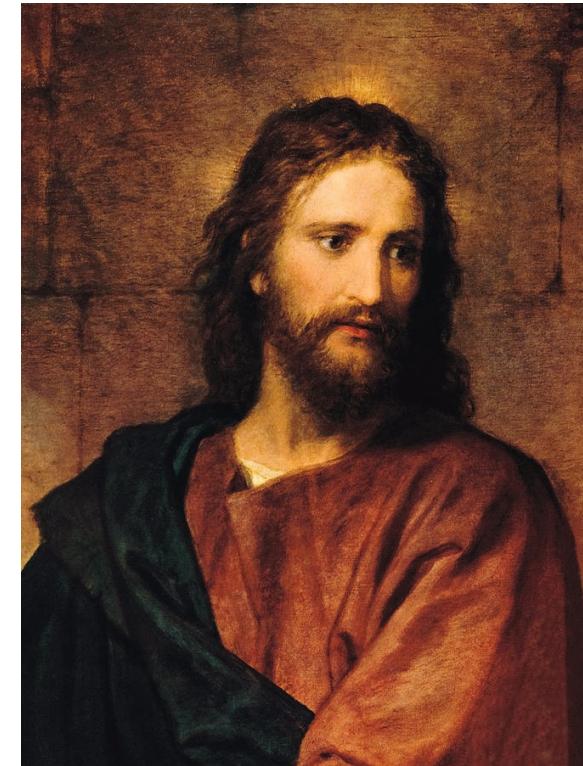


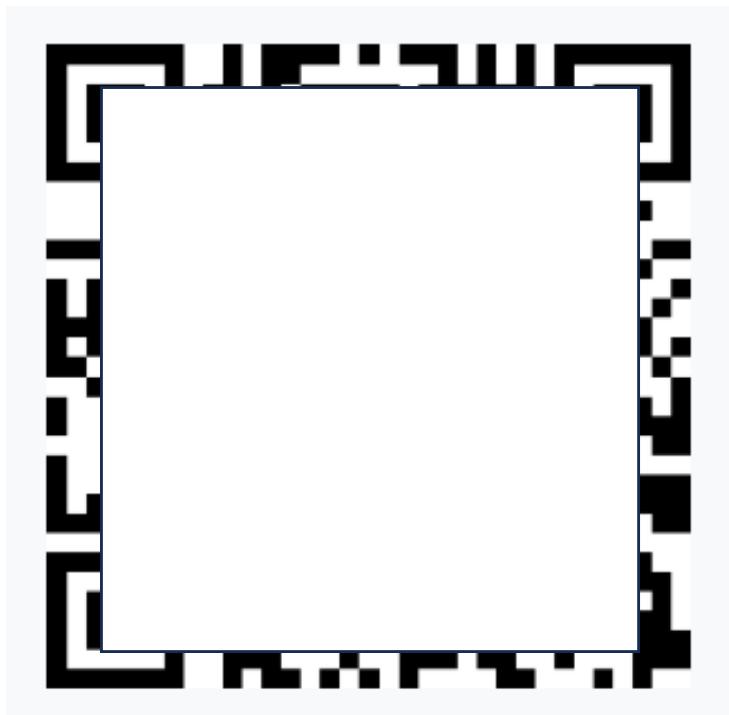
University 101



Who's Who?



Who Are You?

