### Quote #1 (blind)

Well, afraid this miracle would again add to the threat Jesus already posed to their presumed authority, the enemies of the Savior confronted the newly sighted man and said in anger, "We know [Jesus] is a sinner." The man listened for a moment, then said, "Whether he be a sinner ..., I know not: [but] one thing I [do] know, ... whereas I was blind, now I see.

### **Quote #2 (disguise)**

Another truth that is evident here are the instruments the Creator of heaven and earth and all that in them are used to provide this miracle: spit and a handful of dirt! These very unlikely ingredients declare that God can bless us by whatever method He chooses.

## Quote #3 (weak & simple)

But we remember from the Book of Mormon that some things are both plain and precious and that prior to Jesus's birth, it would be prophesied that "he [would have] no form nor comeliness; and when we [should] see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him." How often God has sent His majestic message through a newly called and very

anxious Relief Society president or an unlearned boy on a New York farm or a brand-new missionary or a baby lying in a manger.

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Wherefore, I call upon the weak things of the world, those who are unlearned and despised, to thresh the nations by the power of my Spirit; (Doctrine and Covenants 35:13)

# **Quote #4 (everyone)**

And in a church that understands the gift of mercy, wouldn't it be another marvelous evidence of that church's truthfulness to see these blessings and covenants go to our deceased kindred, those of our families who have gone before us? Should they be penalized because they did not have access to the gospel or because they were born at a time or in a place when divine ordinances and covenants were not available to them? The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has sacred, dedicated houses of the Lord in which merciful, salvific work is being done vicariously every day and night for these deceased, as well as offering worship opportunities and ordinances for the living. To my knowledge, this particular evidence of God's truth, His universal love for the living and the dead, is not seen

elsewhere in the world—except in one church that demonstrates truth in this particular regard: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### Quote #5 (bravo)

It has been hurled at me that the means by which this book came to be were impractical, unbelievable, embarrassing, even unholy. Now, that is harsh language from anyone who presumes to know the means by which the book came to be, inasmuch as the only description given about those means is that it was translated "by the gift and power of God." That's it. That's all. In any case, the impact of the Book of Mormon in my life is no less miraculous than was the application of spit and dirt placed on the blind man's eyes.