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Yesterday, Annette called and asked me to write  
some things as to when I knew the Gospel of  
Jesus Christ was true and my testimony to this  
and my thoughts of the Prophet Joseph Smith as  
we are celebrating his 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
My mind seemed to go blank for awhile, and I  
had thought much about this since.

I hope I can express how I feel about this  
and that my children, grand children and those  
precious little great great children will know and  
gain a strong testimony of the Gospel of Jesus  
Christ, His Atonement in our behalf, and that  
they will gain a strong desire to follow the  
Propets and keep the Commandments given to us.  
Once and Over again in the Book of Mormon  
the Propets talk us, "if we keep the Commandments  
we will prosper in the land."

This does not mean we will not have trials in  
our lives, but how we react to these trials and  
and stay close and true to the faith, we will be  
judged.

In Mos. 1:39 it says, "For this is my work, and  
<sup>my glory</sup> to pass the immortality and eternal life  
of man; Through the Atonement of Christ we are able  
to do this. He need to do all we can, and he will do  
for us, what we can not do, to gain eternal life -  
Through Christ we can be cleansed from sin."

I do not remember when I first knew of my testimony  
to be true. The more dramatic experience in  
acquiring it is rare.

After we realize we do have a testimony, as we  
look at our lives and see Gods hand in the blessings



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and Mercy, we can become clean from sin, so we can live in our Heavenly Father's presence. I know that through Christ's Atonement and His resurrection all people will be brought back into the presence of the Lord and be judged according to their works and desires. He will be judged according to the law and justice and mercy.

As we strive to draw closer to the Father and receive answers to our prayers, we can seek His guidance through studying and learning through the scriptures - He can tell to use our testimonies or we need to testify with a strong testimony right before our eyes to fort and follow.

I'm grateful for an eternal companion and that someday I will be with him again, if I live worthily and hold true to the covenants I have made.

I'm grateful for my family and all the good, kind and generous people they are, and we will be an eternal family.

I want you to know that working at the Temple is the highlight of my weekly steps here. May the Lord bless us to keep our testimonies strong. This I say and pray always.

The prophet Joseph Smith was and is the chosen one to restore the Gospel to the earth in these latter days. We can not love and honor him more than when we know that he gave his life for this great work. That he did see and talk with God the eternal Father and His beloved son Jesus Christ. We do not worship him, but love and respect all he has done to bring the Gospel to the earth again.

The Church and Gospel are true, and the more we study his life and the example he was for all of us.

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we know that he did and saw what he did.  
As we have studied about him this year, we have  
learned much that we did not know or realize before.  
Much is brought to our attention by our living Prophet,  
Gordon B. Humberly in the First Presidency Message  
in the December Ensign issue.

The Word of Wisdom, the Family search, the welfare plan,  
Family Home evenings and many others, which we give  
to the Prophet as a set revelation from God.

This is my testimony and my belief.  
I love you all and am grateful to be a part of our  
eternal family.  
Mormonism I can't make you see Edwards.