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## **YOUR GREAT ADVENTURE**

The story of Bilbo Baggins is about a most normal and unremarkable hobbit who is presented with a most remarkable opportunity—the wonderful chance at adventure, and the promise of a great reward....

Perhaps one of the reasons this story resonates with so many is because it is our story too.

Long, long ago, even before we were born, . . . we too were invited to embark on an adventure. It was proposed by God, our Heavenly Father. . . .

. . . If you stay on the path and trust in God, you will eventually find the way to your glorious destiny and back to your heavenly home....

First, you need to choose to incline your heart to God. Strive each day to find Him. . . .

Even when you fail, you can choose not to give up, but rather discover your courage, press forward, and rise up. That is the great test of the journey. . . .

... The only way for you to progress in your gospel adventure is to help others progress as well.

To help others *is* the path of discipleship. . . .

The third thing we strive to master in this journey is to take upon ourselves the name of Jesus Christ and not be ashamed of being a member of the Church of Jesus Christ. . . .

- ... We talk about our journey with others in normal and natural ways....
- ... Today is the day to follow God's Son and our Savior on His path of service and discipleship. . . .

To those of us already walking that path, take courage, exercise compassion, have confidence, and continue!

To those who have left the path, please come back, join again with us, make us stronger.

And to those who have not yet begun, why delay?

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