

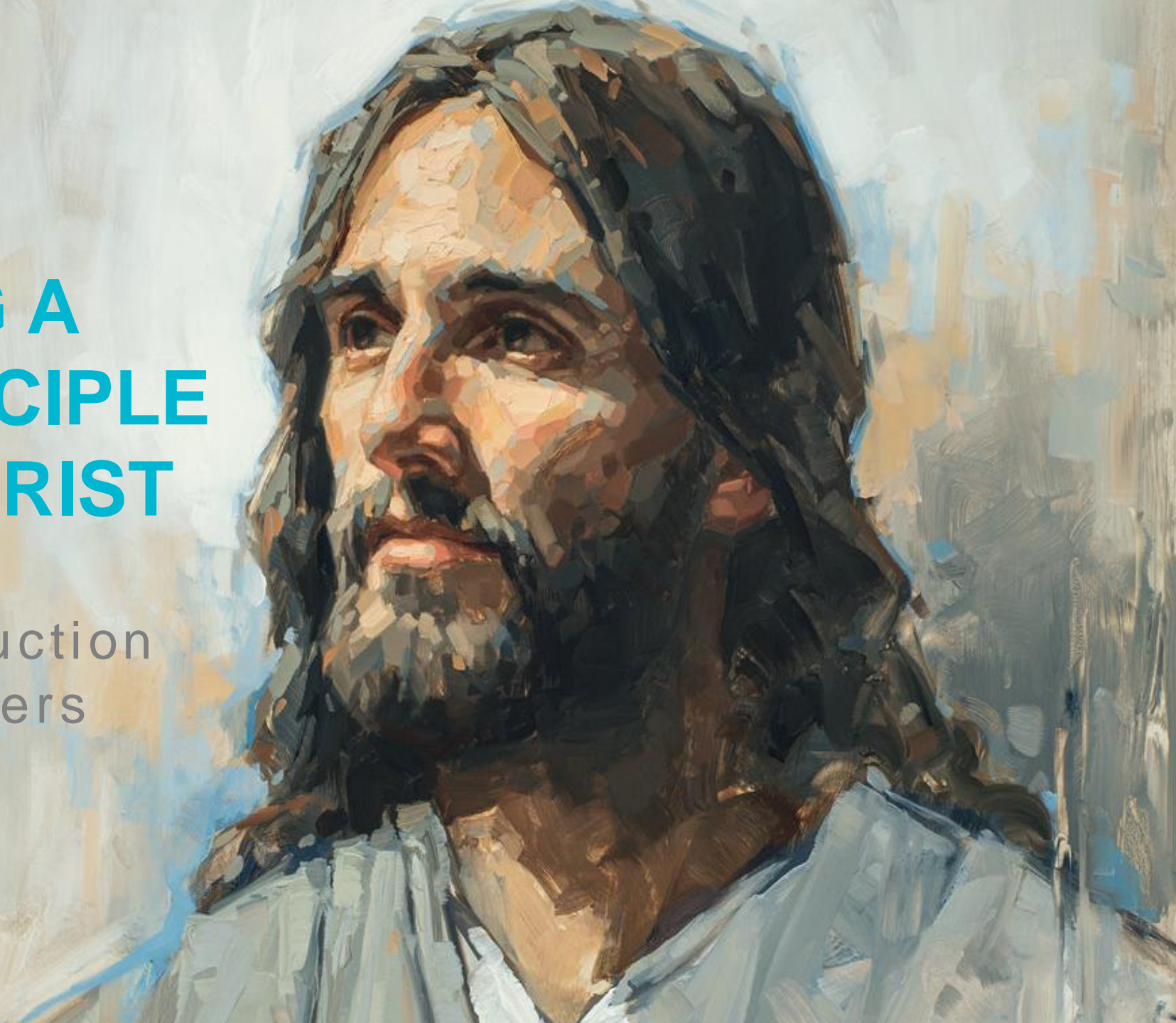
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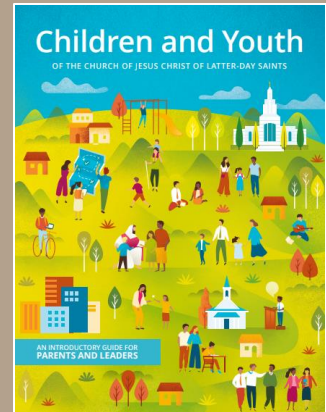
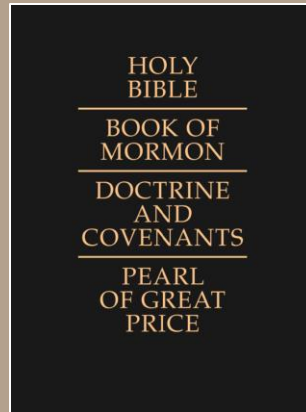
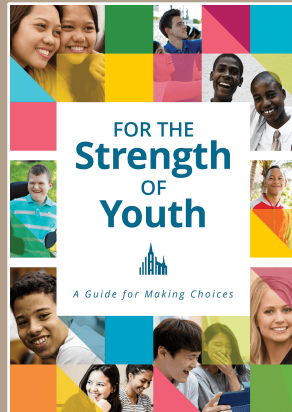
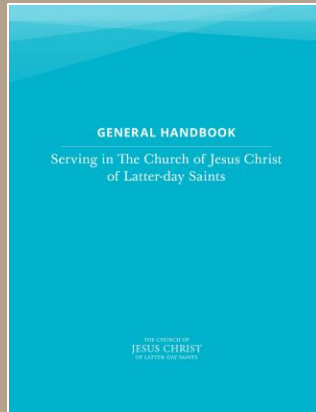
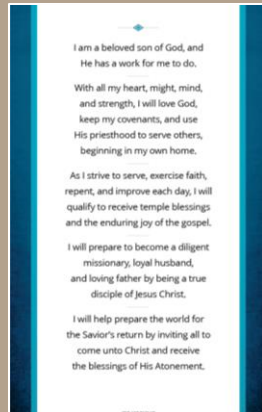
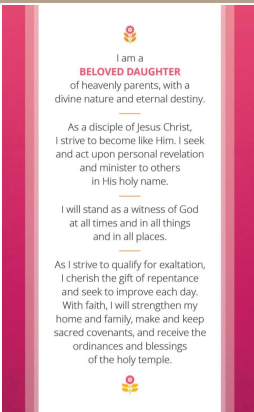
# BECOMING A LIFELONG DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

