

NORTH CANYON 5TH WARD SPIRE

July 2022 Spire Message

I watched priests baptize young women and young men. Brothers baptized sisters and younger brothers. Fathers baptized sons. This happened in a font below the grade of the surrounding earth in a temple on a hill. After which hands were laid on heads to bestow special gifts. Peculiar acts in a peculiar building while others performed equally peculiar things on the floors above. Are these things real and true? Is this God's will and His power? Peace and reassurance came upon me. My soul was comforted when these things were performed and warm confirmation filled my heart. A small miracle of testimony was bestowed upon me that morning.

In a cramped classroom, desks removed to the hallway, teachers and students comforted each other and prayed. The nauseating fumes of gasoline filled the room. Guns were lined up on a wall. Windows and doors were opened. A man had a string tied to his wrist. The other end connected to a detonator. Threats and delusions were recited. Demands were issued. A magic square was taped onto the floor to make space between the bomb and the hostages. A small community united in concern for their children and family. The explosion filled the room with heat and thick black smoke. Children poured out of windows and into hallways. Medics treated burns and ambulances rushed off to hospitals. Children ran to safety. Helpers ensured the evacuation of all in the room. Officers looked for bodies. Only two were found - those of the perpetrators. Investigations revealed that the magic square, the open windows, flaws in the bomb, and previous fire drills all contributed to the survival of the 150+ victims. Children testified of angels directing and protecting. As we listened to three of the survivors recount their experiences, we felt the Spirit confirm God's divine intervention. This was the great Cokeville miracle.

A small Amish community mourned the loss of children and loved ones. A madman who was a milkman had shot and killed 5 girls and then himself. Five others were wounded. In their inconsolable grief, the community had still found strength to reach out to the man's family to comfort them. They said they harbored no anger towards the milkman's family and offered love and support to them. They invited them to the funerals of the girls who died and attended the funeral of the milkman. This was a miracle of forgiveness.

God is God by virtue of his perfection. Otherwise he would not be God. Therefore his love is endless. His watchful care is unlimited. His plan works. "What man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" Should we be surprised then when miracles happen for us and those we love? A faithful mindset can open our minds and hearts to seeing God's hand in our lives.

I have seen miracles in my life. I have had prayers answered, received comfort, felt angels, been physically protected, forgiven, and uplifted when downtrodden. There always seems to be another witness just when I need it. That doesn't prevent or eliminate hard things but, it does allow some of the burden to be lightened while patiently waiting. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

I pray we can recognize His hand in our lives so that our joy might be more full and our gratitude overflowing. We can expect miracles.

Josh Hansen
-Bishopric Second Counselor



Come Follow Me

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June 27-July 3

1 Kings 17-19

July 4-10

2 Kings 2-7

July 11-17

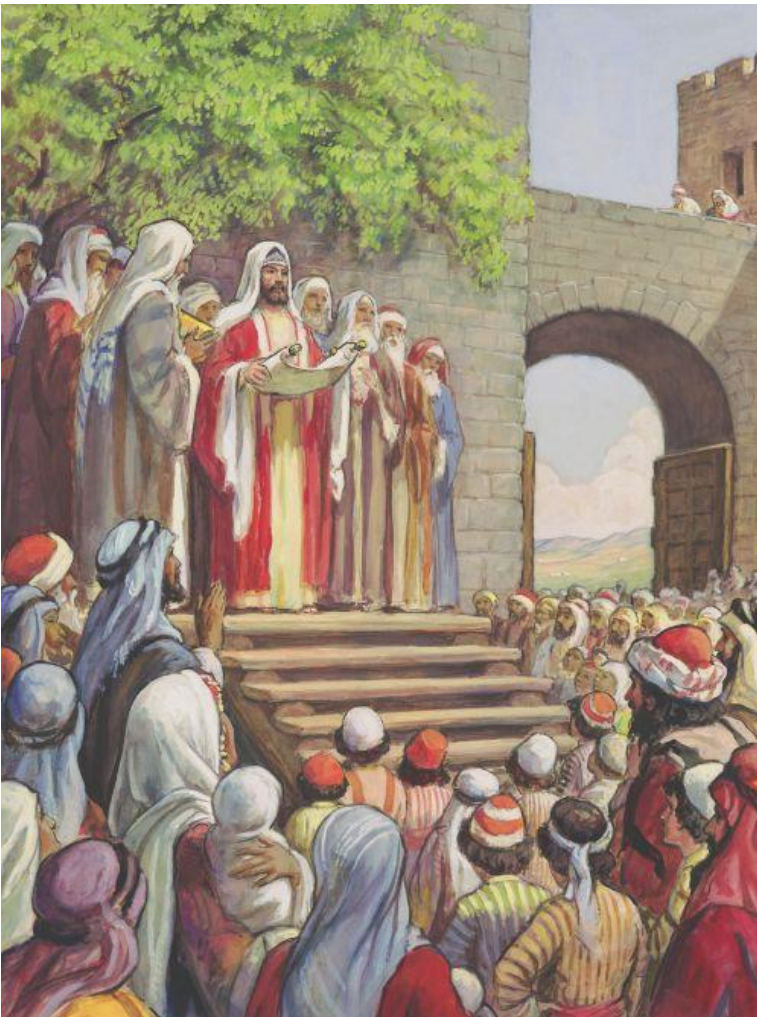
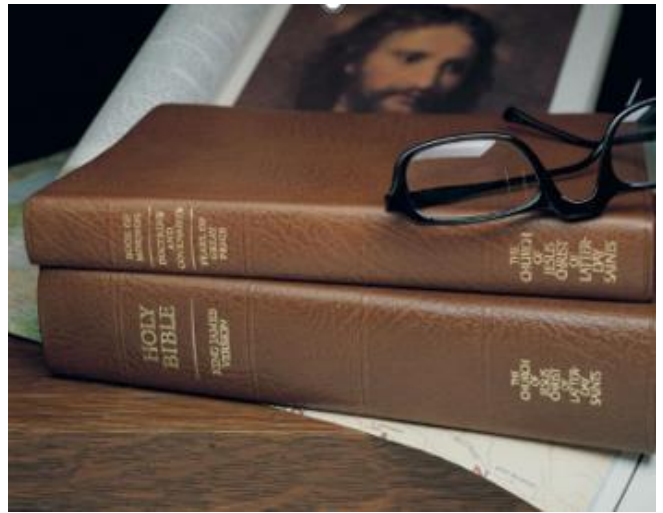
2 Kings 17-25

July 18-24

Ezra 1; 3-7 Nehemiah 2; 4-6; 8

July 25-31

Esther



... I ask us all to honestly evaluate our performance in scripture study. It is a common thing to have a few passages of scripture at our disposal, floating in our minds, as it were, and thus to have the illusion that we know a great deal about the gospel. In this sense, having a little knowledge can be a problem indeed. I am convinced that each of us, at some time in our lives, must discover the scriptures for ourselves—and not just discover them once, but rediscover them again and again.

Relief Society

Relief Society message:

As we commit to being flexible and then prayerfully consider how to best love and serve others, we will be blessed with the inspiration and knowledge we need to minister as the Savior did.

How Do I Start?

1. **Make contact** with those to whom you have been assigned to minister. This can be done in a variety of ways. Reach out to them in person; by phone, text message, or social media; or even with a letter.
2. **Get to know them.** Learn about their lives, relationships, and circumstances. By doing so, you'll be able to anticipate their needs and either meet those needs yourself or call on your ward leadership to access additional resources.
3. **Become a friend** by letting them know that you care. Make the effort to be the kind of friend that they need.
4. **Pray for them and for guidance.** Nobody knows the needs of those you are assigned to minister to better than Heavenly Father. Seek His help and pray for inspiration to serve them in the best way—His way. Finding inspired answers to questions you have and using all available methods for making contact are key to inspired ministering.
5. **Minister to them** in ways that are individualized and customized to fit their needs.
6. **Maintain the relationship.** Life can change quickly for people. Regularly touch base with those to whom you minister, and you'll be better prepared to help and serve them when needs arise.

(Part of text taken from "What Is Ministering?" churchofjesuschrist.org)



Please mark your calendar:

No Lunch Bunch in July

September 1: Annual Relief Society Picnic

Sunday, July 10: “Following Jesus—Being a Peacemaker,” talk given by Elder Neil L. Anderson in April, 2022 General Conference

Sunday, July 24: “Your Divine Nature and Eternal Destiny,” talk given by Elder Dale G. Renlund in April, 2022 General Conference

July Birthdays:

July 1: Lindsey Pearson

July 3: Lori Cerar, Chaden Barton

July 4: Becky Green

July 5: Pam Elkins

July 6: Brooke Freebairn

July 9: Barbara Houghton, Cyndie Tarsha, Emily Aycock

July 19: Tyne Schnebly

July 21: Lezlie Mann

July 22: Tommy Stuart

July 25: Cindy Khamedoost, Tressie Kitchen, Lydia Loftus

July 26: Helen Hunter

July 27: Connie Nielsen

July 31: Cherie McDonald, Eileen West

Thank-you for sharing your ministering, and for all the kind acts of service you do!



