

## **May 2021 Restoration Women's Council – Class #2**

### **Called To Be Pearl-Makers**



### **Pearl Making Process**

In order to protect itself from an irritation, the oyster will quickly begin covering the uninvited visitor, grain of sand, with layers of nacre — the mineral substance that fashions the mollusk's shells. Layer upon layer of nacre, also known as mother-of-pearl, coat the grain of sand until the iridescent gem is formed.

### **Instruction from the Scriptures**

**2 Corinthians 7:4** Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you; I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

**James 1:2-4** My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into many afflictions;  
1:3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.  
1:4 But let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

**Peter 1:6-7** Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations; 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ;

### **A Biblical Response**

- Admonition = Count it all joy
- 1. **Both James verse 1 = count it all Joy**
- 2. **Peter verse 6 = Greatly Rejoice = Our Response is to be joyful**
- Be like the Oyster = Cover that irritation with Nacre = (Nay-kur)

**Oh, Ouch, That Grain of Sand Hurts -- I Better Wrap Some Joy Around It**



**Think of Nacre = As Joy and wrap that grain of sand “Your Trial” in Nacre/Joy.  
Nacre is = Thanking & Praising God, Rejoicing in your affliction, even when you do not feel like it!**

## The Living Jesus Can Give You Joy Even in Tribulation



**Romans 8:28** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

We can offer the Sacrifice of Praise because = God has Promised us He will Transform  
**Trials Into Something Beautiful**



Through the Sacrifice of Praise & Thanksgiving, which is the Sacrifice of being Joyful in our trials, you will reap “The Riches of Eternity.” Our ability to rejoice in our suffering is a gateway that leads to “Not Only Joy in This life but in Eternal Life.”

**James 1:12** Blessed is the man that resisteth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

**Romans 12:12** Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.

**1 Thessalonians 2:19** For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

**Revelation 21:21-23** And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl; and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

22 And I saw no temple therein; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.



## Functions of the Holy Spirit



(1) In Greek, the word “comforter” means, “The one who the Lord will call alongside of to give assistance.” The Greek also means: an intercessor, counselor, and advocate. The Holy Spirit does assist us in our journey in life. In times of sorrow he assists us by comforting us and consoling us; in times of weakness he strengthens us; in times of fear he can cause us to feel peaceful and calm. He is there to assist us, by guiding, directing and helping us on our journey through this life. His functions are very numerous and I know I have not listed them all. The help of the Holy Spirit is vital to our success in reaching our goal at the end of life’s journey. I hope each of you will invite Him to be a part of your daily journey.

**Leading** = I Nephi 1:106 “I was led by the Spirit.”

**Constraining** = Alma 10:50 “The Spirit constraineth me.”

**Persuading** = Ether 1:106 “Because of My Spirit, he shall know that these things are true; for it persuadeth men to do good.”

**Enticing** = Mosiah 1:120 “The enticings of the Holy Spirit.”

**Transporting** = II Nephi 3:40 “Upon the wings of His Spirit hath my body been carried away upon exceeding high mountains.” Also read: Acts 8:26-40

**Teaching & bringing all things to your remembrance** = John 14:26 “He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance.”

**Testifying of Christ** = John 15:26 “Even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me.” Also read: I Cor. 12:3, Moroni 10:5, III Nephi 5:33

**Will guide you into all truth & speak of things to come** = John 16:13 “Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth.... And He will show you things to come.”

**He warns us** = Acts 16:6-7 “Were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, after they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; but the Spirit suffered them not.”

**He helps us to pray & intercedes for us** = Romans 8:26 “The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

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**Testifies to us that we are the children of God** = Romans 8:13-16 "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

**Deep things of God revealed to us by the Spirit** = I Cor. 2:10 "But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God." Also read: I Nephi 3:30

**Eyes opened and our understanding enlightened** = D&C 76:2 "By the power of the Spirit our eyes were opened, and our understandings were enlightened."

**Spirit of Revelation** = D&C 76:2 "Now behold, this is the Spirit of revelation."

**Gifts of the Spirit given to us by the Holy Spirit** = I Cor. 12:4-11 "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit." Also read: Moroni 10:8-9

**A unifying force** = 1 Cor. 12:12-27 "For by the Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.....That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another." Also read: Eph. 4:1-6

**Enlightens our minds & gives us joy** = D&C 10:7 "Verily, verily I say unto you, I will impart unto you of my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy." Also read: Mosiah 2:5

**Empowers us & even empowers us in building the Kingdom** = I Nephi 3:187 "Blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth My Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost. Also read: Moroni 10:7

**Lord works by it** = III Nephi 13:59 "The Lord worketh...by the power of the Holy Ghost."

**Gives Testimony** = Alma 5:28 "The Holy Spirit which testifieth in me."

**Inspires scripture** = I Nephi 1:83 "The words which have been spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets...have been delivered unto them by the Spirit and power of God."

**Sanctifies** = Alma 10:4 "Being Sanctified by the Holy Ghost"

**Reveals** = Jacob 5:20 "It also has been made manifest unto me by the power of the Holy Ghost."

**Commissions** = I Nephi 3:36 "The Holy Ghost giveth authority that I should speak these things."

**Directs** = Moroni 6:9 "As the power of the Holy Ghost led them whether to preach or exhort, or to pray, or to supplicate, or to sing, even so it was done."

**Fruits of the Spirit are produced by the Holy Spirit** = Gal.5: 22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law."

**Precepts** = II Nephi 12:39 "Their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost."

**Calls men to the work** = Acts 13:2 "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them."

**Gives us peace, hope and joy** = Romans 15:13