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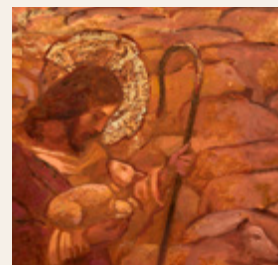
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## 200 Years of Light

**O**n a beautiful, clear day 200 years ago, a young man entered a grove of trees with the intention of seeking forgiveness and praying about which church was right, that he might know which he should join. From a miraculous vision, he learned that he should join none of them. Thus marked the beginning of the Restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ—a process that continues in our day.

In this issue, we celebrate 200 years of light:

- President Russell M. Nelson teaches how gathering Israel on both sides of the veil can prepare us and others for the Lord's Second Coming (page 6).
- Elder LeGrand R. Curtis Jr. shows how Latter-day Saints have contributed to the ongoing Restoration—and how each of us can contribute (page 18).
- For youth, Elder Neil L. Andersen shares five truths that we can learn from the First Vision (page 52).

As we learn from the words of our prophet and the stories of faithful Saints, may we come to the same knowledge the Prophet Joseph did 200 years ago: that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ are real, living beings who love us. And let us share that knowledge with our friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,  
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