



DECISION

Lessons from History

*Seeking truth for tomorrow,
from the lessons of the past.*

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*What types of challenges might you face tomorrow?
What tools do you need to take on the challenges of tomorrow?
What lessons might you learn tomorrow?
Are they lessons no one has ever learned before?*

“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

- 1 Corinthians 10:13

Learning from the past. What can we learn from Church History?

Watch “Church History in 4 Minutes” - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSu4pbhaOOY>

Hearsay vs. Heresy

Ever wondered what Mormons believe? Or Jehovah’s Witnesses? Many of the incorrect beliefs that are present in those groups were present in heretical groups hundreds of years ago. The church had to get together, seek the Lord, and make decisions on what was the truth of the Gospel, and then hold to it in the face of pressure from some individuals and groups that wanted to force their own erroneous (wrong) beliefs on the body of Christ.

We shouldn’t believe what others simply say about others. We should study and find out for ourselves what is truth and what is outside the truth.

“Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.”
- Acts 17:11

Exhorted by Examples

Lessons learned in the past should serve to define our future. Otherwise they aren’t lessons learned at all. They’re lessons ignored. To learn from the faith of Christians that have gone before us is something even the early church practiced.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”
- Hebrews 12:1-3

If the apostles learned from the faith of those before them, how much should we seek to learn from those who’ve gone before *us*?

Watch Video - “Replace Anxiety With History” - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0MAPg-KSoc>