

He Won't Forget Your Work

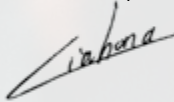
Several months ago I had a dream where, sitting in church on the last row as usual, and with no intention of participating, my vision changed. I saw that scattered among the congregation were other early-returned missionaries. A desire to help them grew in my heart as I looked around. I knew that sharing my experiences could be a way of ministering to them and helping them continue along the covenant path despite this seeming speed bump along the way.

Through this dream, Heavenly Father let me know that He cares. He appreciates the righteous service we gave as missionaries, no matter how long our full-time service lasted. "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which you have shewed toward his name" (Hebrews 6:10). In my article (see page 47), I share a scripture story and the experiences of other early-returned missionaries that can help you as you navigate this unexpected and difficult road. I also love how Alex uses a story from the Book of Mormon to help us see that even for those who return home early for worthiness issues, there is still hope (see page 44).

In digital-only articles, you'll read how Emily transformed the feelings of anxiety, fear, and hopelessness she experienced into a personal and sacred joy. And Kevin, a professional counselor, offers suggestions on how loved ones can support those who struggle with an early return.

The reason we each returned doesn't matter as much as what we do when we return home. With the Savior's help, we can heal, progress, and continue to find more joy in our eternal journey.

Sincerely,
Liahona Ficquet



BEST ADVICE . . .

Young adults share their best advice about returning home early from your mission:

"Just know that everything's going to be OK. I was given this advice: it's hard until you decide it isn't.

You can decide what kind of future you're going to have."

—**Nathaniel Park, Western Australia, Australia**

"It doesn't need to define you."

—**Elena Kingsley, Utah, USA**

"No matter what the circumstances are, try to find a new routine for yourself, to get back into life."

—**Rosa-Lynn Ruiter, Netherlands**

"The end of one mission is the beginning of a new one. Find that new mission!"

—**Roberto Alfonso Martinez IV, Utah, USA**

"God loves you and has a plan for your life. Keep the faith!"

—**Rebecca Stockton, Arizona, USA**

What's the best advice you've ever received about marriage? Send us your response at [liahona.Church of Jesus Christ.org](http://liahona.ChurchofJesusChrist.org) by July 31, 2019.

SHARE YOUR STORY

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