader; and we have come forth to defend our country.

**6** And now ye also know concerning the <sup>a</sup>covenant which their fathers made, that they would not take up their weapons of war against their brethren to shed blood.

**7** But in the twenty and sixth year, when they saw our afflictions and our tribulations for them, they were about to <sup>a</sup>break the covenant which they had made and take up their weapons of war in our defence.

**8** But I would not suffer them that they should break this <sup>a</sup>covenant which they had made, supposing that God would strengthen us, insomuch that we should not suffer more because of the fulfilling the <sup>b</sup>oath which they had taken.

**9** But behold, here is one thing in which we may have great joy. For behold, in the twenty and sixth year, I, Helaman, did march at the head of these <sup>a</sup>two thousand young men to the city of <sup>b</sup>Judea, to assist Antipus, whom ye had appointed a leader over the people of that part of the land.

**10** And I did join my two thousand <sup>a</sup>sons, (for they are worthy to be called sons) to the army of Antipus, in which strength Antipus did rejoice exceedingly; for behold, his army had been reduced by the Lamanites because their forces had slain a vast number of our men, for which cause we have to mourn.

**17** And now they were determined to conquer in this place or die; therefore you may well suppose that this little force which I brought with me, yea, those <sup>a</sup>sons of mine, gave them great hopes and much joy.

47 Now they never had fought, yet they did not fear death; and they did think more upon the liberty of their fathers than they did upon their lives; yea, they had been taught by their mothers, that if they did not doubt, God would deliver them.

[Alma 57:25-26](#)

Book of Mormon

**25** And it came to pass that there were two hundred, out of my two thousand and sixty, who had fainted because of the loss of blood; nevertheless, according to the goodness of God, and to our great astonishment, and also the joy of our whole army, there was <sup>a</sup>not one soul of them who did perish; yea, and neither was there one soul among them who had not received many wounds.

26 And now, their preservation was astonishing to our whole army, yea, that they should be spared while there was a thousand of our brethren who were slain. And we do justly ascribe it to the miraculous power of God, because of their exceeding faith in that which they had been taught to believe—that there was a just God, and whosoever did not doubt, that they should be preserved by his marvelous power.

Facebook this week. The Best Gift You Can Give Your Mother is to Sit Next to her at Church this Sunday.

(I didn't include this part in my presentation)

The mere fact that we are present today is a miracle. The current mortality rate for women in

pregnancy and childbirth is 15 for every 100,000. Not that long ago, it would have been between 1 and 2%. For those of you who are more math challenged than me, 1% of 100,000 is 1,000 women. That number of 1 to 2,000 deaths per 100,000 pregnancies was true for each pregnancy, not for a woman over the child bearing years. We are truly blessed to live in a period of time where medical science is so advanced.

(This I did include)

A Trip to Bountiful. A 1985 movie with Geraldine Page and John Heard.

Story Line - (I told the storyline of the movie)

<https://www.thetabernaclechoir.org/articles/the-story-behind-softly-and-tenderly.html#:~:text=%E2%80%9CSoftly%20and%20Tenderly%2C%E2%80%9D%20which%20was%20originally%20known%20as,a%20composer%20of%20gospel%2C%20secular%2C%20and%20patriotic%20songs>

“Softly and Tenderly,” which was originally known as “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling,” is a classic invitation hymn from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It was written by Will Lamartine Thompson (1847-1909) who was a composer of gospel, secular, and patriotic songs.

Thompson was inspired to devote himself to writing while attending a meeting by popular evangelist Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899). When Moody was dying in the hospital he told Thompson, “Will, I would rather have written ‘Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling’ than anything I have been able to do in my whole life.”

**Softly and Tenderly Lyrics (as performed by The Tabernacle Choir)**

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.  
Come home, come home,  
Ye who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!  
Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me?  
Come home, come home,  
Ye who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!*



*O for the wonderful love He has promised,  
Promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me.  
Come home, come home,  
Ye who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home, come home, come  
home,  
Come home!*

Every time I watch or think of this movie I think of the phrase... "just humor her."

Her son could have borrowed a car and made the trip to Bountiful some Saturday or Sunday. He could have, but he never did.

What are the things we need to just “Humor her” or perhaps better from the pulpit would be “Just Honor her” with:

Come follow me in the home (Study at home)

Going to Church

Saying your prayers

Dressing modestly

Speaking Politely

Cleaning your room

Whether it be our mother, our heavenly parents or someone else of importance in our life. The “Just

Honor her” that we give will often be the greatest blessing we can give to ourselves.

My Mother and the Mother of my children. Thank you. (You had to be there for this part)