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# RESOURCES




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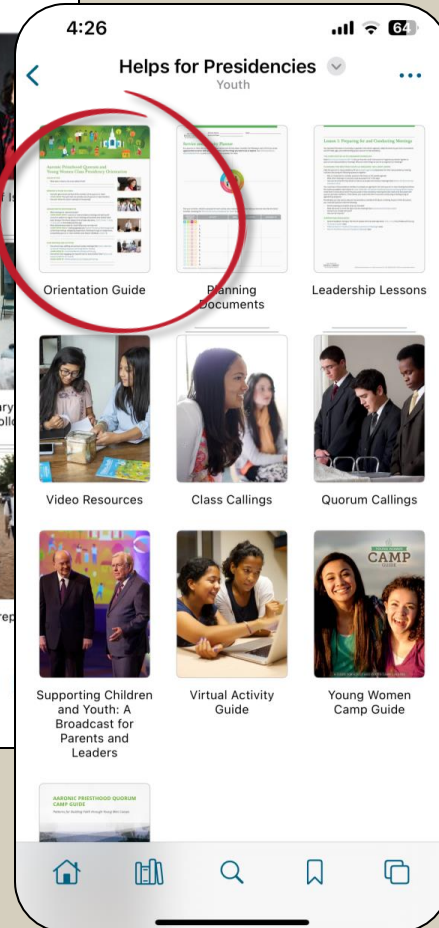
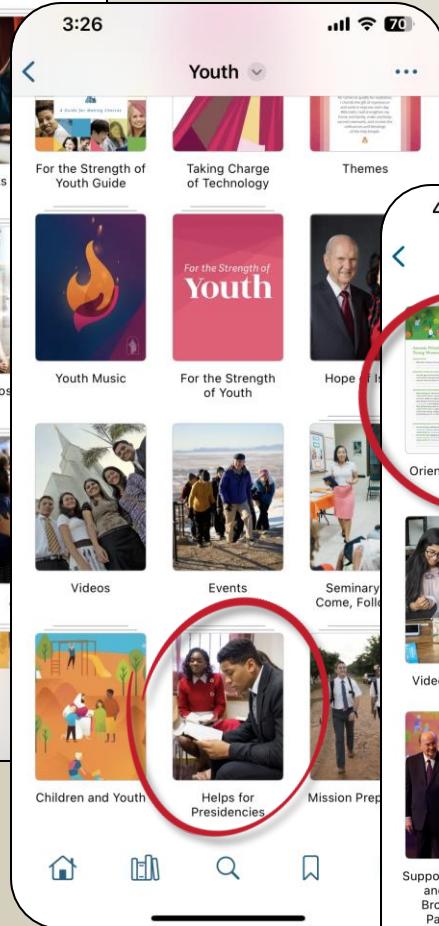
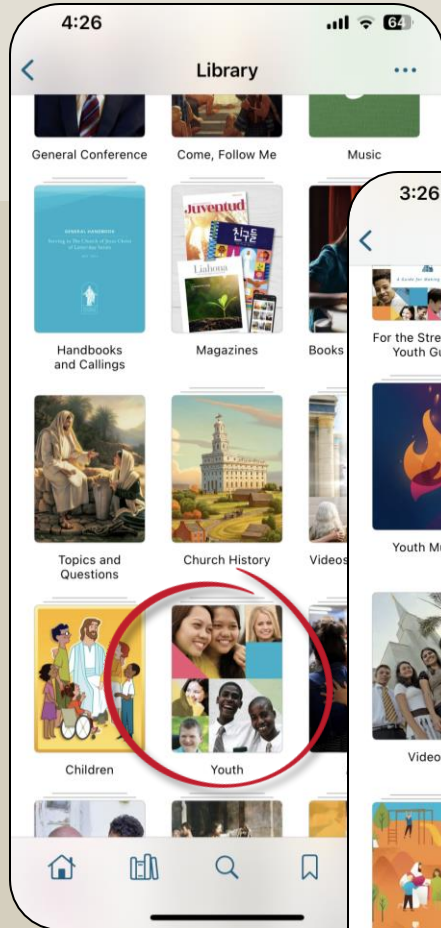
**WHY ME?**



**WHY NOW?**



# LEADING



## Aaronic Priesthood Quorum and Young Women Class Presidency Orientation

### CALLED OF GOD

- What does it mean to me to be called of God?

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### MINISTER TO THOSE YOU SERVE

- How will I get to know and love all the members of my quorum or class?  
**LEARN MORE:** The ward clerk can provide a list of quorum or class members.
- How will I follow the Savior's example of ministering?

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### ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- What meetings do I attend and plan?  
**LEARN MORE ABOUT:** quorum or class presidency meetings and ward youth councils in addition to regular Church meetings and activities (see *General Handbook: Serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, 10.4.3, 10.4.4, 11.3.4.3, 11.3.4.4, 29.2.9, [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](http://ChurchofJesusChrist.org)).
- What administrative tasks do I have? What tools can help me?  
**LEARN MORE ABOUT:** meeting agendas (see "Sample Presidency Meeting Agenda"), conducting meetings, delegating assignments, following through on assignments, and greeting quorum or class members (see *General Handbook*, chapter 4).

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### PLAN MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

- How will we have uplifting and spiritual Sunday meetings? (See *Come, Follow Me—For Aaronic Priesthood Quorums and Young Women Classes*.)  
**LEARN MORE AT:** [ComeFollowMe.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](http://ComeFollowMe.ChurchofJesusChrist.org).
- How will we have engaging and impactful service and activities? (See "Service and Activity Guidelines for Youth.")  
**LEARN MORE AT:** [ChildrenandYouth.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](http://ChildrenandYouth.ChurchofJesusChrist.org).

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# LEADING

## LEADERSHIP LESSONS

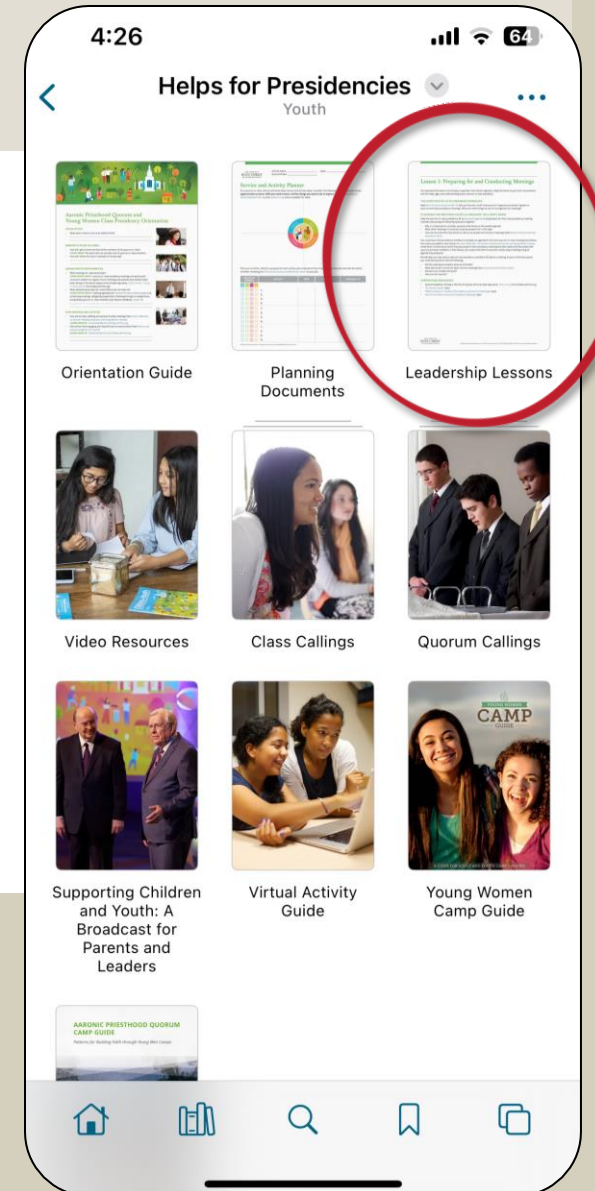
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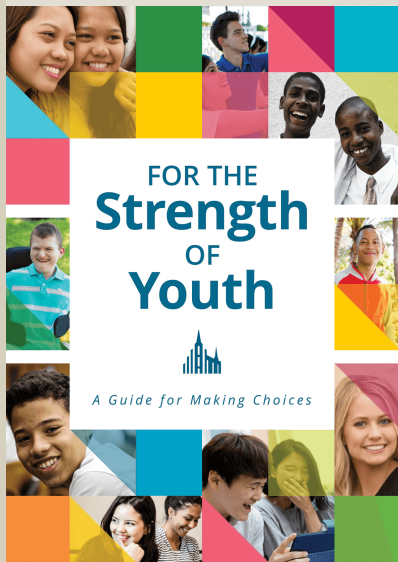
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**Lesson 4:** Planning Service and Activities

