

VISITING TEACHING MESSAGE

Prayerfully study this material and, as appropriate, discuss it with the sisters you visit. Use the questions to help you strengthen your sisters and to make Relief Society an active part of your life. For more information, go to reliefsociety.lds.org.

Activation

Our prophet, President Thomas S. Monson, has encouraged us to “reach out to rescue those who need our help and lift them to the higher road and the better way. . . . It is the Lord’s work, and when we are on the Lord’s errand, . . . we are entitled to the Lord’s help.”¹

Many years ago LaVene Call and her visiting teaching companion visited a less-active sister. They knocked on the door and found a young mother in her bathrobe. She looked ill, but they soon realized her problem was alcohol. The visiting teachers sat and talked with the struggling young mother.

After they left, they said, “She is a child of God. We have a responsibility to help her.” So they visited often. Each time, they could see and feel a change for good. They asked the sister to attend Relief Society. Though reluctant, she eventually attended regularly. After encouragement, she and her husband and daughter attended church. The husband felt the Holy Ghost. He said, “I’m going to do what the bishop suggests.” Now they are active in the Church and have been sealed in the temple.²



From the Scriptures

3 Nephi 18:32; Doctrine and Covenants 84:106; 138:56

NOTES

1. Thomas S. Monson, “The Sacred Call of Service,” *Ensign*, May 2005, 55, 56.
2. Letter to the Relief Society general presidency from the daughter of LaVene Call.
3. Brigham Young, in *Daughters in My Kingdom: The History and Work of Relief Society* (2011), 107.
4. Eliza R. Snow, in *Daughters in My Kingdom*, 83.

What Can I Do?

1. Am I confident asking a less-active sister to attend a Relief Society meeting with me?
2. Do the sisters I watch over feel comfortable asking me questions about the gospel?

Faith, Family, Relief



From Our History

Helping those who have gone astray come back to the gospel of Jesus Christ has always been part of being a Latter-day Saint and a member of Relief Society. President Brigham Young (1801–77) said, “Let us have compassion upon each other, . . . and let those who can see guide the blind until they can see the way for themselves.”³

Eliza R. Snow, second Relief Society general president, gratefully acknowledged the efforts of sisters in Ogden, Utah, USA, to strengthen one another. “I am well aware that a great deal is donated [in terms of service] that never reaches the [record] books,” she said. But recognizing that a heavenly record is kept of the sisters’ work as they reach out to those whose hearts have grown cold, she said: “President Joseph Smith said this society was organized to save souls. . . . Another book is kept of your faith, your kindness, your good works, and words. . . . Nothing is lost.”⁴