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PROVO, UTAH—What does it mean to live in covenant community—and how do faith, hope, and love make such a life possible?

In *These Three Abide: Faith, Hope, Love*, James E. Faulconer weaves personal experience with theological reflection to show how Zion can be glimpsed here and now. Drawing on his life in a small Pennsylvania branch of the Church—where farmers, academics, business owners, and students shared not only worship but work and service—Faulconer describes a community shaped not by sameness but by covenant. In ordinary acts of care and cooperation, social differences became sources of unity, and daily life anticipated a future Zion.

Faulconer argues that faith, hope, and love are not abstract ideals but covenantal modes of relation. Faith is trust—yielding to God while extending trust to others who likewise trust in something greater. Hope is steadfast assurance that

God's promises endure, anchoring communal life even amid imperfection. Love, the greatest virtue, is covenantal service, enabling us to mirror divine generosity and sustain one another toward perfection.

By combining narrative with theological reflection, the volume demonstrates that Zion is both a future promise and a present reality. It invites readers to see covenant relationships as the foundation of enduring community and Christian discipleship.

Warm, wise, and deeply moving, *These Three Abide* will leave readers with renewed trust in God, strengthened hope for the future, and a clearer vision of the community of love to which we are called.

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