## FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY



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## Take Care of Each Other

In the early days of the Church, many people were moving into the city of Nauvoo. The Prophet Joseph Smith needed a way to take care of them. So he organized wards. Then, when the Saints started moving across the plains toward Utah, they were organized into **companies.** This helped them take care of each other better.

My great-grandpa got sick on the trail west. He was too weak to walk. Two women were sent from the nearby company to help him. They saved my greatgrandpa. He got better and walked the rest of the way to Utah with one of the women by his side. They fell in love and got married. He was my great-grandpa Henry Eyring. She was my great-grandma Maria Bommeli Eyring. Years later, people said it must have been hard for her to travel so far. But Great-Grandma said, "Oh no, it wasn't hard. While we walked, we talked the whole way about what a miracle it was that we had both found the true gospel of Jesus Christ. It was the happiest time I can remember."

Today, wards help us take care of each other. We **succeed** when we love each other more than we care about ourselves. The Spirit can help us know what is best for the person we are trying to help. The Spirit can help us feel charity, "the pure love of Christ" (Moroni 7:47).

I am grateful for the love of the Lord, which He so generously gives us.  $\bigcirc$ 



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## **Getting to Know President Henry B. Eyring**



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