**Emotions vs. Spirit Powerpoint Slide NOTES**

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Introduce myself

Wife, sons

Elder from Outreach Restoration Branch

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Game of READ MY MIND:

Warm Fuzzy:

E: When I was seventeen, I held the hand of my first girlfriend

S: God spoke through a man and I had a burning in my bosom that it was of God

Makes you want to change:

E: My wife laughed at me the other day and told me I was getting fat – diet/exercise?

S: Heard a sermon talking about how we could have gifts from God if we just ask

Feels good:

E: Saw a movie the other day where the guy got back with the girl and they lived happily ever after

S: Seeing a man step forward, unplanned, and get baptized. Seeing him grow and get confirmed and ordained

You don’t want to leave:

E: Grandma was baking cookies and the smell reminded me of the good old days

S: Had an Zionic time with the kids at camp and didn’t want to go home

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Didn’t God create emotions?

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Warm fuzzy:

Application of D&C 9:3 - call to Elder

Makes you want to change:

Camp experience asking to feel how God loves the people there = gave up movies for a year and spent time studying instead

Feels good:

Baptismal service where man was baptized spontaneously

You don’t want to leave:

Mom in choir singing a song – knew she could sing that song forever as long as she was in God’s presence

Choosing accounting as a profession – Spirit coming and going

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**D&C 90:4b** Ye were also in the beginning with the Father; that which is Spirit, even the Spirit of truth; and truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come; and whatsoever is more or less than this, is the spirit of that wicked one, who was a liar from the beginning.

**John 16:13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come.

**D&C 131:1a** In agreement with the notice for the general fast of the church to be observed on the first Sunday, being the fifth day of April, 1914, I, Joseph Smith, President of the church, in common with the custom of the brotherhood, observed the rule requiring the fast, and spent that day in meditation and prayer upon the work of God and our present duty in the affairs intrusted to our care.
**131:1b** Before the hour of breaking the fast came, I was blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit resting upon me in quiet assurance and in power.
**131:1c** In the still small voice which giveth light and understanding to the intelligence of man, exalting the soul and sanctifying the spirit, there came unto me the directing voice of Him whose work we are engaged in.

**John 14:12** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

**Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
**5:23** Meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.
**5:24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.
**5:25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

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Emotional experiences such as:

Campfires

Concerts

Praise worship services

Emotionally charged preaching services

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Don’t trust in the arm of flesh, meaning don’t just trust that something is from God because the preacher said so.

Not all that is preached comes from God.

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Many of the revelations or messages from God are delivered by the “spirit of man” and not by the “spirit of God”. It can be difficult to tell the difference.

**Revelation 2:2** I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil; and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars;

Where is the problem if we have difficulty discerning by which spirit it comes?

 We must not be as in tune with the “Spirit of God” because the spirits can be easily discerned under this Spirit.

**1 Corinthians 2:11** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, except he has the Spirit of God.

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Squint means to be leery and be extra careful with what you claim/blame on God

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Ask For Experiences:

1. Driving car and felt God direct me to stay really tight inside on the corner coming up
2. Felt I should say something absolutely crazy to a young lady
3. Woman standing on her head in front of a pop machine

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Do you have more intelligence from God? Do you have knowledge of things now?

Are these things you’re learning or is being said consistent with the Word of God?

Is the still, small voice confirming this? Is it directing you to say anything?

Has God manifested through His gifts and fruits that this IS from Him?

 Pray about those as well.

I have a friend that says if he doesn’t immediately know if it’s from God, he places it in neutral.

 From there you pray about it and study it out to determine if it’s right

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Many will be deceived.

Do we see people being deceived?