**Lesson 5:** Ministering



# LIFELONG DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST



**“The Lord invites us to be His disciples and live a standard higher than the world’s.”**

*FOR THE STRENGTH OF YOUTH:  
A Guide for Making Choices (2022), 23*

## **Ancient Discipleship**

**Spend time with Him | Become like Him | Go forth and do as He would**

# LIFELONG DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

## ACTS 8:26–39

- 26: Follow the Spirit
- 29: Go near and join
- 31: Guide them
- 31: Sit with them
- 35: Meet them where they are
- 35: Preach Jesus
- 36–38: Lead them into a covenant relationship



Who has mentored you?



# BECOMING A LIFELONG DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

“Now therefore ye are **no more strangers** and foreigners, but **fellowcitizens with the saints**, and of the household of God;

“And are built upon the **foundation** of the **apostles and prophets**, **Jesus Christ** himself being the chief corner stone;

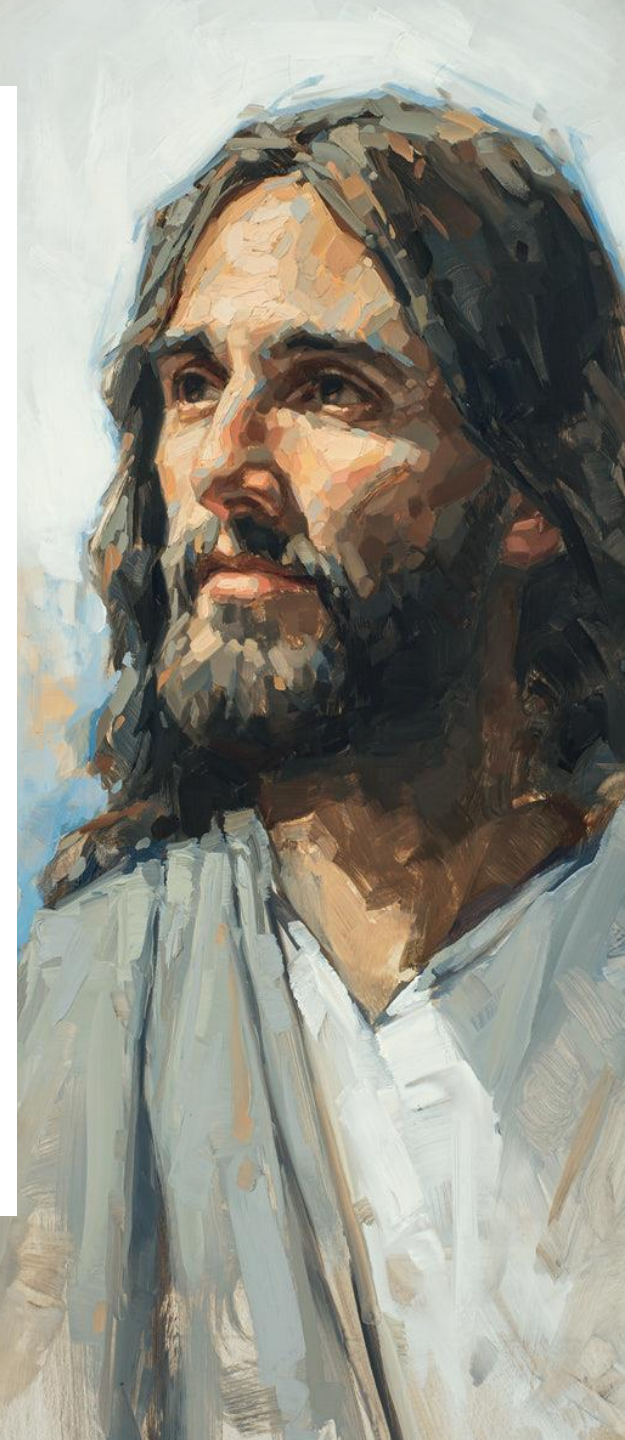
“In whom all the building fitly framed together **groweth unto an holy temple** in the Lord.”