JEAN B. BINGHAM

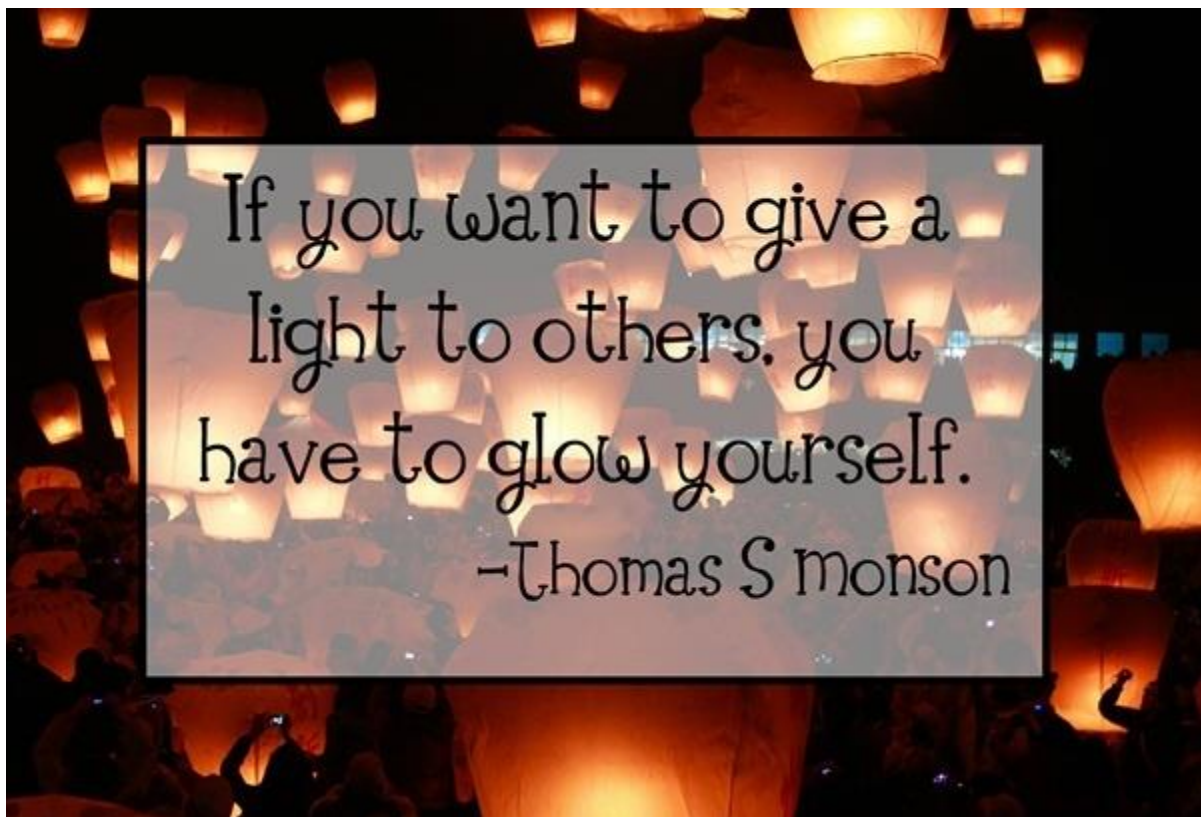
Sometimes we think we have to do something grand and heroic to count as serving our neighbors, yet simple acts of service can have profound effects on others as on ourselves.

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Young Women

June has been such a fun month. Our youth were able to attend youth conference in Preston, Idaho. Our theme was "Expect Miracles". It was amazing how many miracles we saw, including getting a baptismal appointment at the Logan temple after a special fast. The youth had a great time running the "rapids" of the Bear River! And we had a special fireside where we heard from several survivors of the Cokeville miracle. We learned so much about miracles and how we can find them in our own lives. We would like to thank all the youth and leaders who were able to attend. And give a special thank you to Pattie Wright, Cami Jensen, and Tiffanie Hansen for the wonderful food.

