



# THE SAVIOR'S Invitation



A Collection of Insights  
from Modern Apostles and  
Ancient Scripture

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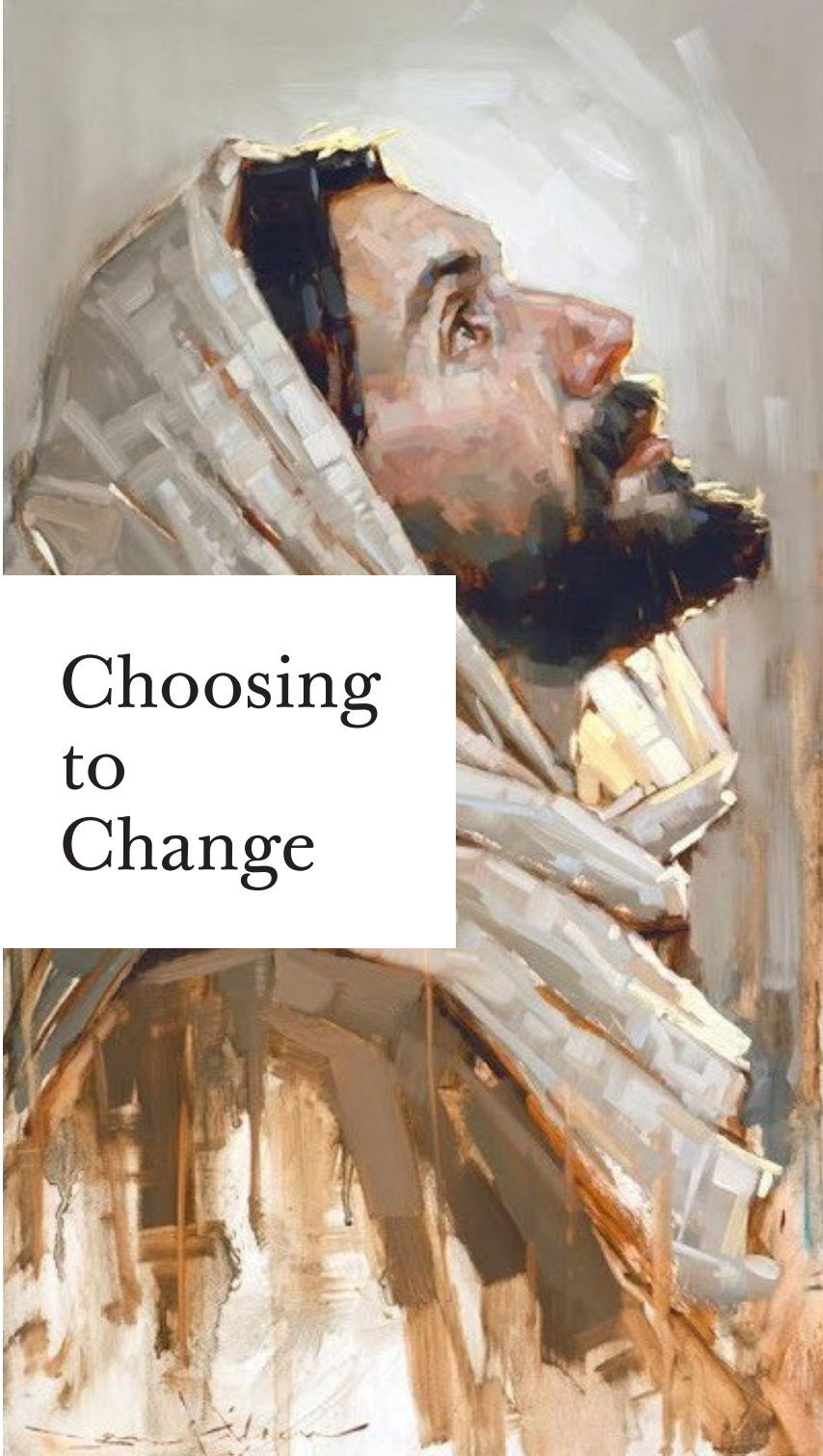
“Jesus saith  
unto him, I am  
the way, the truth,  
and the life.”

JOHN 14:6

This collection features selected teachings from modern-day apostles for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as well as the words of Church President Russell M. Nelson and his counselors in the First Presidency. All are inspired representatives of Jesus Christ. We invite you to find insight and comfort in their words.



