

Thirsting for Greater Understanding

One time I went on a first date with a girl in my ward. The next morning, we were the only two who showed up for our ward's temple trip. We offered to help with whatever ordinance needed the most patrons . . . which turned out to be sealings.

I was so nervous, but to my surprise, doing vicarious sealings with a girl less than 12 hours after our first date wasn't nearly as awkward as I thought it would be. If anything, that experience gave me more **perspective on how important each aspect of temple work is**—including sealings (read more in my digital article).

All of our situations are unique, but if we **strive to better understand the covenants** we make in the temple, those ordinances will be less like items to be crossed off our spiritual checklist and more like much-needed sources of **"living water" that can give us spiritual strength** (see Doctrine and Covenants 63:23). And in the hectic world we live in, we need all the strength we can get!

In this issue, **young adults share their experiences with the temple**. Kealohilani shares how faithfully

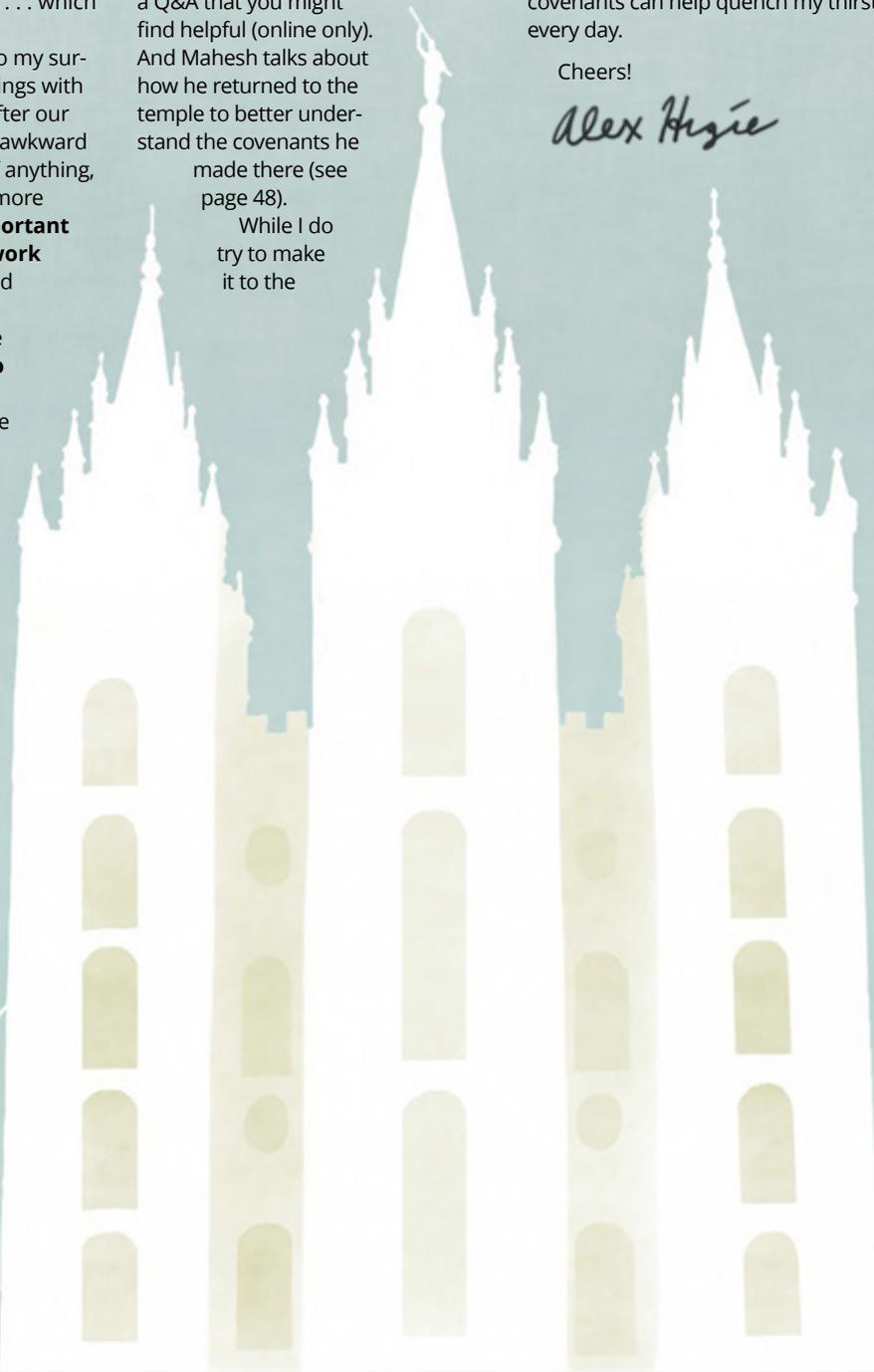
wearing the temple garment has blessed her life (see page 44). In a digital-only article, Zariah shares her fears about not feeling good enough to enter the temple. If you're also preparing to attend the temple for the first time, we compiled a Q&A that you might find helpful (online only). And Mahesh talks about how he returned to the temple to better understand the covenants he made there (see page 48).

While I do try to make it to the

temple as often as I can to **fill my spiritual reservoir**, what matters most is that **I allow the Spirit in the temple to teach me and change me** both within and outside its walls. Then the "living waters" that flow from the temple and through my covenants can help quench my thirst every day.

Cheers!

Alex Hozie



BEST ADVICE . . .

Young adults share the best advice they've ever received about making the temple a part of their lives.

"My bishop told me that the temple would be as sacred of an experience as I wanted it to be. It is always up to me to decide how big of an impact the temple can have on my life."

—**Jasmyn Nye, Utah, USA**

"Having a temple nearby is great, but if members never attend the temple, then it will always be far away. We must stay close to the temple, no matter how far away it might be."

—**Cole Murphy, California, USA**

"Have a purpose. Go with a question, do work for an ancestor, seek peace, or listen for promptings."

—**Sydney Orton, Utah, USA**

What's the best advice you've ever received about making mistakes and trying again? Send us your response at liahona.lds.org by March 31, 2019.

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