

“My Love”

For the last few weeks I have heard over and over in my mind the words, “my love” as if they were being said by Elizabeth to one of her children. She says it a certain way that is just fantastic. You can tell she has such a sincere and genuine love for each of her children. The best way I can describe it is joy. Her children bring her great joy. I love to hear those words come from her mouth and to see her hug and kiss her children. As a grandpa it gives me a lot of confidence that my grandchildren will grow up in a loving and caring environment.

I have seen Grace patiently nurture and care for David Walker. For the last nine months she has lovingly sheltered and nourished little Jacob. I have seen the myriad of hours Mom has expended in the raising of our own children. I know from years and years of personal observation that it is a whole lot of work! Yet, with all the work and energy that goes into raising children, time and time again I see mothers in our family that radiate this magnificent love. They might be tired and there might be other things they would like to do, but, insuring that their babies are taken care of is their first priority.

It is reassuring to Mom and I to know that we have such wonderful mothers for our grandchildren. Even though most of our children are yet to be married, we feel confident that the girls or the boy’s wives will fit the mold of wonderful mothers like Elizabeth, Grace and eventually Megan. They are and will be great models of righteousness for these new little spirits coming into a world so full of iniquity.

Elder Bruce R. McConkie said this, “Faith and devotion to the truth on the part of the mothers in Latter-day Israel in rearing their children in light and truth is one of the greatest incentives to righteousness than can be given.”

I love Mom, Elizabeth, Grace, Megan, Amanda, Annie, Michelle, Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2! What great mothers or mothers-to-be! I get excited when I think about what our little grandchildren will be taught by word and example. At the risk of sounding bold or proud, there is an incredible explosion of righteousness about to happen. Contemplate how important for you young women and mothers to stay “loyal to the royal within”. There are a lot of little ones counting on you.