

## Episode 14

### Music with a Message

#### HOPE, ASSURANCE, COMFORT

[ Background music]

**NARRATOR:** Prophets speak of having a firm hope and a lively hope. The Prophet Moroni taught, “whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God, which hope cometh of faith, maketh an anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast, always abounding in good works, being led to glorify God.” Hilary Weeks sings, “He Will.”

**HILARY WEEKS:** (sings) “He Will”

[Background music]

**NARRATOR:** When we have hope, we trust God’s promises. We have a quiet assurance that if we do the works of righteousness, we shall receive our reward, even peace in this world and eternal life in the world to come. Wes Brewer and Matt Cropper (from Octapella) perform “Be Still My Soul.”

**WES BREWER AND MATT CROPPER:** (sing) “Be Still My Soul”

[Background music]

**NARRATOR:** The principle of hope extends into the eternities. But it also can sustain us through the everyday challenges of life. “Happy is he,” said the Psalmist, “that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.” Rebecca Lopez sings, “When You Believe.”

**REBECCA LOPEZ:** (sings) “When You Believe”

[Background music]

**NARRATOR:** Everybody in this life has their challenges and difficulties. That is part of our mortal test. The reason for some of these trials cannot be readily understood except on the basis of faith and hope, because there is often a larger purpose which we do not always understand. Peace comes through hope. Hope is trust in God’s promises. Faith that if we act now, the desired blessings will be fulfilled in the future. Brett Raymond sings “Hold On, the Light Will Come.”

**BRETT RAYMOND:** (sings) “Hold On, the Light Will Come”

[Background music]

**NARRATOR:** Samuel Smiles wrote, “Hope is like the sun, which, as we journey towards it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us.” Hope sweetens the memory of experiences well loved. It tempers our troubles to our growth and our strength. It befriends us in dark hours,

excites us in bright ones. It lends promise to the future, and purpose to the past. It turns discouragement to determination. Chad Neth sings, “Hope Hiding.”

**CHAD NETH:** (sings) “Hope Hiding”

[Background music]

**NARRATOR:** By pressing forward hopefully, we can repeatedly and joyfully stand on what was yesterday’s distant horizon, thereby drawing even further hope from our very own experiences. Hence, Paul described how “tribulation worketh patience and patience, experience and experience, hope.” David Tinney sings, “He Leadeth Me.”

**DAVID TINNEY:** (sings) “He Leadeth Me.”

[Background music]

**NARRATOR:** Many have resigned themselves to accept the wickedness and cruelty of the world as being irreparable. They have given up hope. They have decided to quit trying to make the world a better place in which they and their families can live. They have surrendered to despair. Admittedly, we have ample reason to be deeply concerned, because we see no immediate answers to the seemingly unsolvable problems confronting the human family. But regardless of this dark picture which will ultimately get worse, we must never allow ourselves to give up hope. Moroni, having seen our day, counseled, “Wherefore there must be faith; and if there must be faith there must also be hope.” To all who have harbored feelings of despair and an absence of hope, I offer the words of the Lord through the Prophet Joseph Smith, “Fear not, little flock; do good; let earth and hell combine against you, for if ye are built upon my rock, they cannot prevail. Look unto me in every thought. Doubt not. Fear not. Even so am I in the midst of you.” Mindy Gledhill sings, “I Will Rest in You.”

**MINDY GLEDHILL:** (sings) “I will Rest in You”

[Background music]

**NARRATOR:** The family unit is fundamental, not only to society and to the Church, but also to our hope for eternal life. Sacred ordinances and covenants available in holy temples make it possible for individuals to return to the presence of God and for families to be united eternally. Because of the restoration of the knowledge of eternal families, we are more hopeful and more kindly in all our family relations. Liz Draper and John Canaan sing a medley of “Together Forever” and “I Know That My Redeemer Lives.”

**LIZ DRAPER AND JOHN CANAAN:** (sing) “Together Forever” and “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”