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Choosing  
to  
Change

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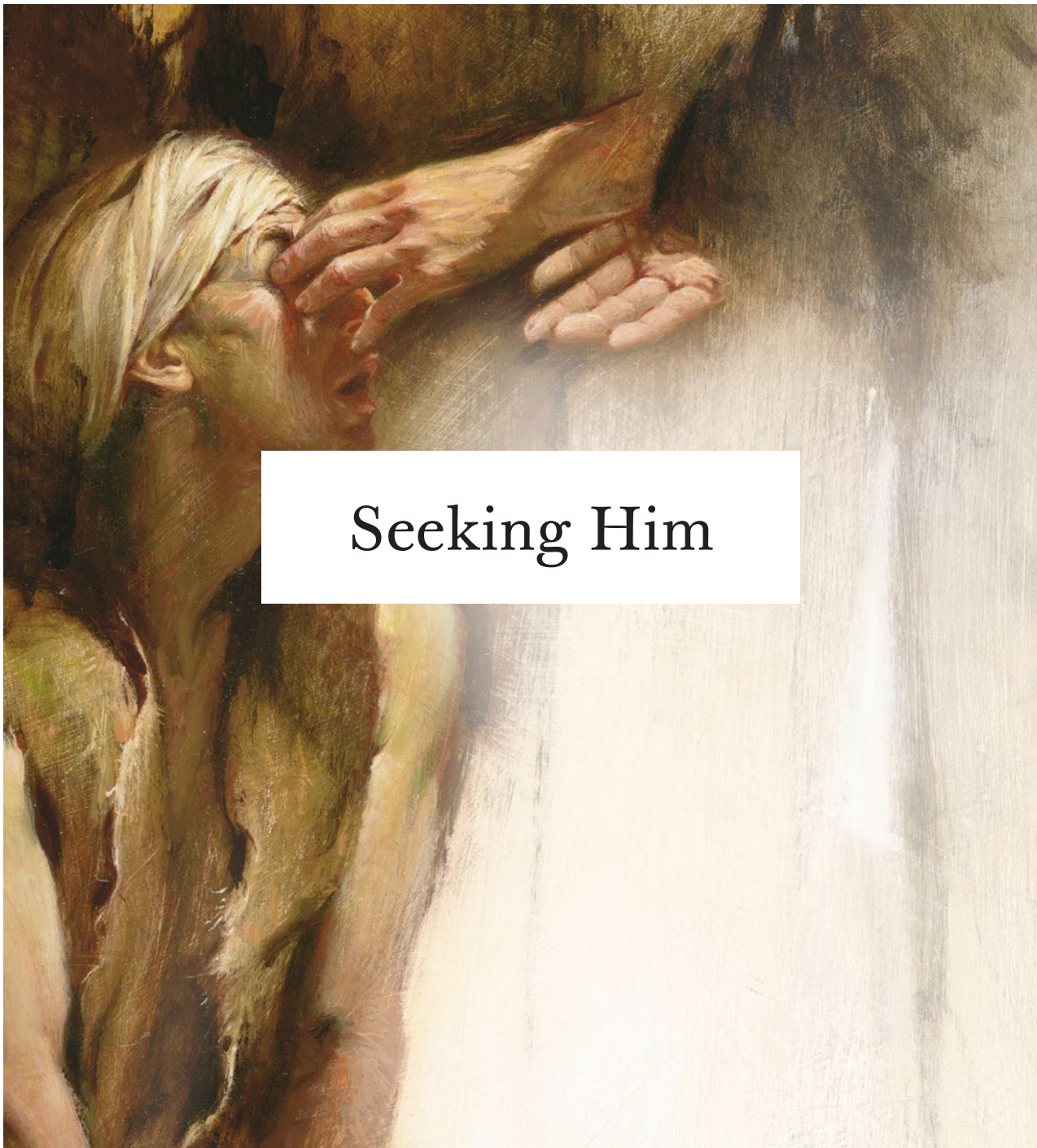


“When we choose to repent, we choose to change! We allow the Savior to transform us into the best version of ourselves. We choose to grow spiritually and receive joy—the joy of redemption in Him. When we choose to repent, we choose to become more like Jesus Christ!”

*(“We Can Do Better and Be Better,” April 2019 general conference)*

**Reflect: Starting today, what can you do to become more like Jesus Christ?**





Seeking Him

DALLIN H. OAKS

*First Counsellor in the First Presidency*



“Because of His atoning experience in mortality, our Savior is able to comfort, heal, and strengthen all men and women everywhere, but I believe He does so only for those who seek Him and ask for His help. The Apostle James taught, ‘Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up’ (*James 4:10*). We qualify for that blessing when we believe in Him and pray for His help.”

*(“Strengthened by the Atonement of Jesus Christ,” October 2015 general conference)*

**Reflect:** Starting today, what challenges can you seek God’s help to overcome?



Faith in Christ



HENRY B. EYRING —————  
*Second Counsellor in the First Presidency*

“It is never too late to strengthen the foundation of faith. There is always time. With faith in the Savior, you can repent and plead for forgiveness. There is someone you can forgive. There is someone you can thank. There is someone you can serve and lift. You can do it wherever you are and however alone and deserted you may feel.”  
*(“Mountains to Climb,” April 2012 general conference)*

**Reflect: Starting today, how can you make time to do things that will strengthen your faith?**



# The Fishermen



## FROM THE SCRIPTURES

—→ Over two thousand years ago, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, a group of fishermen worked their nets in hope of a good day's catch. This may have been their profession, but as they would soon find out, it was not their calling. That would come to them as a stranger approached them with a startling proposal:

*“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19).*

Perhaps just as startling is the fact that instead of scoffing at Him, challenging Him, or ignoring Him, they immediately dropped their nets and followed Him. From there, they left their boats behind and found their lives changed forever. Like them, Jesus Christ invites us to find a higher purpose as we do our best to walk in His footsteps.