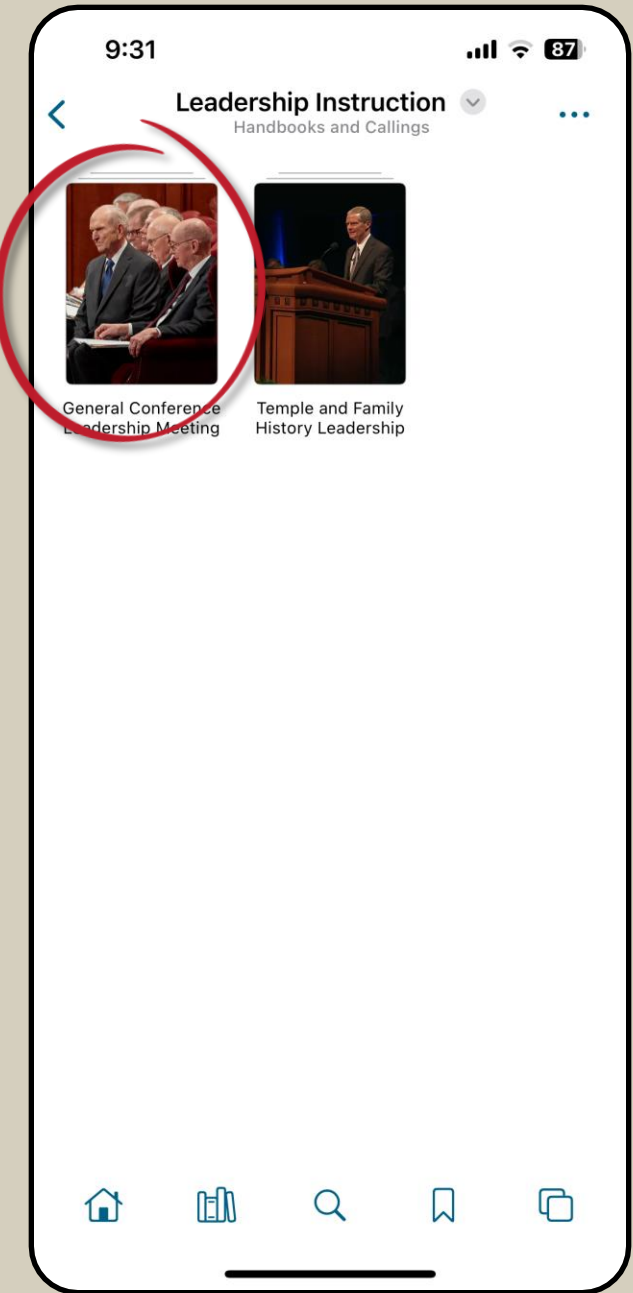
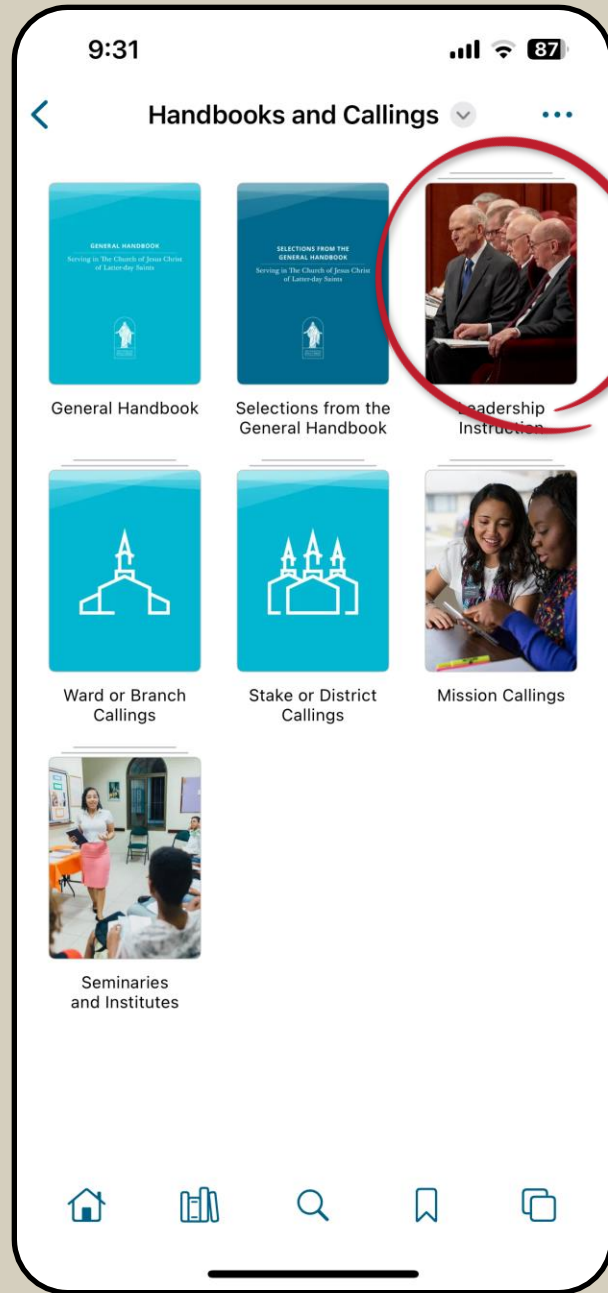
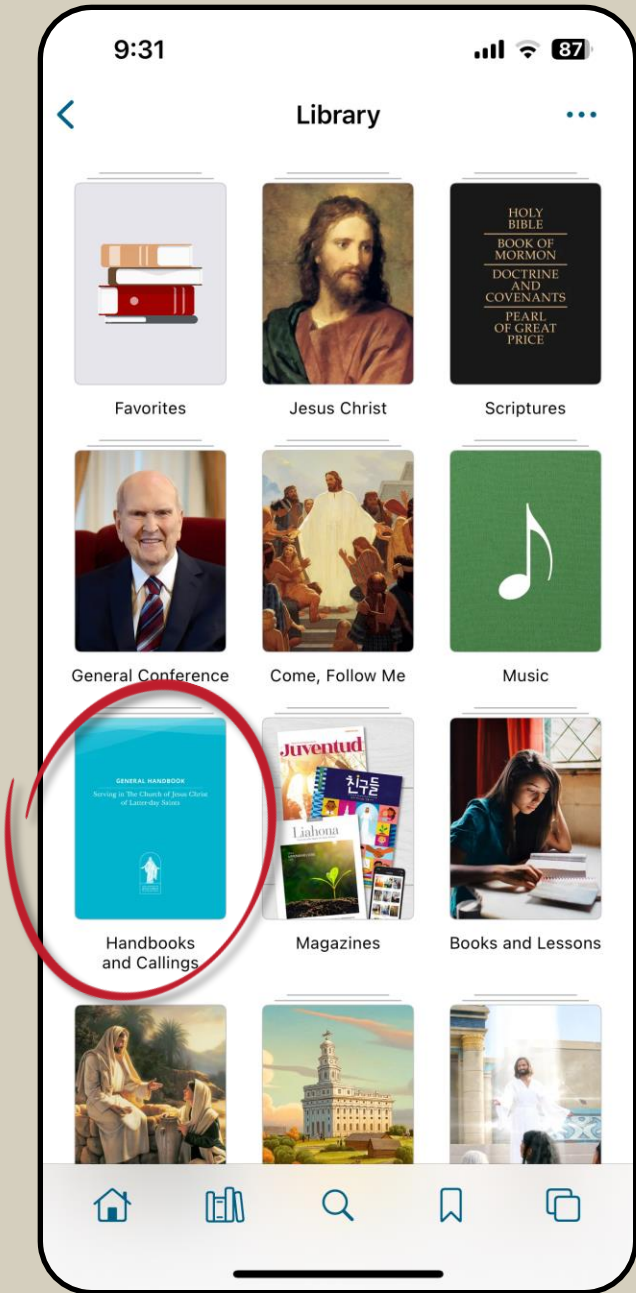
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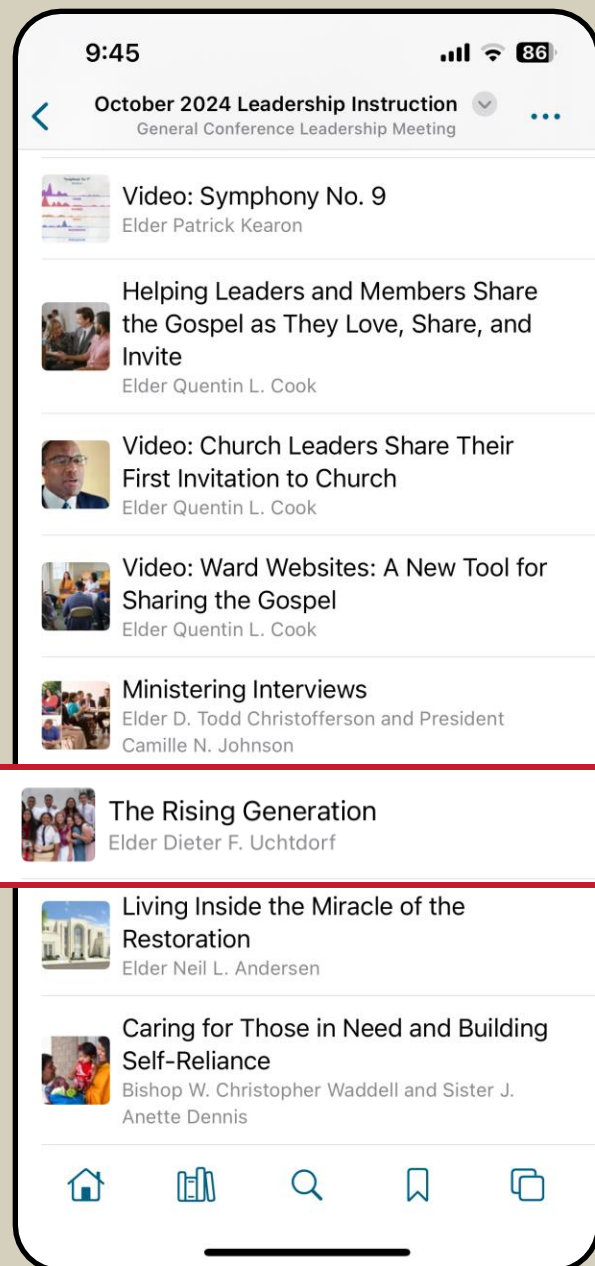
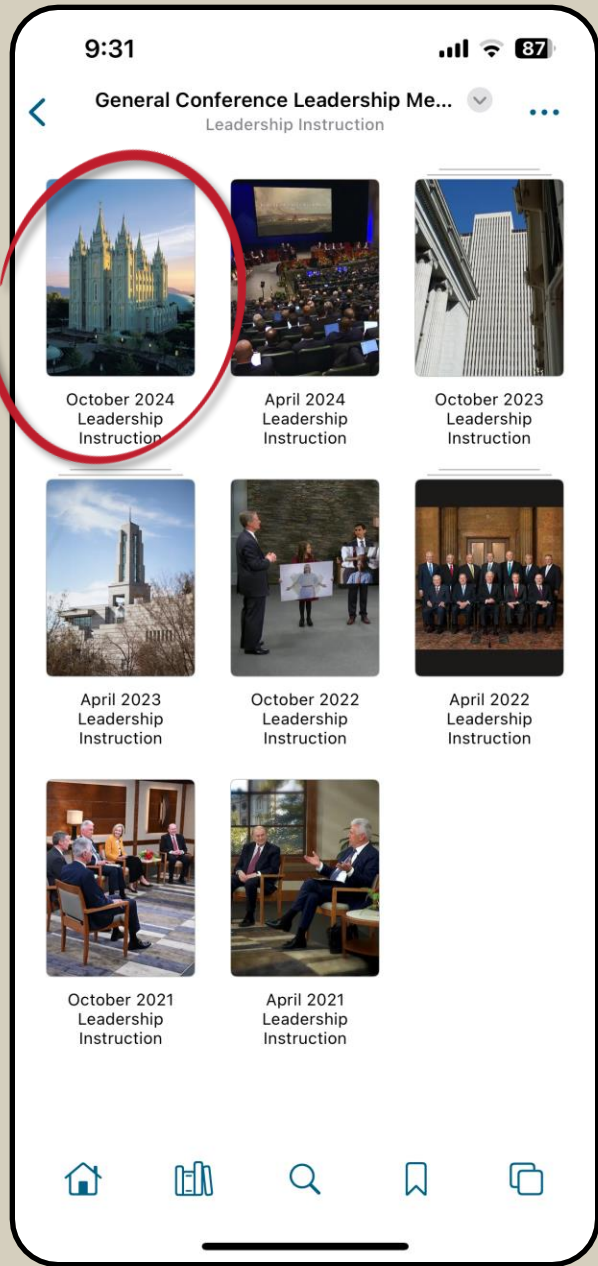
**BELIEVE**

