"AS WE FOLLOW GOD'S VOICE AND

HIS COVENANT PATH,

HE WILL STRENGTHEN

US IN OUR TRIALS."

Elder Jorge M. Alvarado of the Seventy, "After the Trial of Our Faith," 50.

### DIVING DEEPER

## What Does It Mean to Be a Disciple?

"Discipleship is not about doing things perfectly," said Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf, "it's about doing things intentionally" ("Your Great Adventure," 87). It's our choices, he and other general conference speakers said, rather than our abilities that show who we truly are.

- "Are we true followers of Him who gave His all for us?... I plead with all who hear and read these words: Please, please don't put your total commitment off until you get around to it at some nonexistent, future time" (Elder Terence M. Vinson, "True Disciples of the Savior," 11).
- "Saints are those who have entered into the gospel covenant through baptism and are striving to follow Christ as His disciples. Thus, 'the joy of the saints' denotes the joy of becoming Christlike" (Elder D. Todd Christofferson, "The Joy of the Saints," 15).

- "I invite you to commit to a lifelong process of discipleship. Make and keep covenants. Throw your old ways into deep, churning waterfalls. Completely bury your weapons of rebellion with no handles sticking out" (Elder Dale G. Renlund, "Unwavering Commitment to Jesus Christ," 25).
- "Our promise to always remember the Savior gives us strength to stand for truth and righteousness—whether we are in a large crowd or in our solitary places, where no one knows our actions except for God" (Lisa L. Harkness, "Honoring His Name," 61).
- "True disciples of Jesus Christ love God and His children without expectation of something in return. We love those who disappoint us, who don't like us. Even those who ridicule, abuse, and seek to hurt us" (Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf, 88).



# ABIDE WITH ME

"Surely the most thrilling sight and sound in life is that of Jesus not only passing by but His coming *to* us, stopping *beside* us, and making His abode *with* us."

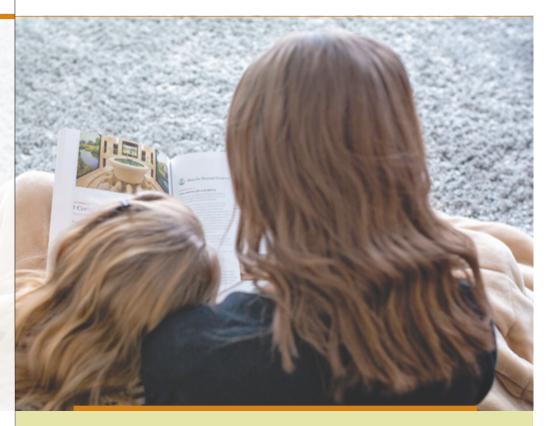
Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, "The Message, the Meaning, and the Multitude," 8.

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#### MAKING CHURCH "SIX DAYS LONGER!"

"Studying the scriptures with Come, Follow Me as a guide is strengthening our conversion to Jesus Christ and His gospel. We are not simply trading one hour less in church on Sunday for one hour more of scripture study at home. Learning the gospel is a consistent effort throughout the week. As one sister insightfully shared, 'The goal is not to make church one hour shorter; it is to make church six days longer!""

Mark L. Pace, Sunday School General President, *"Come, Follow Me*—the Lord's Counterstrategy and Proactive Plan," 46.



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## **Receive Revelation**

"The Church's new program for children and youth is built on the foundation of learning to seek revelation, discovering what the Lord would have us do, and then acting on that direction," said Sister Michelle Craig, First Counselor in the Young Women General Presidency. She shared four ways we can increase our spiritual capacity to receive needed revelation:

- 1. Create a time and space to hear God's voice.
- 2. Act without delay.
- 3. Ask Heavenly Father for an errand.
- 4. Believe and trust God to lead you.

See Michelle Craig, "Spiritual Capacity," 19-21.