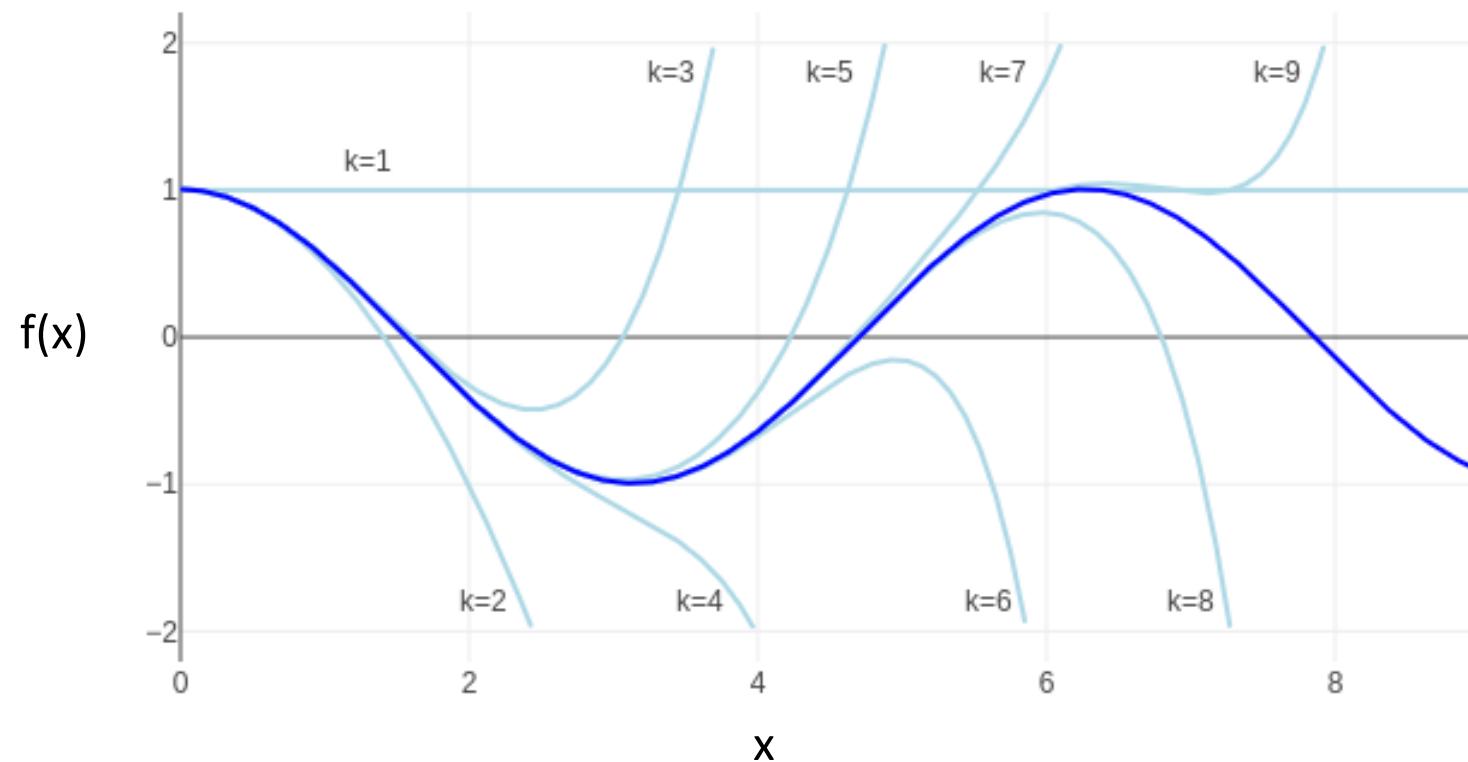


Go to your slide
Tell us about yourself

- names/titles that describe you
- what are you good at
- things you like or like to do
- add some pictures

Taylor Series

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \frac{f^{(3)}(a)}{3!} (x-a)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n + \dots$$

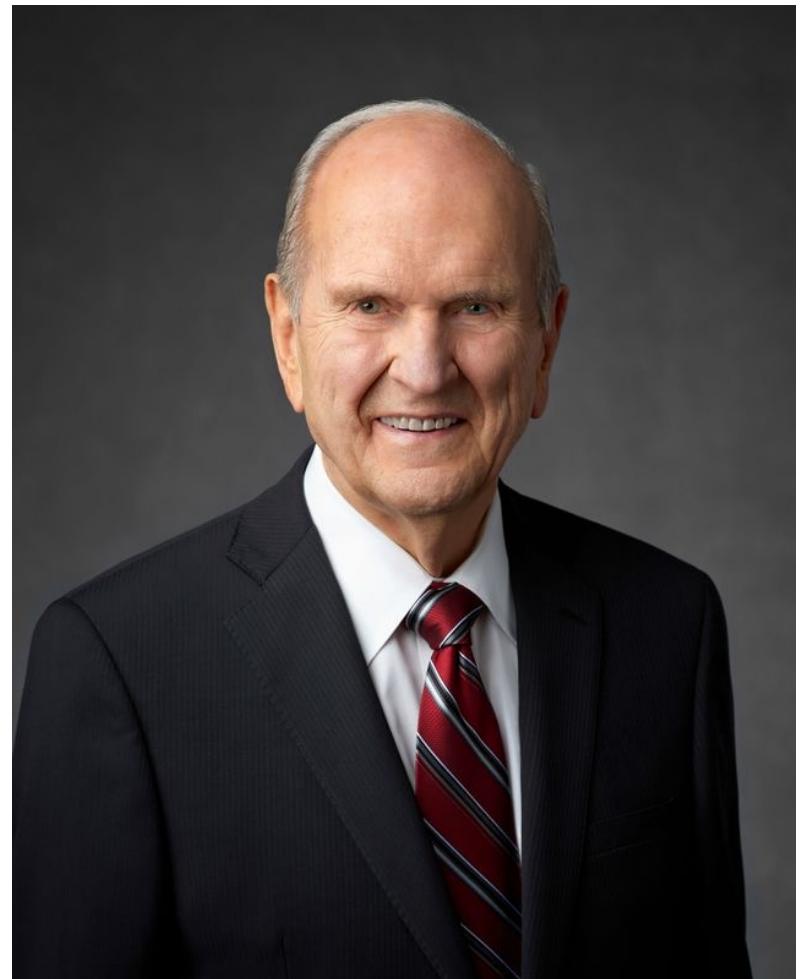


Who are you?