**BECOME**










GENERAL CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP MEETING—OCTOBER 2024

## The Rising Generation

Instruction from Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf



**The rising generation needs to believe in Jesus Christ and His doctrine.**

- Many families and Church units have wonderful traditions of prayer, scripture study, Sabbath worship, conferences, service projects, and temple trips. As we encourage our children and youth to have these experiences, they also need to know why we do all these things. Without nourishing the roots of faith in Christ, traditions alone will not be enough (see Mosiah 26:1–4).
- Prayerfully consider how *Come, Follow Me*, the *For the Strength of Youth* guidebook, FSY and YSA conferences, and seminary and institute are being used to help the rising generation in your area of responsibility.

**The rising generation needs to feel that they belong in His Church.**

- Give them plentiful opportunities to involve themselves in the great cause of Christ. For example, in 2025, we are inviting Primary children worldwide to participate in a service activity, planned locally.

**The rising generation needs to become their best selves, as intended by heavenly parents.**

- Make sure that every youth has opportunities to attend FSY conferences. These conferences help them feel that they are not alone in their desire to follow Jesus Christ.
- Build belonging through covenants. The rising generation's experiences in the Church are like an "arc of the covenants" or an "arc of discipleship" that extends from Primary and baptism into adulthood and the covenants of the temple. No matter our stage of life, we are always preparing for, making, and keeping covenants.
- Our young people need our help to see their own progress. We, as their leaders and mentors in Christ, can give them hope and courage and confidence.



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GOSPEL LEARNING  
BELIEVE IN CHRIST



SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES  
BELONG WITH CHRIST

BECOME LIKE CHRIST  
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT





# BELIEVE

- Practice holy habits.
- Study the scriptures at home, church, and seminary.
- Have and use *For the Strength of Youth: A Guide for Making Choices*.

