

A TEST OF FAITH

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1833.
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, USA.
MOBS FORCED THE SAINTS LIVING THERE
TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES.



JOSEPH SMITH WONDERED WHAT TO DO.
SOON A REVELATION CAME. JOSEPH WAS TOLD
TO RECRUIT MEN TO TRAVEL TO MISSOURI
AND HELP THE SAINTS REGAIN THEIR HOMES.

JOSEPH LEFT FOR MISSOURI WITH A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS.
THE GROUP LATER BECAME KNOWN AS ZION'S CAMP.



THE JOURNEY WAS HARD AT TIMES,
BUT MANY ENJOYED IT.

AFTER A MONTH OF MARCHING,
THE CAMP STOPPED NEAR A RIVER.



THEY HEARD THAT MEN ON THE OTHER SIDE
WERE WAITING TO ATTACK THEM.



WHAT WILL WE DO?



STAND STILL ...

... AND SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD.



SOON A STORM CAME.



THE RAIN CAUSED THE RIVER TO RISE SO MUCH THAT THE CAMP'S ENEMIES COULDN'T CROSS IT.

AFTER A FEW DAYS, JOSEPH RECEIVED A REVELATION THAT IT WAS TIME TO RETURN HOME, EVEN THOUGH THEY HADN'T HELPED THE MISSOURI SAINTS RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.



SOME THOUGHT THE JOURNEY WAS A FAILURE.



MOST SAW IT AS A PRIVILEGE TO BE WITH THE PROPHET AND TO LEARN FROM HIM.



ZION'S CAMP HELPED PREPARE FUTURE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH. EIGHT MEN WHO MARCHED WITH ZION'S CAMP WERE CALLED TO THE QUORUM OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES.