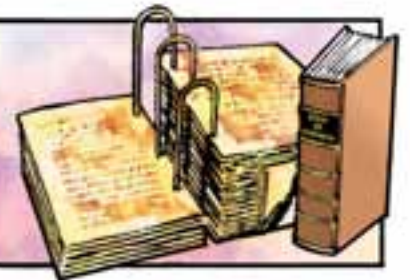




FROM THE LIFE OF THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH

The Inspirations of a Prophet



By November 1833 most of the Latter-day Saints in Jackson County, Missouri, had been persecuted and driven from their homes.

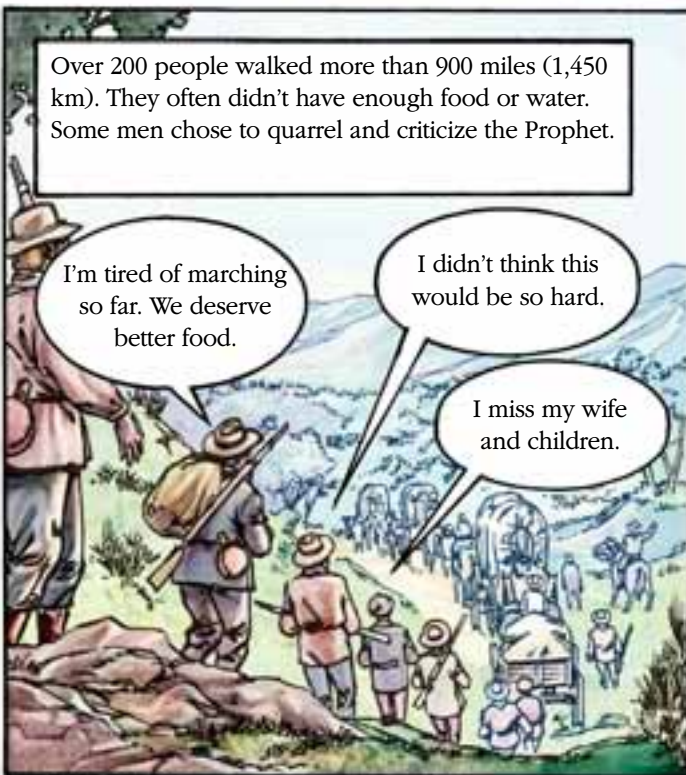
In 1834 the Lord commanded Joseph Smith to organize a group of Latter-day Saints to march from Kirtland, Ohio, to Jackson County, Missouri. The group was called Zion's Camp.



I need as many men as will come. We'll march to Jackson County and recover the land that was taken from us.

Over 200 people walked more than 900 miles (1,450 km). They often didn't have enough food or water. Some men chose to quarrel and criticize the Prophet.

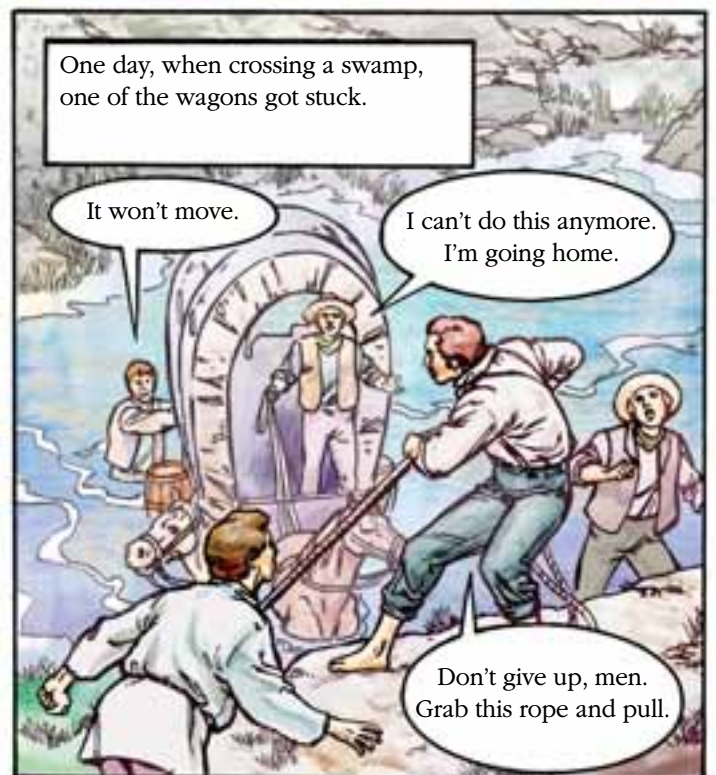
One day, when crossing a swamp, one of the wagons got stuck.



I'm tired of marching so far. We deserve better food.

I didn't think this would be so hard.

I miss my wife and children.



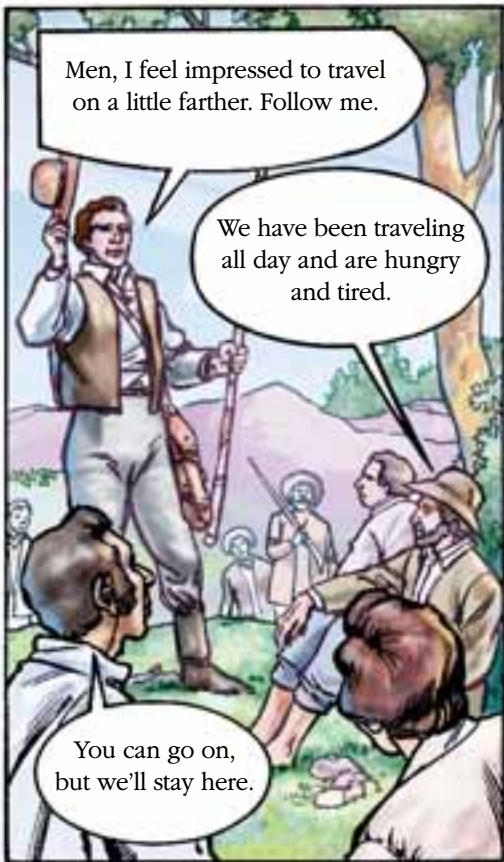
It won't move.

I can't do this anymore. I'm going home.

Don't give up, men. Grab this rope and pull.



Some days later, after the men were weary from ferrying a stream, they found a nice place to camp. They felt happy for the first time in a long time.



Men, I feel impressed to travel on a little farther. Follow me.

We have been traveling all day and are hungry and tired.

You can go on, but we'll stay here.

Joseph and a faithful group of men traveled on about seven more miles (11 km).

I'll follow where you lead, Joseph.

Thank you, Brigham.



Maybe we should follow Joseph.

All right. Let's go.



Later, the men of Zion's Camp received a report.

There was a mob of men organized to come upon us that night, right where we had decided to camp the first time.

How grateful I am for a prophet.