





## PORTRAITS OF FAITH

*When Christian discovered his grandfather's talks, he had no idea they would mean so much to him and his family.*

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My mom gave me a box of old pictures. One of the surprises in this box was my grandfather's journals. Many entries are short and succinct and include simple things like the price of gasoline, bananas, or fish.

Along with his journals, the greatest treat was the careful records of the talks Grandpa gave in church.

In his talks, Grandpa shared his thoughts and feelings and the struggles he faced investigating the Church. He had to humble himself to pray about joining the Church. He received an answer and acted on it.

It is amazing to share Grandpa's firsthand accounts with my wife and children. They've never met him, but his words are reaching them 30 years after his death.

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