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# True Change



DAVID A. BEDNAR

*Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

“The essence of the gospel of Jesus Christ entails a fundamental and permanent change in our very nature made possible through our reliance upon ‘the merits, and mercy, and grace of the Holy Messiah’ (2 *Nephi* 2:8). As we choose to follow the Master, we choose to be changed—to be spiritually reborn.”

*(“Ye Must Be Born Again,” April 2007 general conference)*



**Reflect:** Starting today, what choice could you make to help yourself become a better follower of Jesus Christ?



NEIL L. ANDERSEN

*Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

# Turning Around

“The invitation to repent is rarely a voice of chastisement but rather a loving appeal to turn around and to ‘re-turn’ toward God. It is the beckoning of a loving Father and His Only Begotten Son to be more than we are, to reach up to a higher way of life, to change, and to feel the happiness of keeping the commandments. Being disciples of Christ, we rejoice in the blessing of repenting and the joy of being forgiven. They become part of us, shaping the way we think and feel.”

*(“Repent . . . That I May Heal You,” October 2009 general conference)*



**Reflect: Starting today, what will you do to feel the power of forgiveness in your life?**

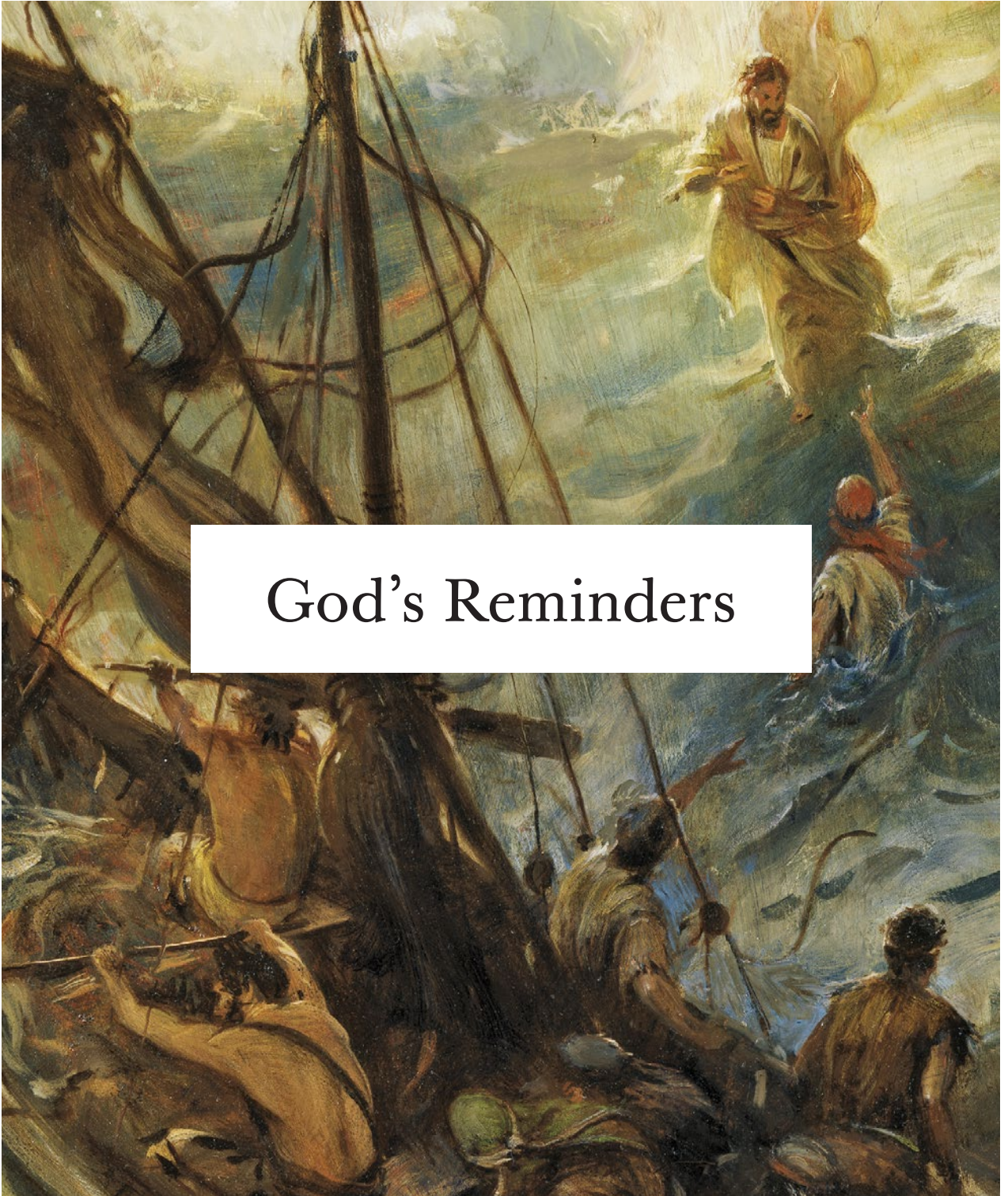
# Peter

While we rightly marvel at the dramatic conversions of biblical figures like the apostle Paul, there is much to be learned from the more gradual, less dramatic, but no less complete conversion of Peter. Over time, he went from a self-described “sinner” to an eager if impulsive disciple to ultimately the chief apostle handpicked by the Savior to lead God’s Church after Christ’s ascension into Heaven.

*“Thou art Peter, and upon this rock  
will I build my church” (Matt. 16:18).*

His life is a reminder that the Savior’s path to change isn’t always a high-speed turnaround, but instead a gently climbing road along which good people can slowly but surely be led to become even better people.

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His Church, meet with us online. ☞**



# God's Reminders

RONALD A. RASBAND  
*Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*



“What should you be looking for in your own life? What are God’s miracles that remind you that He is close, saying, ‘I am right here’? Think of those times, some daily, when the Lord has acted in your life—and then acted again. Treasure them as moments the Lord has shown confidence in you and in your choices. But allow Him to make more of you than you can make of yourself on your own. Treasure His involvement. Sometimes we consider changes in our plans as missteps on our journey. Think of them more as first steps to being ‘on the Lord’s errand.’”

*(“By Divine Design,” October 2017 general conference)*

**Reflect: Starting today, what will you do to recognize the times God has acted in your life?**





Striving and  
Overcoming



D. TODD CHRISTOFFERSON

*Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

“Perhaps as much as praying for mercy, we should pray for time and opportunity to work and strive and overcome. Surely the Lord smiles upon one who desires to come to judgment worthily, who resolutely labors day by day to replace weakness with strength. Real repentance, real change may require repeated attempts, but there is something refining and holy in such striving. Divine forgiveness and healing flow quite naturally to such a soul, for indeed ‘virtue loveth virtue; light cleaveth unto light; [and] mercy hath compassion on mercy and claimeth her own’ (*D&C 88:40*).”  
*(“The Divine Gift of Repentance,” October 2011 general conference)*

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**Reflect:** Starting today, what’s something you’ve tried before to come closer to Jesus Christ that you can try again?



The Rich Young Ruler

## FROM THE SCRIPTURES

—→ While teaching in the region east of the River Jordan, Jesus was approached by a young ruler with a pointed question: “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus answers him with a list of familiar commandments from the Old Testament: Do not kill. Do not steal. Honor thy mother and thy father. The young ruler lets Jesus know that he has followed all of these commandments from the time he was a child. In response, Jesus issues a powerful invitation:

*“Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me” (Luke 18:22).*

Today, we probably won't be asked to give away all our possessions. But like the rich young ruler, we can ask ourselves, “What is the one thing I lack that's holding me back from truly following Jesus?” No matter what the answer, Jesus has the power to help us leave it behind.

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Selfless Service

DIETER F. UCHTDORF  
*Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

“Often, the answer to our prayer does not come while we’re on our knees but while we’re on our feet serving the Lord and serving those around us. Selfless acts of service and consecration refine our spirits, remove the scales from our spiritual eyes, and open the windows of heaven. By becoming the answer to someone’s prayer, we often find the answer to our own.”

*(“Waiting on the Road to Damascus,” April 2011 general conference)*



**Reflect: Starting today, how can you find  
a way to more selflessly serve others?**



# The Ancient King

The Book of Mormon gives an account of an ancient king grappling with his son's conversion to Christianity. At first, he is enraged by his son's choice. But with time that rage gives way to acceptance and eventually curiosity. Even though the king isn't even sure if God exists, he allows a disciple of Christ named Aaron into his throne room. With deep humility, the king listens to the stirring testimony of the young missionary. Then, after being invited by Aaron, he offers his very first prayer:

*“O God, Aaron hath told me that there is a God; and if there is a God, and if thou art God, wilt thou make thyself known unto me, and I will give away all my sins to know thee” (Alma 22:18).*



—————→ For the king, like so many of us, the road to change begins with an unpolished, unpracticed, but deeply sincere attempt at prayer. And like the king, we can have faith that as we leave behind our sins and mistakes, we will come to truly know God and His Son Jesus Christ.

**Explore more teachings of Jesus Christ in The Book of Mormon. Study with us online. ☺**



# Christian Love

M. RUSSELL BALLARD  
*Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

“What would be the cumulative effect of millions of small, compassionate acts performed daily by us because of our heartfelt Christian love for others? Over time this would have a transformative effect upon all of our Heavenly Father’s children through the extension of His love to them through us. Our troubled world needs this love of Christ today more than ever, and it will need it even more in the years ahead.”

*(“Be Anxiously Engaged,” October 2012 general conference)*

**Reflection: Starting today, what’s a small thing you can do to improve someone’s day?**

A watercolor illustration of a green branch with several elongated, pointed leaves. The branch is split vertically by a white rectangular text box. The leaves are rendered in various shades of green, with some showing darker veins and edges. The background is a light, neutral tone.

# Forgiving Others



ULISSES SOARES  
*Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

“For those who feel bitter, angry, offended, or chained to sorrows for something you feel is undeserved, to take up one’s cross and follow the Savior means to strive to lay aside these feelings and turn to the Lord so He can free us from this state of mind and help us to find peace... We cannot repent for other people, but we can forgive them—by refusing to be held hostages by those who have harmed us.”

*(“Take Up Our Cross,” October 2019 general conference)*

**Reflect: Starting today, how will you begin the process of forgiving someone who has caused you heartache?**

# The Accused Woman

When the Pharisees found a woman whom they claimed had broken God's law of chastity, they didn't see a human being.

Instead, they saw an opportunity. They dragged the terrified woman before Jesus Christ and tried to force Him to condemn her, reminding Him that the law of Moses

dictated that such a woman was to be stoned to death. But with some drawings in the dirt and an unforgettable challenge for "he that is without sin" to "first cast a stone at her" (*John 8:7*), Jesus forced the mob to consider their own transgressions before they cast judgment on anyone else.

Ashamed, the Pharisses slunk away. Then Christ spoke tenderly to the woman, saying,

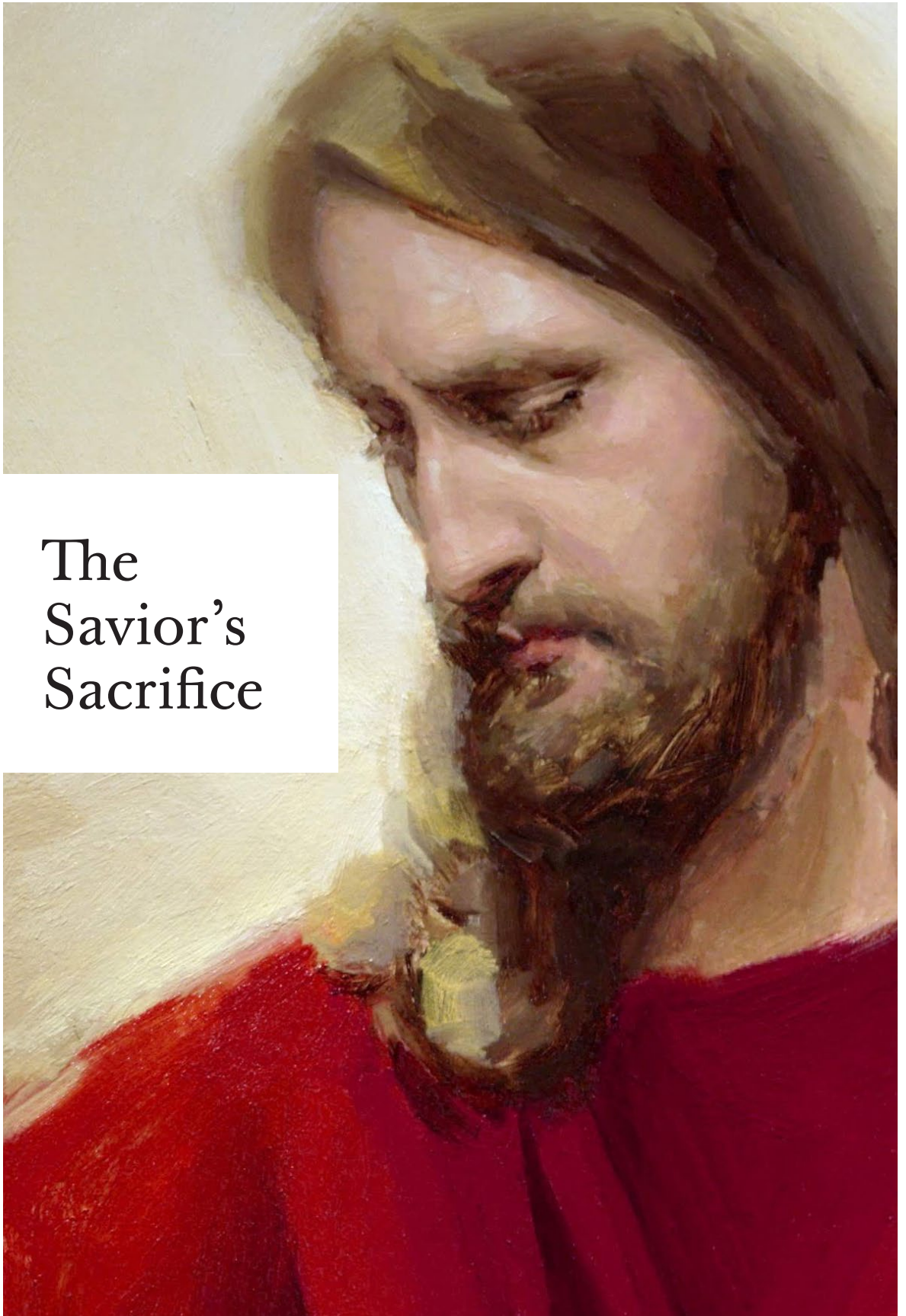
*"Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more"*

*(John 8:11).*

His invitation is a reminder that Jesus Christ didn't come to Earth to make sure we would all be punished for our sins. Instead, He came to provide a way for us to overcome our sins. He had faith that this woman, just like each of us, could find the strength to “sin no more” and find joy through repentance.



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The  
Savior's  
Sacrifice



QUENTIN L. COOK

*Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

“If the grim realities you are facing at this time seem dark and heavy and almost unbearable, remember that in the soul-wrenching darkness of Gethsemane and the incomprehensible torture and pain of Calvary, the Savior accomplished the Atonement, which resolves the most terrible burdens that can occur in this life. He did it for you, and He did it for me. He did it because He loves us and because He obeys and loves His Father.”

*(“The Lord Is My Light,” April 2015 general conference)*

**Reflect: Starting today, how will you remind yourself that Jesus Christ loves you personally?**

# God's Guidance

“God knows and loves you. He will bless you and guide your steps. You might be thinking that you are no one special, that you are not all-star material. But that is not true. Don't you know that God has proclaimed, ‘The weak things of the world shall come forth and break down the mighty and strong ones’ (*Doctrine and Covenants 1:19*)? So, do you feel weak? insignificant? Congratulations, you just made the lineup! Do you feel unimportant? inferior? You may be just who God needs.”

*(“Your Priesthood Playbook,” April 2019 general conference)*

**Reflect:** Starting today, how can you see yourself more like the way God sees you?

# The Woman at the Well

Early in His ministry, Jesus traveled through Samaria on His way to Galilee. There, He stopped to rest alongside an ancient well. At the same time, a local woman approached to draw water. This woman of Samaria had a history of broken relationships that some might have used to define and dismiss her. Jesus was well aware of her past, but He was much more interested in her future. He greeted her with an invitation:

***“Give me to drink”*** (*John 4:7*).

From there, a conversation began that would culminate in an unforgettable declaration. We don't know the name of the woman at the well in Samaria, but we do know that she was the first person to whom Jesus declared that He was the promised Messiah. Before anyone else, He trusted her to spread the word of His divine calling. In the process He showed each of us that what we did in the past will never be as important to God as what we do next.

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Change from  
the Inside Out