- You are many things, but the first terms of your Taylor Series are
 - Child of God
 - Child of the Covenant
 - Disciple of Christ

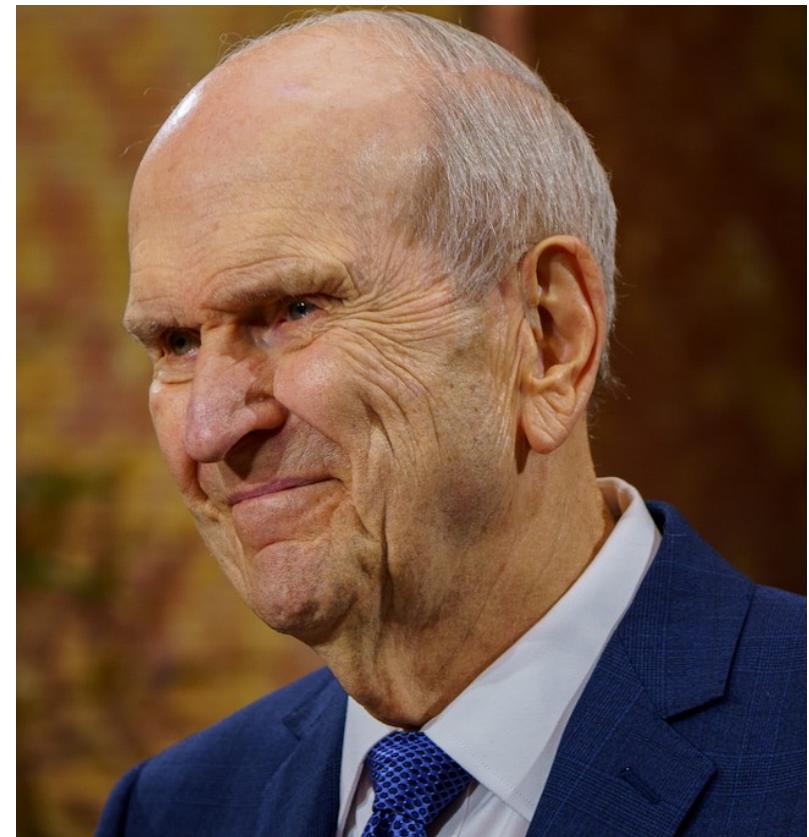
“All other labels that have applied to me...would fall somewhere down the list”

“I plead with you not to replace these three paramount and unchanging identifiers with any others, because doing so could stymie your progress or pigeonhole you in a stereotype that could potentially thwart your eternal progression.”



Questions

- What designations or labels common to students at BYU might replace or displace your primary identifiers if you are not careful?
- How can you prevent drift away from your primary identity while studying at BYU?
- What would happen on campus if we saw and treated each other as children of God?



Who are you?

“I believe that if the Lord were speaking to you directly tonight, the first thing He would make sure you understand is your true identity. My dear friends, you are literally spirit children of God. You have sung this truth since you learned the words to “I Am a Child of God.” But is that eternal truth imprinted upon your heart? Has this truth rescued you when confronted with temptation? I fear that you may have heard this truth so often that it sounds more like a slogan than divine truth. And yet, the way you think about who you really are affects almost every decision you will ever make.”



Questions

- How does knowing your true identity as a Child of God affect almost every decision you make?
- How can that help you in your current work as a student?

God's purposes for us

“More than anything, our Father wants His children to choose to return home to Him. Everything He does is motivated by His yearning desire. The entire reason we are on this earth is to qualify to live with Him forever. We do that by using our agency to find and stay on the covenant path that leads back to our heavenly home. God knew that because of the adversary’s deceptive tactics and traps, the covenant path would not be easy to find or to stay on. So He sent His Only Begotten Son to atone for us and to show us the way. The godly power available to all who love and follow Jesus Christ is the power to heal us, strengthen us, cleanse us from sin, and magnify us to do things we could never do on our own. Our Savior is the Divine Exemplar who marked the path that we are to follow. Because the Father and the Son love us with infinite, perfect love and because They know we cannot see everything They see, They have given us laws that will guide and protect us.”

Discussion

- President Nelson states that the primary motivating factor in God's plan, along with His yearning desire to have us return to live with Him again, is His love for us (as evidenced in the coming of Jesus Christ).
- When have you felt that love in your life?
- According to President Nelson, what are some of the purposes of God's laws?