And the fun did not end there. Our Young Women were also able to attend Stake Girls Camp at Camp Piuta. The theme was "Ignite the Light Within". The girls had so much fun with the archery, hatchet throwing, rock climbing wall, yoga, hoedown, star hike, capture the flag, and movie night. They were also able to hear from the special guest speaker Sara Frei and learned so much from her amazing attitude and life experiences. We were grateful that so many of our girls were able to attend camp and for the wonderful support of our leaders. We would especially like to thank Britnie Larsen for being such an awesome camp director and Linda Marrelli for helping on the Stake Camp Food Committee..... you are both amazing! But most of all we would like to thank our Young Women for their bright spirits and wonderful examples. We learn so much from you. We love you and love serving with you! This quote from President Monson fits our girls perfectly. "If you want to give *LIGHT* to others, you have to GLOW yourself."



Photos from Camp



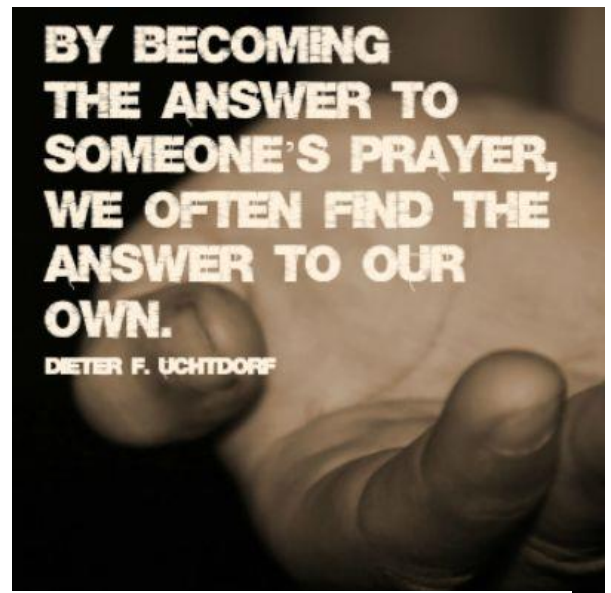
Youth Conference Photos



Humanitarian Committee

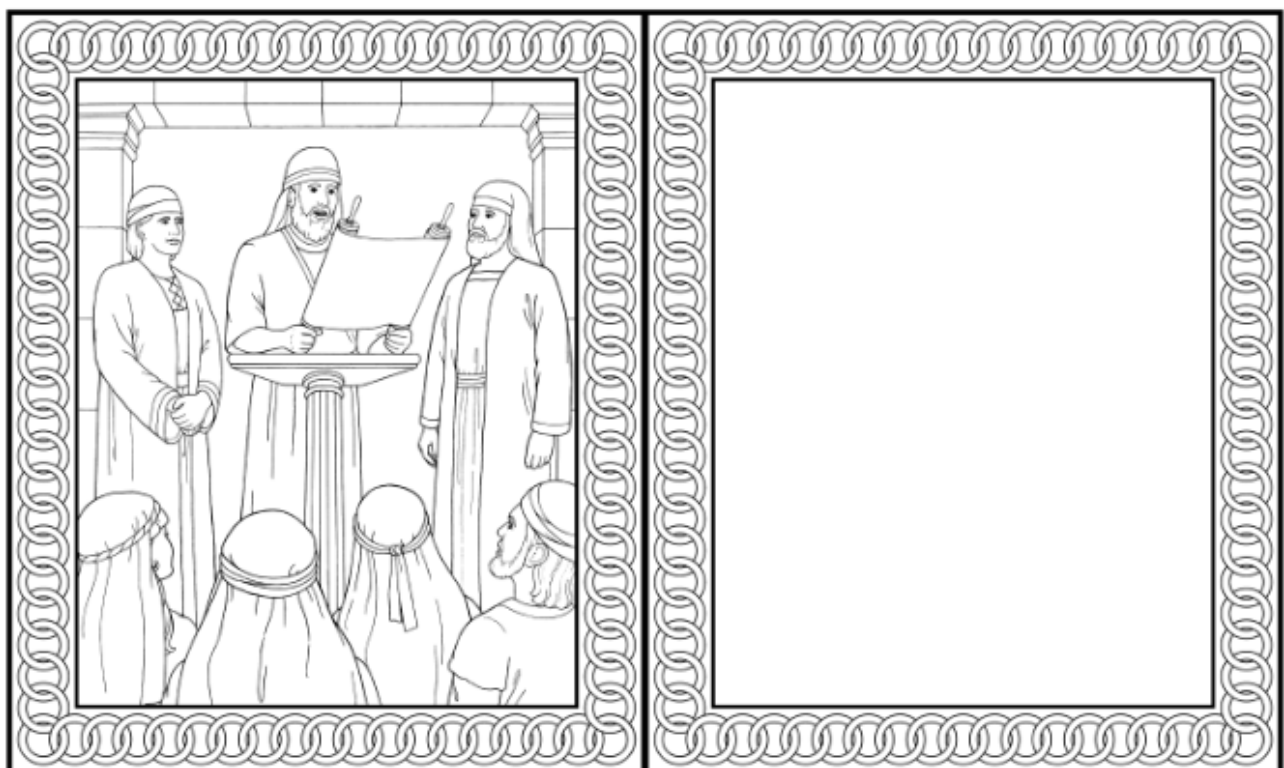
We just want to give a huge “Thank You” for all your donations and help in putting Hygiene and School kits together for children in Ghana. In total, we put together 115 kits with extra items what will help put together even more kits! We also assembled 219 bags of children’s vitamins! We could not do this without your great generosity and help!