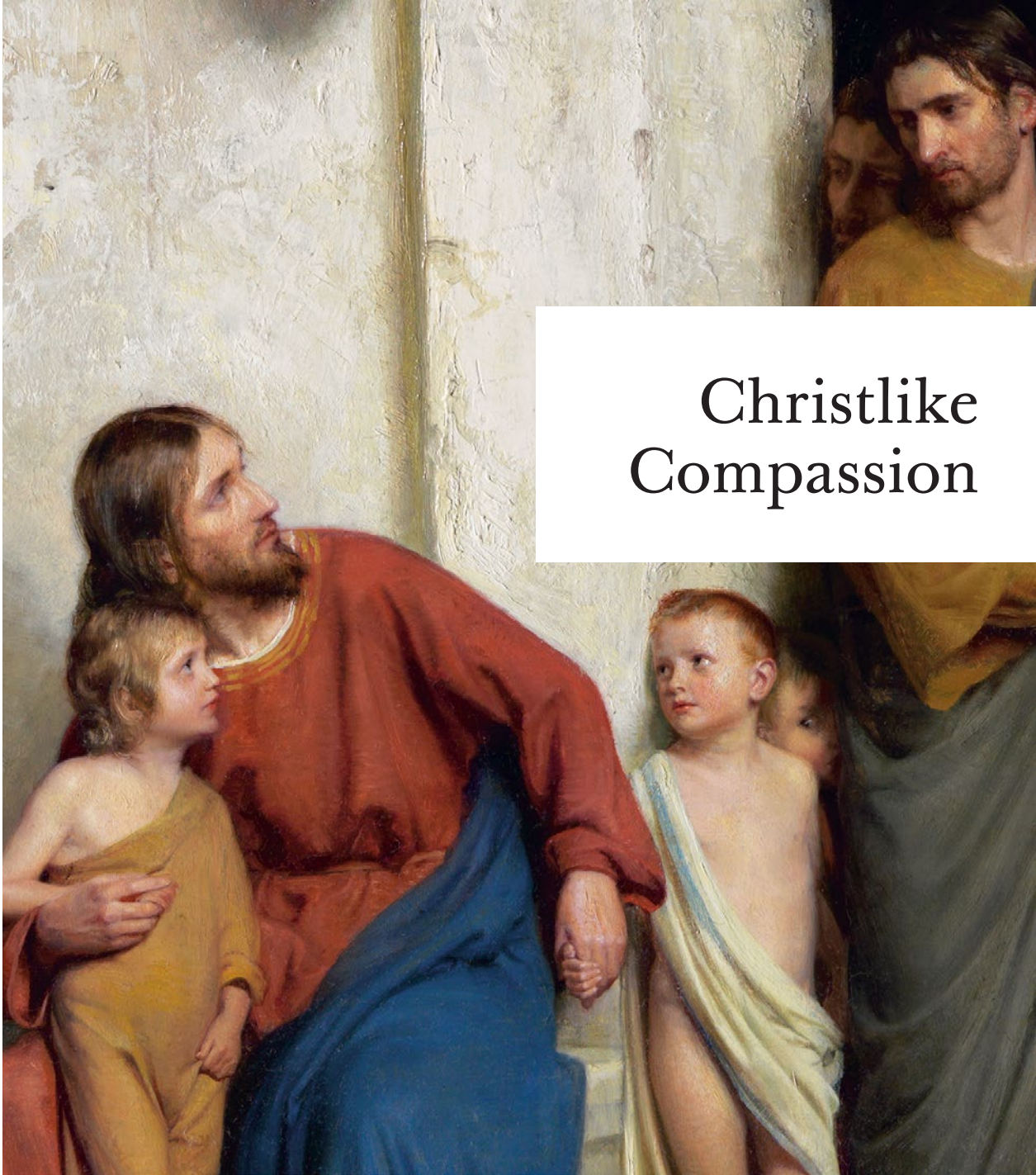
GERRIT W. GONG  
*Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

“In the household of faith there are to be no strangers, no foreigners, no rich and poor, no outside “others.” As ‘fellowcitizens with the saints’ (*Ephesians 2:19*), we are invited to change the world for the better, from the inside out, one person, one family, one neighborhood at a time.”

*(“All Nations, Kindreds, and Tongues,” October 2020 general conference)*

**Reflect: Starting today, how will you find common ground with someone different from you?**





## Christlike Compassion

DALE G. RENLUND

*Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

“The Savior’s mortal ministry was indeed characterized by love, compassion, and empathy. He did not disdainfully walk the dusty roads of Galilee and Judea, flinching at the sight of sinners. He did not dodge them in abject horror. No, He ate with them. He helped and blessed, lifted and edified, and replaced fear and despair with hope and joy. Like the true shepherd He is, He seeks us and finds us to offer relief and hope. Understanding His compassion and love helps us exercise faith in Him—to repent and be healed.”

*(“Our Good Shepherd,” April 2017 general conference)*

**Reflect: Starting today, how can you show more compassion for the people around you?**

# Martha

In Bethany, a woman named Martha received Jesus into her home. With such an important guest, Martha is understandably focused on the many chores and errands that she feels are necessary for her to be a hospitable host. She's bothered when she sees that Mary, her sister, isn't helping her. Instead, Mary sits with Jesus and listens to His words. When Martha voices her frustration, Jesus offers this tender defense:

*“Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her”* (Luke 10:41–42).

Sometimes the most important invitation Jesus will give us is to simply slow down. Like Martha, we have His permission to take a break from the hectic demands of daily life so we can give Him our complete and undivided attention, even if it's just for a few minutes.

Take a few minutes to explore how you can live with joy. ☺

# Living with Joy

“We could remember that even with such a solemn mission given to him, the Savior found delight in living; he enjoyed people and told his disciples to be of good cheer. He said we should be as thrilled with the gospel as one who had found a great treasure, a veritable pearl of great price, right on our own doorstep. We could remember that Jesus found special joy and happiness in children and said all of us should be more like them—guileless and pure, quick to laugh and to love and to forgive, slow to remember any offense.”

*(“This Do in Remembrance of Me,” October 1995 general conference)*

**Reflect: Starting today, how will you feel the joy that comes from following Jesus Christ?**



The background is an abstract, marbled pattern. It features a mix of colors including gold, teal, blue, and purple. The gold is the most prominent, appearing as fine, shimmering particles scattered throughout the composition. The teal and blue tones are more solid, while the purple is concentrated in the lower right quadrant. The overall effect is that of a liquid, multi-colored ink or paint that has been manipulated to create a complex, organic texture.

