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Although she faces challenges as a corrections officer, Iona finds strength and stays calm through faith in Jesus Christ.

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I've found that when people in your work environment know that you're a member of the Church, they will have respect for you and the Church when they see that you don't let your standards drop because of the environment you're in. That's why it's important for me to try to be a good example of a Latter-day Saint.

In each situation, I think, "How would the Savior like me to behave?" or "How would He like me to deal with this?" In all my experiences, I try to make sure that my actions reflect what the Savior would do. This helps me be a lot more level-headed and a lot calmer even in all the chaos of a tough work environment.

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