Humanitarian Committee



The scriptures are a blessing (Nehemiah 8:1-12).

Color the picture of Ezra reading the scriptures to the people.
In the blank space, draw yourself and your family reading the scriptures.

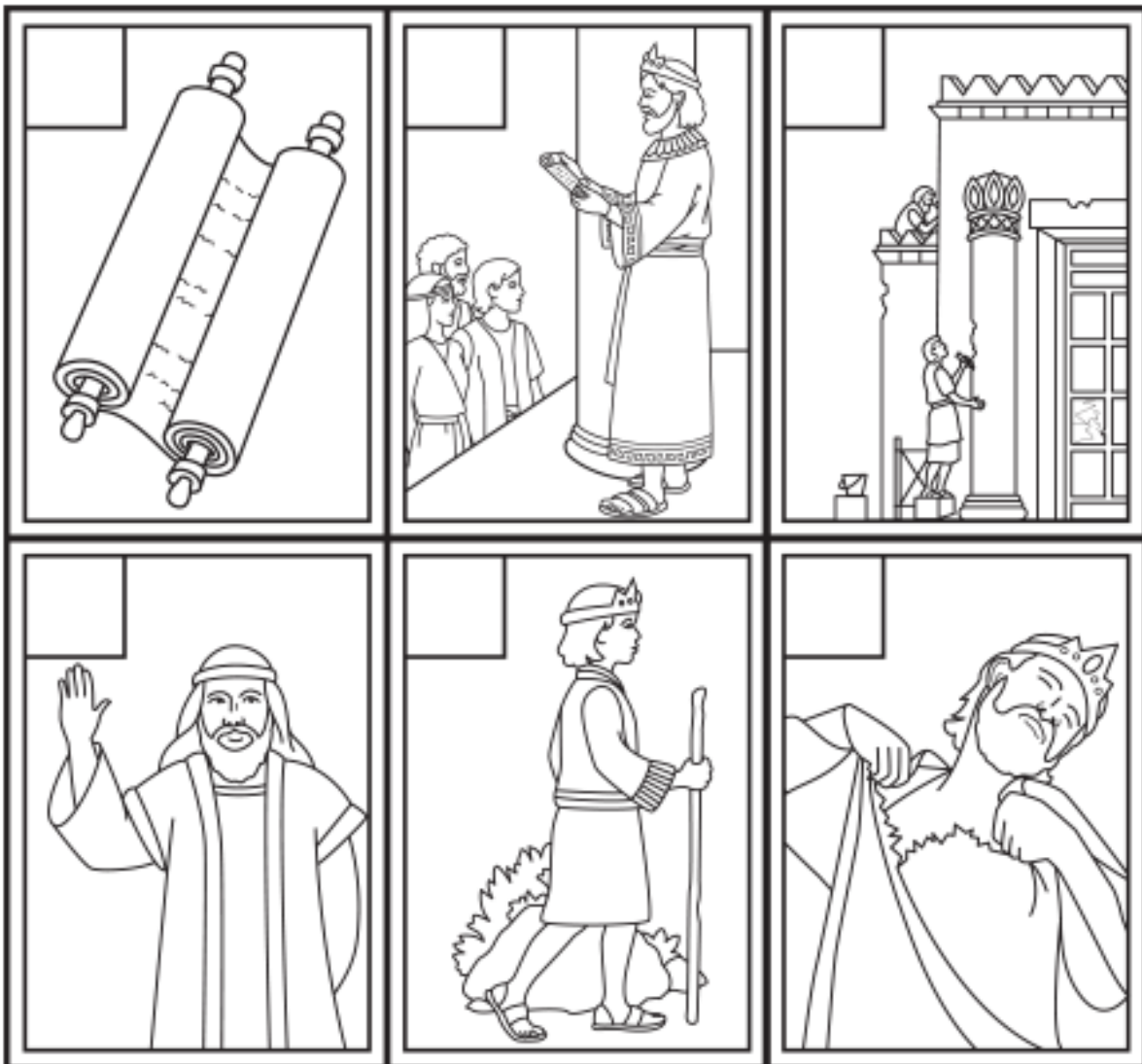


Primary

The scriptures are a blessing (2 Kings 22:8-11; 23:2).

Match each statement about Josiah's life to one of the pictures below. In the box of each picture, write the number of the matching statement. How are the scriptures a blessing in your life?

1. Josiah was made king at age eight.
2. He followed the ways of the Lord and had the temple repaired.
3. The lost book of the law was found in the temple and read to him.
4. He was so sad that his people hadn't kept the commandments that he tore his clothes.
5. Josiah read God's laws to the people.
6. The people covenanted to follow the Lord.





July 1

Kristi Everett
Lindsay Pearson

July 2

Grace Scoville

July 3

Chaden Barton
Lori Cerar

July 4

Becky Green

July 5

Pam Elkins

July 6

Brooke Freebairn
Evie Kitchen

July 7

Mike Rafferty

July 8

Nora Harker
Dawson Wright

July 9

Emily Aycock
Owen Hansen
Cynthia Tarsha

July 11

Scottie Morrill

July 14

Chilyn Barton

July 15

Jake Thompson

July 16

Jayden Sorenson

July 17

Thorley Applegate

