

You Can Accomplish the Impossible!

By President Russell M. Nelson

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You should remember that you are literally and truly a son or daughter of Almighty God. You have been created in His very image.

He has sent you here to be successful and to have joy in your journey in mortality. He wants you to know that “with God nothing shall be impossible” (Luke 1:37). You are entitled through your worthiness to receive revelation to help you with your righteous endeavors. You may take upon you the name of the Lord. You may pray in His holy name. You can qualify to speak in the sacred name of God (see D&C 1:20). It matters not that times of tribulation will come. Your prayerful access to help is just as real as it was when David battled his Goliath.

So, to you I say, foster your faith. Fix your focus with an eye single to the glory of God. “Be strong and courageous” (2 Chronicles 32:7), and you will be given power and protection from on high. The Lord has declared His sustaining help: “For I will go before your face. I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my Spirit shall be in your hearts, and mine angels round about you, to bear you up” (D&C 84:88).

The Lord has more in mind for you than you have in mind for yourself! You have been reserved and preserved for this time and place. You can do hard things. At the same time, as you love Him and keep His commandments, great rewards—even unimaginable achievements—may be yours. Indeed, “eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9).

You can accomplish the impossible. You can help shape the destiny of the entire human family! As you know and apply the teachings of the Lord in your lives and in your work, you can change the world. **NE**



Born September 9, 1924 in
**Salt Lake City,
Utah, USA.**



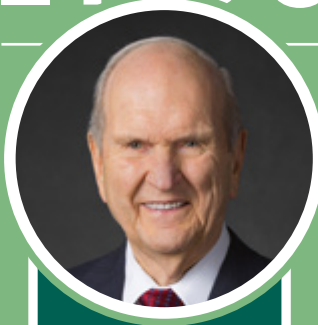
**Grew up in the
great depression.**
He remembers asking for
permission to eat a
banana.
(An expensive item
for the family budget.)

At age 10
became an
**errand
boy** for his
father's
advertising
agency.



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PRESIDENT **RUSSELL M. NELSON**



Set apart as the
**17th
president**
of
The Church of
Jesus Christ
of Latter-day
Saints
on January 14, 2018



He was called to
be an Apostle on
April 7, 1984.



Has perfect pitch
and
**performed in
musicals**
as a young man.



Earned a
**bachelor's
degree**
in 1945 and
**medical
degree**
in 1947 from
the University
of Utah.

Earned a **PhD
in medicine**
in 1954 from the
University
of Minnesota.



Performed the
**first successful
open-heart
surgery**
in Utah using a
heart-lung machine he
helped develop.



Became one of the
**premiere
heart
surgeons in
the USA.**

In 1983 alone he
performed 360 heart
surgeries.

Performed open-heart surgery on
**President
Spencer W. Kimball.**



Since becoming
a member of
the Quorum of
Twelve Apostles
he has
**visited
133
nations.**



Married Dantzel
White on
August 31, 1945
in the Salt Lake
Temple.

Dantzel passed
away on
February 12, 2005.

Married Wendy L.
Watson on
April 6, 2006, in the
Salt Lake Temple.



Skiing
is one of
his great loves.

耶穌基督

**Learned
Chinese**

after attending a meet-
ing where the prophet
encouraged people to
do more to bring the
gospel to all nations,
especially China.



Served

a two-year term of
medical duty in the
U.S. Army during the
Korean War,

**visiting
every
M.A.S.H.
unit**

in Korea and field
hospitals.



He has 10 children, 57 grandchildren, and 116 great-grandchildren