# Saul of Tarsus



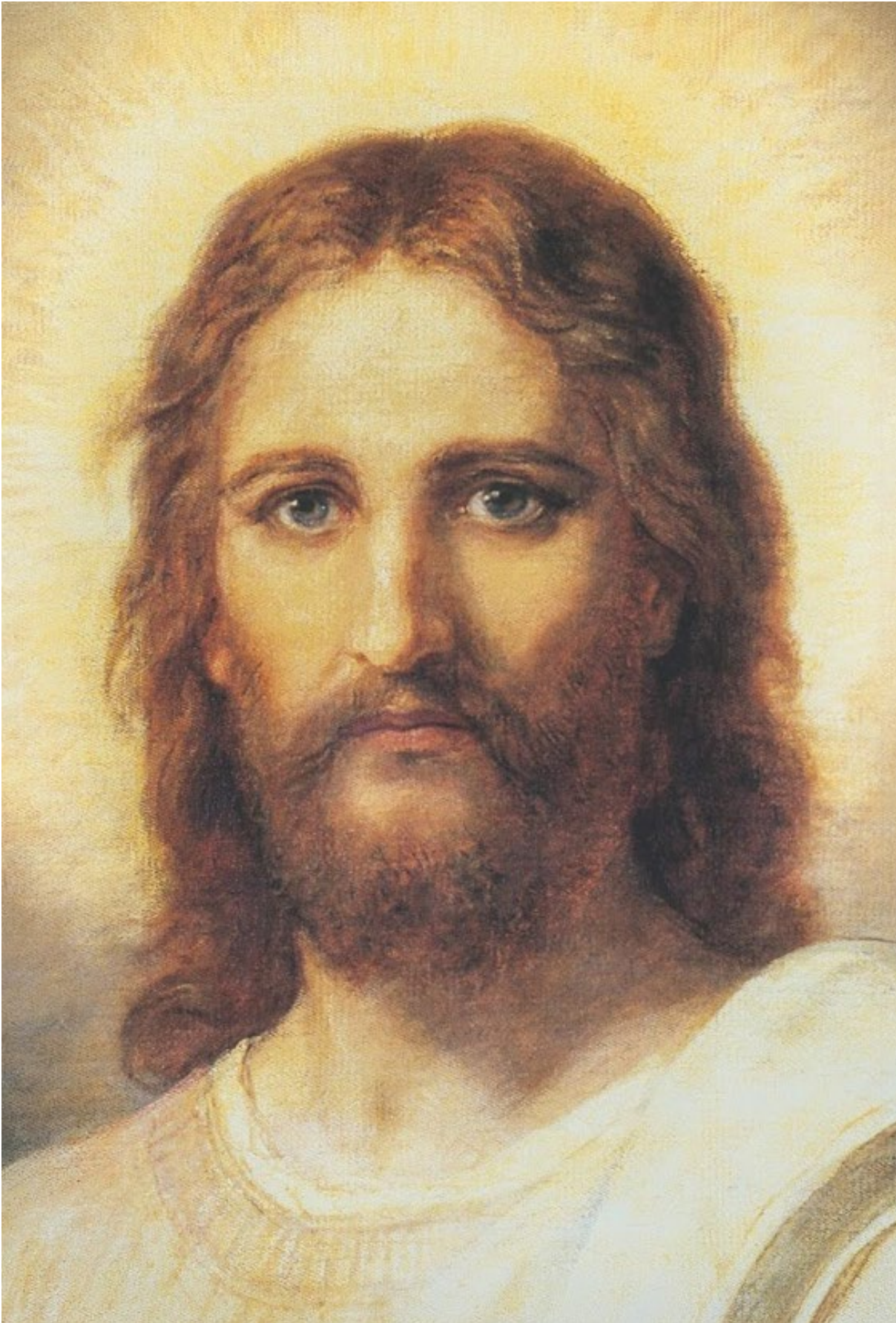
## FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Saul of Tarsus is first introduced in the book of Acts as a fierce opponent of the ancient Apostles. In fact, he is present at the stoning death of their loyal deacon Stephen. It seemed Saul had no plans of stopping there, as he traveled to Damascus to further his campaign of persecution. But the Lord had other plans for Saul. A brilliant light came down from heaven and blinded Saul. When Saul asked who was there, Jesus Christ answered. Abandoning his vendetta, Saul instead asked what the Lord would have him do. The Lord answered:

*“Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do”* (Acts 9:6).

Here the story of Saul the persecutor ends and the story of Paul the Apostle begins. With a new name and a new heart, Paul would become one of the most powerful witnesses of Christ in all of scripture. Today, his life stands as a rebuke to the notion that any of us are beyond God’s reach. Like Paul, we can arise from our mistakes and heed the Lord’s invitation to follow Him.

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“Therefore if  
any man be in  
Christ, he is a new  
creature: old things  
are passed away;  
behold, all things  
are become new.”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17





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