July 18

Keith Radley

July 19

Eric Gubler
Tyne Schnebly

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Charles Mortensen

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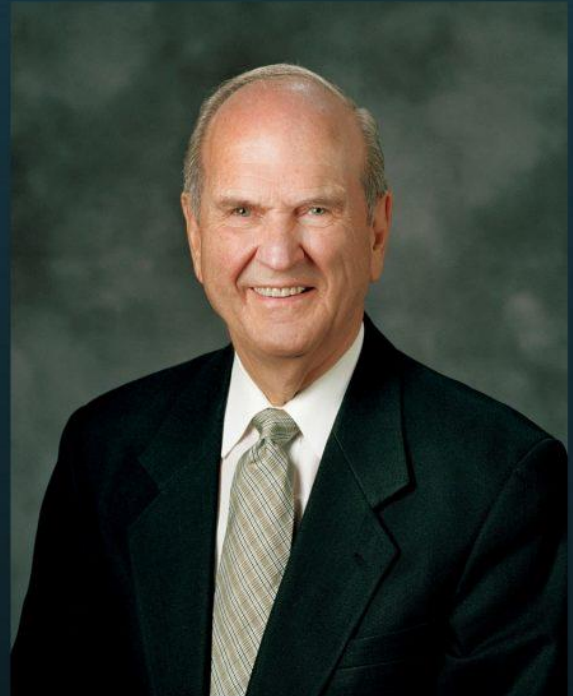


Thoughts of Encouragement

WHY DO WE NEED SUCH
RESILIENT FAITH? BECAUSE
DIFFICULT DAYS ARE AHEAD.
RARELY IN THE FUTURE WILL
IT BE **EASY** OR **POPULAR** TO BE
A **FAITHFUL** LATTER-DAY SAINT.
EACH OF US WILL BE TESTED.

~ RUSSELL M. NELSON

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AND NOW, MY SONS, REMEMBER,
REMEMBER THAT IT IS UPON THE
**rock of our Redeemer, who is
Christ, the Son of God, that**
YE MUST BUILD YOUR FOUNDATION;
*that when the devil shall
send forth his mighty winds,*
YEA, HIS SHAFTS IN THE WHIRLWIND,
**yea, when all his hail and his
mighty storm shall beat upon you,**
it shall have no power over you...

Helaman 5:12

"No matter our circumstances,
no matter our challenges or
trials, there is something in
each day to embrace and
cherish. There is something in
each day that can bring
gratitude and joy if only we
will see and appreciate it."

—Dieter F. Uchtdorf
"Of Regrets and Resolutions"
Liahona and Ensign, November 2012

ARE YOU WILLING TO
PRAY TO KNOW HOW TO
PRAY FOR MORE POWER?
**THE LORD WILL
TEACH YOU.**