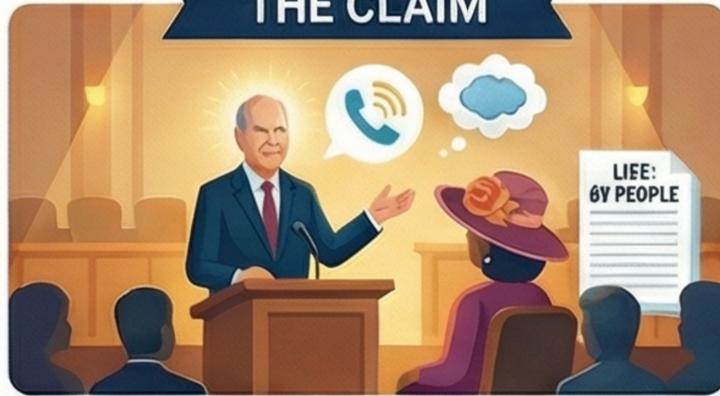


# Russell M. Nelson's Miracle Stories: Claim vs. Reality

## CLAIM

### THE CLAIM



While speaking in Tennessee, Nelson was divinely prompted to call up a woman in a large hat. She was a nurse he'd baptized in Korea 30 years prior and, prompted by a dream, came with a list of 80 people who joined the church because of her.

This version was published as a promotional excerpt for his biography.

## REALITY

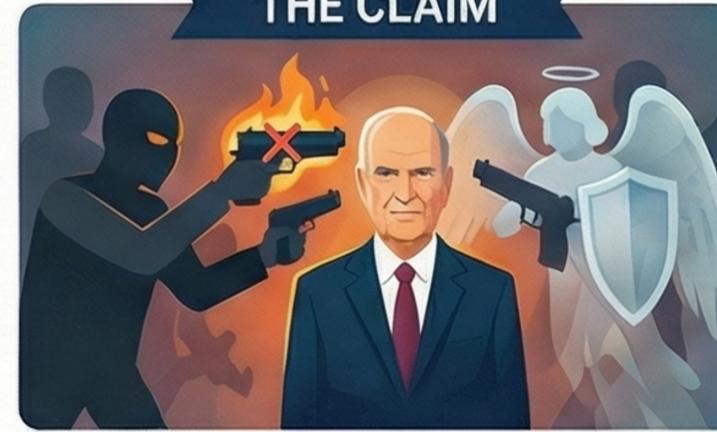
### THE REALITY



The family stated she was never a nurse, never in Korea, and never wore hats to church. Nelson knew she would be there; there was no divine prompting, dream, or list. The story was removed from the book after they complained.

## CLAIM

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Armed men attacked with the intent "to kidnap [his wife] and to kill me." A gun held to his head failed to fire, and they were "protected by Angels."

Nelson told this version nearly five years after the incident.

## REALITY

### THE REALITY



The mission president's official statement at the time confirmed it was an armed robbery, but explicitly stated the Nelsons were "not specifically targeted" and it was not an "act against the church." No mention was made of a failed gunshot or kidnapping plot.

## Story 3: The "Flight of Death"



An engine exploded and caught fire, sending the small plane into a "steep spiral dive down toward the earth." As a passenger screamed hysterically, Nelson was "totally calm," knowing he was plunging to his death.

Nelson recounted this story in his 1992 General Conference talk.

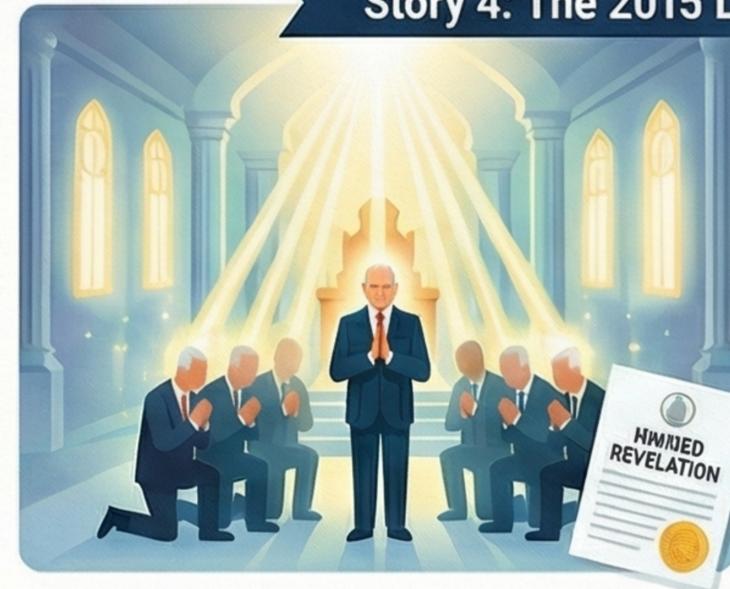
### NTSB FLIGHT REPORT

OFFICIAL RECORD

ROUGH ENGINE  
PRECAUTIONARY LANDING  
DELTA, UTAH AIRPORT  
NO DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT  
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The official NTSB flight report documents a "rough engine" and a "precautionary landing" at the Delta, Utah airport. The report explicitly states: "no damage to aircraft, no injuries to crew or passengers."

## Story 4: The 2015 LGBT+ Policy "Revelation"



The harsh policy was a revelation to Prophet Thomas S. Monson after all apostles "met repeatedly in the temple in fasting and prayer" and each "felt a spiritual confirmation."

Nelson made this claim to defend the unpopular policy.



An insider account from an apostle's brother revealed the policy was presented to the apostles for a last-minute "up and down vote without debate." President Monson was suffering from dementia and was incapable of formulating such a complex decision.