

TESTIMONY OF FRANCES C. BROWN

Given in Sacrament Meeting of Hidden Lake Ward,
Manteca, California Stake
Sunday, October 31, 2004

One thing I like about the church is its sense of humor (for having me listed as the youth speaker.) I am the second oldest person in the ward. There is only one other person older than me.

I asked the bishop (Bishop Steve Brown—no relationship) a few days ago if I could bear my testimony for a minute or two today, and he graciously consented. My three sons and their wives, two of my grandsons, a granddaughter by marriage and three great grandchildren are here. I want to bear my testimony to them.

I have a testimony of the Book of Mormon. I know it is true. I have a testimony of Joseph Smith. I know he was a prophet of God. I know that President Hinkley is a prophet. I remember listening to him before he ever became the President of the church. He came to a stake conference in Blackfoot, Idaho. Ever since then he has been a favorite of mine.

I am thankful for my sons and their wives and my grandchildren and great grandchildren. I am thankful for my husband who died 25 years ago. I am thankful for my three sons and that they live the gospel. I am grateful that I

have 35 great-grandchildren. Some of them I have never seen and probably never will.

I am thankful for the people in the ward. I can't see very well. I don't know you all. I have macular degeneration in both eyes and can't see you too well. I recognize most people by their voice. I am sorry I can't help out much in the church any more.

I'm thankful that I can live here and get to know my three great-grandchildren here in Tracy. I am thankful that I still can live on my own and take care of myself.

Some people have difficulty believing in the Joseph Smith story. But anyone who reads the scriptures should not have difficulty believing the Joseph Smith story.

I say this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.