

Heart of the Matter: ARK Steadied begins January 6th, 2026

Answering Founder Joseph Smith's 1832 Prophecy to "Steady the Ark" of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

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Heart of the Matter, the long-running weekly program hosted by Shawn McCraney, announces **ARK Steadied**, its seventh major iteration, to launch weekly broadcasts on January 6th, 2026. The series proposes a researched, bold and controversial solution to Joseph Smith's Doctrine & Covenants prophecy that the "ark" of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints would one day become unsteadied, and that "one mighty and strong" would arise to steady it; this prophecy remains one of the most enduring, disputed and abused in LDS history.

For two centuries, claimants of the "one mighty and strong" have attempted to "steady the ark" through various methods of **increased institutional control and expanded authority**. ARK Steadied rejects this approach entirely, appealing directly to the LDS authorities with a charge to, instead, allow the finished work of the biblical Yeshua to steady their institutional ark - dismantling their authority all together.

The following points ground the **ARK Steadied** series, as Shawn intends to present this approach as the best viable path for the LDS institution to avoid the recurring harms of religious authority. The position goes as follows:

First, Yeshua's work is past, completed, and fulfilled. It is not awaiting a future second coming, nor is it dependent on human behavior, belief, or fear-based mechanisms such as sin, condemnation, or hell. (Shawn's past research and work heavily expands on this position, free of charge at Yeshuans).

Second, that previously completed work **permanently** dismantled human religious authority. No institution, leader, doctrine, or ritual holds a divine mandate to mediate God to anyone.

Third, to stabilize the LDS church today requires disentangling its claims to govern or represent God, and redirect their resources explicitly toward subjective personal education and humanitarian service.

Shawn and his daughter, Delaney McCraney Norris, released Heart of the Matter's parent organization, Yeshuans, to advance this position, modeling the same reform the series calls for: a disentangled, non-institutional approach to faith where individuals learn, reason, and grow through personal conviction and learning rather than collective control. Through its web and mobile app, Yeshuans offers educational content, programs, and discussion grounded in subjective discovery and agape love - not authority, hierarchy, or religious identity.

In advance of the series release, Shawn has written and released a short 60-page book, *Ark Steadied*, to summarize all that will be presented in greater depth over 2026. The book is freely accessible on the Yeshuans App.

For nearly twenty years, *Heart of the Matter*, has outspokenly, controversially, and at high cost, examined the roots and effects of institutional control within the LDS Church and Christianity at large. As doctrinal understanding shifted, the motivating message remained true: faith belongs to individuals, not institutions, and authority belongs to God alone, not to religious systems.

ARK Steadied premieres on the *Heart of the Matter* YouTube channel (@hotmtv) and the Yeshuans App (<https://yeshuans.faith>) on January 6th, 2026 at 8PM MT. All challenges and inquiries are welcome.

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