# BELIEVE IN CHRIST

## 2 KINGS 5:1-17

- 1: Naaman, captain of the host; mighty man of valor; leper
- 2–4: Little maid taken captive out of Israel testifies of prophet in her land
- 8–9: Naaman goes to Elisha
- 10: Told to wash seven times in Jordan
- 12: Angry because of the dirtiness of the river
- 14: Dips seven times in Jordan

**What are your holy rhythms? Why?**



# BELIEVE IN CHRIST



I am a  
**BELOVED DAUGHTER**  
of heavenly parents, with a  
divine nature and eternal destiny.

As a disciple of Jesus Christ,  
I strive to become like Him. I seek  
and act upon personal revelation  
and minister to others  
in His holy name.

I will stand as a witness of God  
at all times and in all things  
and in all places.

As I strive to qualify for exaltation,  
I cherish the gift of repentance  
and seek to improve each day.  
With faith, I will strengthen my  
home and family, make and keep  
sacred covenants, and receive the  
ordinances and blessings  
of the holy temple.



“I cherish the gift of  
repentance and seek to  
**IMPROVE EACH DAY.**”

“As I strive to serve,  
exercise faith, repent, and  
**IMPROVE EACH DAY.**”



I am a beloved son of God, and  
He has a work for me to do.

With all my heart, might, mind,  
and strength, I will love God,  
keep my covenants, and use  
His priesthood to serve others,  
beginning in my own home.

As I strive to serve, exercise faith,  
repent, and improve each day, I will  
qualify to receive temple blessings  
and the enduring joy of the gospel.

I will prepare to become a diligent  
missionary, loyal husband,  
and loving father by being a true  
disciple of Jesus Christ.

I will help prepare the world for  
the Savior's return by inviting all to  
come unto Christ and receive  
the blessings of His Atonement.



# BELIEVE IN CHRIST



## WHERE DO WE DO THIS?

- *Come, Follow Me*  
at home and at church
- Seminary
- Activities and conferences
- *For the Strength of Youth:  
A Guide for Making  
Choices*



# BELIEVE IN CHRIST



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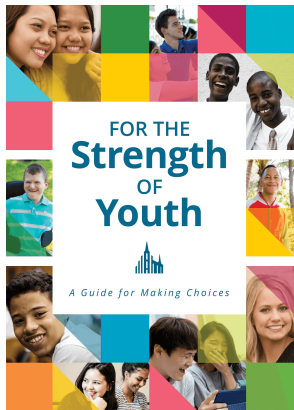
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General Conference Leadership Meeting, Oct. 2024

**“Jesus Christ is the strength of youth.”**

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“Jesus Christ Is the Strength of Youth,” *Liahona*, Nov. 2022, 10

# BELIEVE IN CHRIST

## *For the Strength of Youth: A Guide for Making Choices*



- Jesus Christ will help you
- Love God, love your neighbor
- Walk in God's light
- Your body is sacred
- Truth will make you free
- Find joy in Christ

**ARE YOUR STANDARDS HIGHER AND HOLIER NOW?**

# BELIEVE IN CHRIST

## COUNSEL TOGETHER

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How can our lessons and activities help our youth **BELIEVE** in Jesus Christ?



# BELONG

## in His Church

*“plentiful opportunities to involve themselves”*

- Plan and attend meaningful midweek activities.
- Participate in camps and conferences.
- Attend FSY conferences.



# BELONG WITH CHRIST

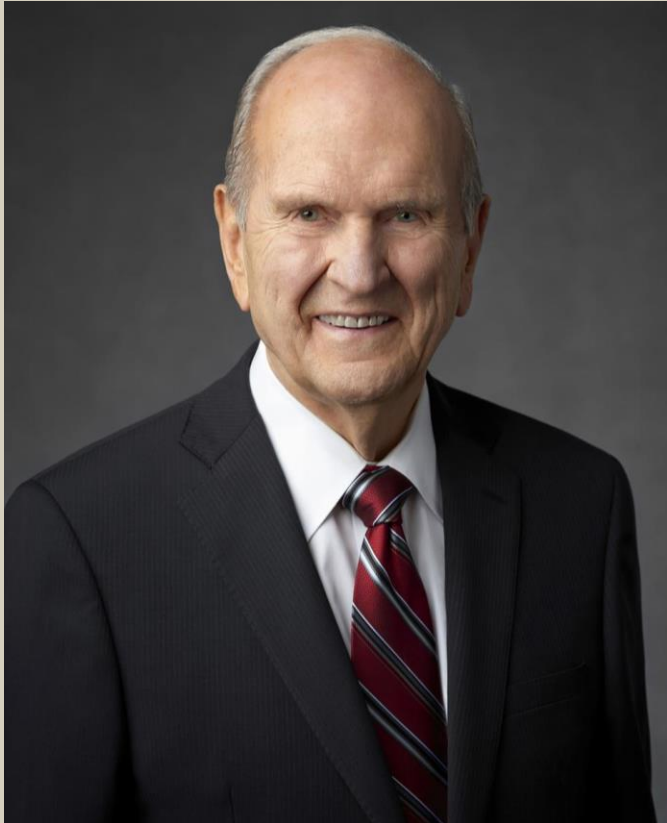
## PATRIARCHAL BLESSINGS



God has a  
work for  
youth to do.

See Moses 1:6;  
Joseph Smith—History 1:33  
Aaronic Priesthood Quorum Theme

# BELONG WITH CHRIST



“Our youth ... are **UNUSUALLY GIFTED** in reaching out to others and sharing what they believe in a convincing fashion.”

PRESIDENT RUSSELL M. NELSON  
“Witnesses, Aaronic Priesthood Quorums, and Young Women Classes,”  
*Liahona*, Nov. 2019, 39

**This is the role of youth!**

# BELONG WITH CHRIST

## LUKE 14:16–23

17: The supper was ready

18: No one came

21: Go out quickly and bring in

21: Poor, maimed, halt, blind

22: There is still room

23: Go into the highways and hedges, compel them

23: That my house may be filled

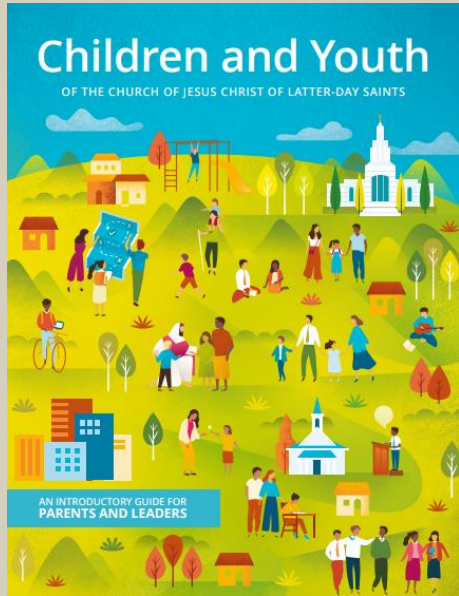








# SUPPORT TEAM



## YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS

### What is my role?

**Assist** parents and the bishopric in guiding and inspiring young women to understand their identity as daughters of God, **prepare** for temple covenants, and fulfill their divine purposes. **Guide** class presidencies as they lead, **minister** to, and **serve** the members of their classes.

### What do I do?

**Set an example as a disciple of Jesus Christ.**

Guide the class presidencies as they prayerfully plan and help teach lessons from *Come, Follow Me—For Young Women*. **Encourage** them to lead in planning and carrying out service and activities that will help young women to grow in all areas of their lives. Offer additional **support** to young women who need it.

### Where do I start?

**Get to know** the young women individually. Talk with the young women, their parents, and the bishopric about how you can support the young women's growth. **Pray** to know how you can **help** your class presidencies succeed in their callings.

# SUPPORT TEAM

## AARONIC PRIESTHOOD QUORUM LEADERS

### What is my role?

**Assist** parents and the bishopric in **preparing** young men for ordination to priesthood offices, temple covenants, missions, and divine roles. Inspire them to understand their purpose and identity as sons of God. **Guide** quorum presidencies as they lead, **minister** to, and **serve** the members of their quorums and as they officiate in the ordinance of the sacrament.

### What do I do?

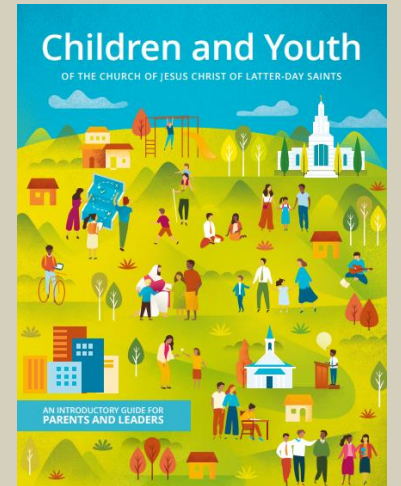
**Set an example as a disciple of Jesus Christ.**

Guide the quorum presidencies as they exercise their keys, officiate in the ordinance of the sacrament, and prayerfully plan and help teach lessons from *Come, Follow Me—For Young Men*. **Help** them plan and carry out service and activities that will help the young men grow in all areas of their lives. Let them lead. Offer additional **support** to young men who need it.

### Where do I start?

**Spend time with** the young men. Get to know and love them individually. Talk with the bishopric, the young men, and their parents to determine how you can support them as they grow to become more like the Savior. **Pray** to know how you can **help** your quorum presidencies exercise their keys and succeed in their callings.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH:  
An Introductory Guide  
for Parents and Leaders, 13







# SUPPORT TEAM

## BISHOP'S ROLE

- Priesthood keys.
- Build relationships over 5 years.
- “The bishop’s foremost responsibility is to the rising generation in the ward.”

HANDBOOK, 7.1



## BISHOP'S “STOREHOUSE”

- All ward members are a resource.
- “Is anybody cheering for them?”
- Call an assistant executive secretary.

HANDBOOK, 7.3



# SUPPORT TEAM



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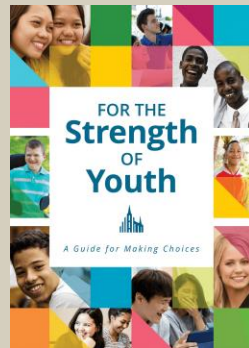
# BELONG WITH CHRIST

THE JOB TO BE DONE

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**CREATE BELONGING**

at church, camps, conferences, annual events,  
and midweek activities.







# BECOME

**your best self, as intended by  
heavenly parents**

- Understand your purpose.
- Share your progress through regular bishopric interviews.
- Make and keep covenants.

# BECOME LIKE CHRIST

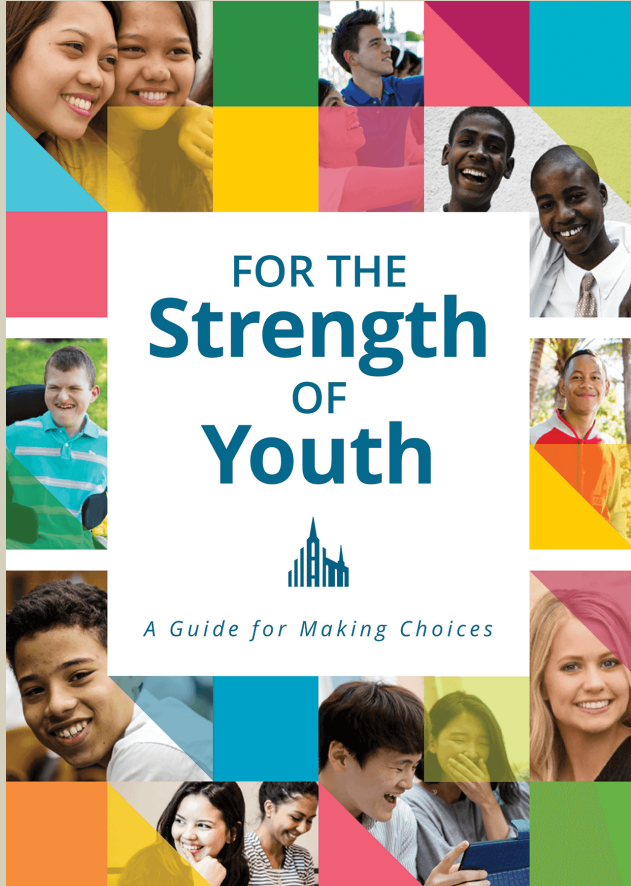


## ACTS 3:1-11

- 4: Fastened his eyes upon him
- 7: Took him by the hand
- 7: Lifted him up
- 8: Entered **WITH THEM** into the temple

**Deeper covenant relationship**

# BECOME LIKE CHRIST



“Keep your covenants with God and prepare to make more. Covenants connect you to Heavenly Father and the Savior. **THEY INCREASE GOD’S POWER IN YOUR LIFE** and prepare you to receive eternal life.”

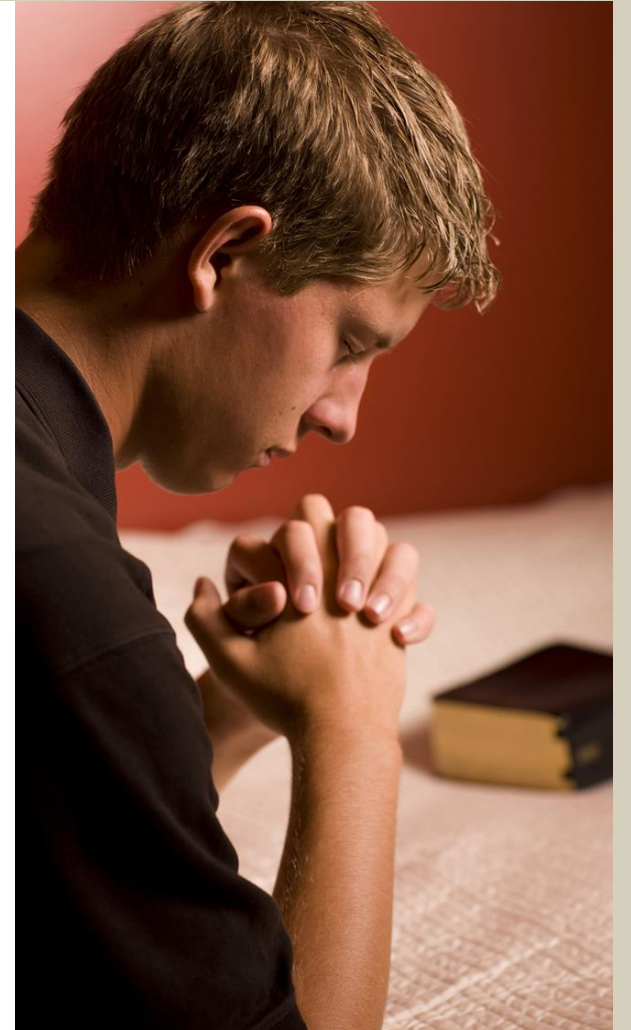
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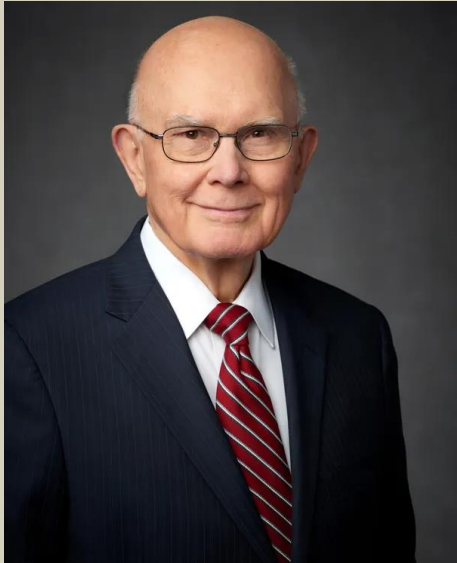
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**UNDERSTAND THEIR PLACE,  
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IN GOD'S PLAN**

**YOUNG MEN**  
Doctrine and Covenants  
20, 84, and 107



# BECOME LIKE CHRIST



## YOUNG MEN

“The Aaronic Priesthood holds the keys of the ‘gospel of repentance and of baptism, and the remission of sins.’ The cleansing power of our Savior’s Atonement is renewed for us as we partake of the sacrament. The promise that we ‘may always have his Spirit to be with [us]’ is essential to our spirituality. The ordinances of the Aaronic Priesthood are vital to all of this.”

PRESIDENT DALLIN H. OAKS

“The Aaronic Priesthood and the Sacrament,” *Ensign*, Nov. 1998, 40

# BECOME LIKE CHRIST



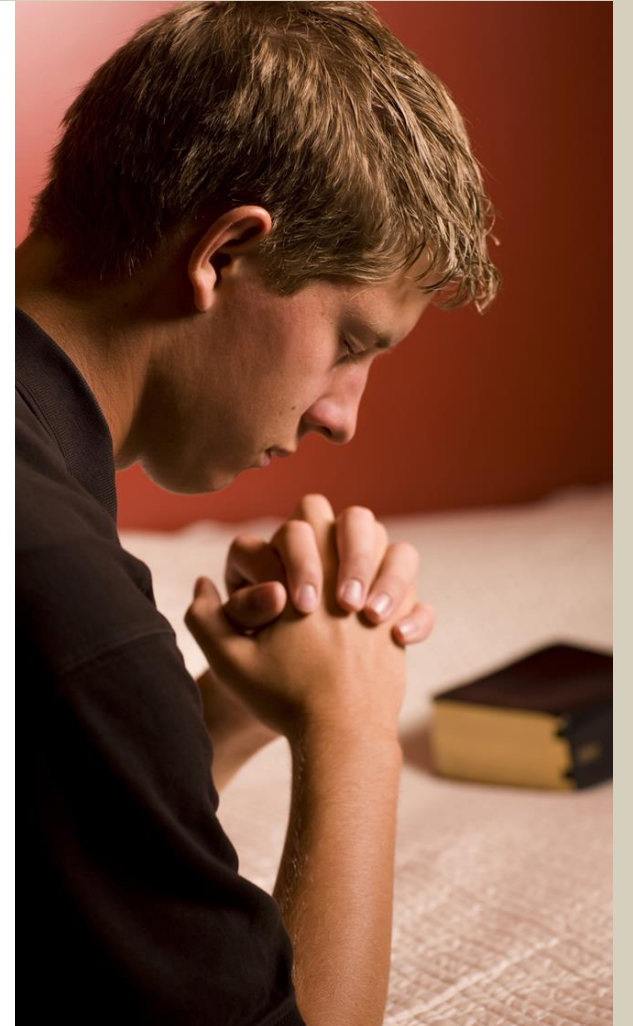
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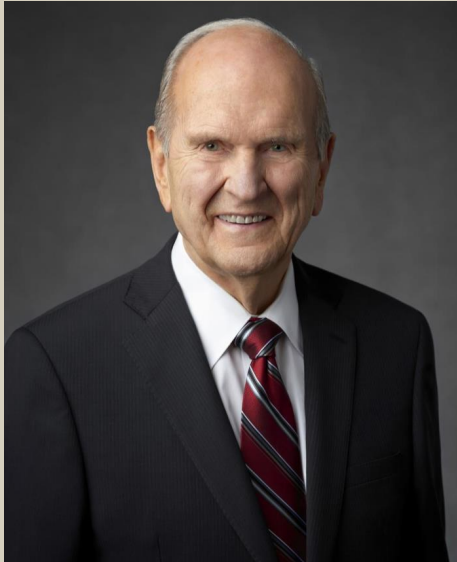
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# BECOME LIKE CHRIST



## YOUNG WOMEN

“What I can tell you is that accessing the power of God in your life requires the same things that the Lord instructed Emma and each of you to do. So, I invite you to study prayerfully section 25 of the Doctrine and Covenants and discover what the Holy Ghost will teach you.”

PRESIDENT RUSSELL M. NELSON  
“Spiritual Treasures,” *Liahona*, Nov. 2019, 77

# BECOMING A LIFELONG DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

**BELIEVE  
IN  
CHRIST**

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“He will change your heart and your life. **LITTLE BY LITTLE**, you will grow and become more like Him. Your covenant connection with Him will bring you greater access to His power.”

*For the Strength of Youth: A Guide for Making Choices*  
“Jesus Christ Will Help You,” 8



# LIFELONG DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST



“I am consumed with the feeling that our Father in Heaven would like us to pray more frequently, pray more seriously, pray with an eye single to His glory. We can’t just pray the way we always have, **inasmuch as nothing else we are going to do from here on is going to be done the way we have always done it.**”

PRESIDENT JEFFREY R. HOLLAND  
General Conference Leadership Meeting, Oct. 2024



**ONE THING?**



