

2025 Family Reunion

*Am I LISTENING?
To the words of the Savior
through His Holy Prophets?*

President Nelson's prophetic invitation **"HEAR HIM"**

April 2020 General Conference talk in Sunday morning session

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Amos 3:7 ***“Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.”***

Noah

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Lehi

Malachi

Samuel the Lamanite

Joseph Smith

Russell M. Nelson

The Pre-mortal Council

Our Father's Plan of Happiness and Exaltation – The Father presented a plan to bring ALL His children home as exalted eternal families!

His Plan:

- ***“to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man”*** Moses 1:39
- His plan included the creation, the fall and the Atonement of Jesus Christ
- His plan provided for the **agency** of all of His children – “we will prove them herewith, **to see if they will do** all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them” Abraham 3:25
- His plan provided a way for ALL of His children to come home to Him – **Jesus is the WAY home.**



The Pre-mortal Council in Heaven

Savior: “Here am I, send me” Abraham 3:27



We chose to follow Him then
We are invited to choose to follow Him now!

OUR FATHER'S LOVE

is evident in

- *His Plan* of Exaltation
- *Three GIFTS* He offers to each of His children:
1) *Family* 2) *His Son* 3) *the Holy Ghost*
- *Prayer* He wants to hear from us and wants us to hear Him



Family



Jesus Christ



Holy Ghost

*These 3 gifts are an expression of our
Father's love for each of us!*

What have I done with HIS GIFTS?

God gave us
FAMILY to
help us
become who
He wants us
to BE

Pamela
Keegan Brinlee
Tanna Ryker

Mark & Celeste
Hailey Jackson Quinn

Timothy & Tia
Carter Eiley Bree Ty

Richard & Shannon
Kaitlyn Bryant Mason Raely
Addyson Sofie Lainey Brody

Kalynn & Mike
Aria Hyrum Sarah Trevor

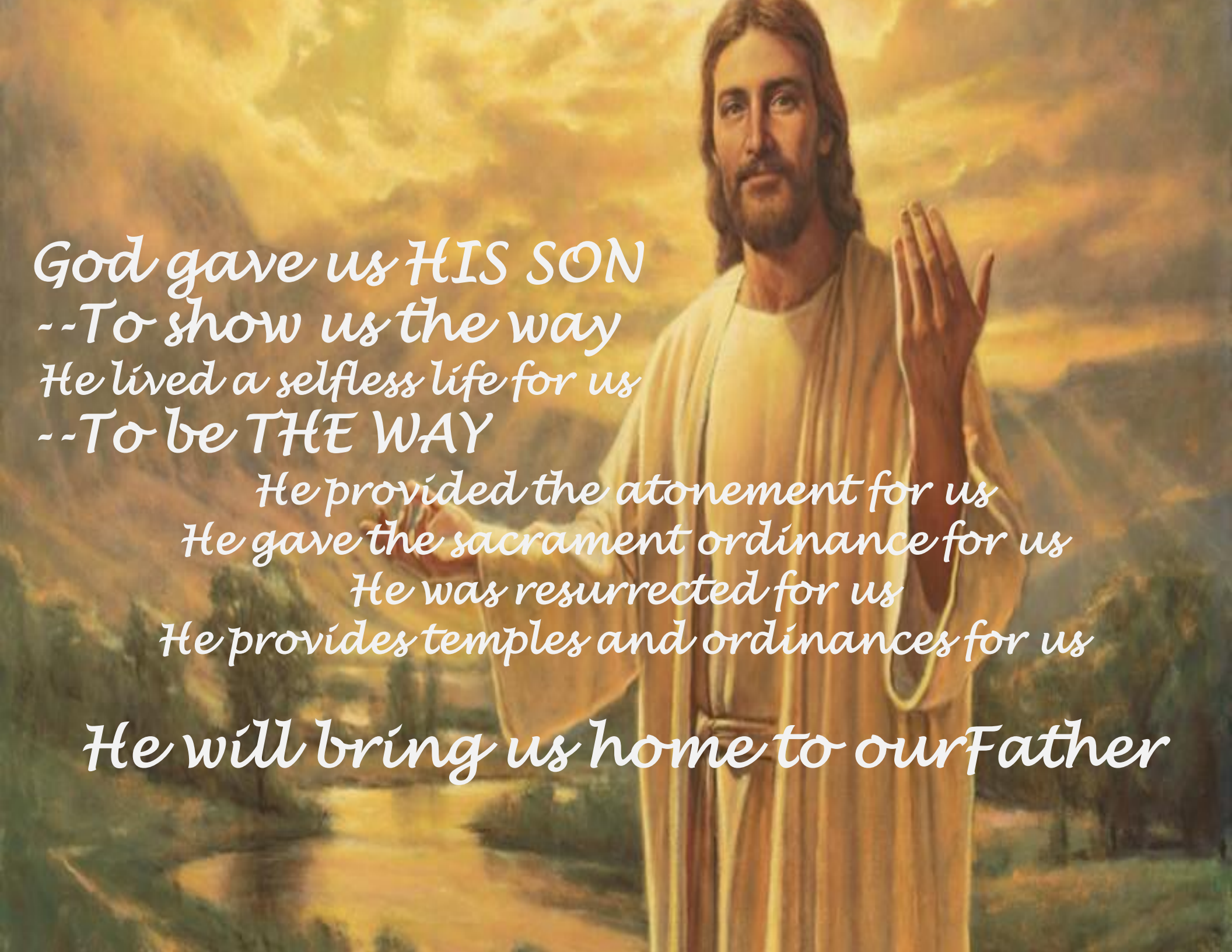
Daniel & Julie
Kymber Kaycee Garrett
Braden Brylee

Michael & Heather
Darris Torin Amry
Kenzie Elyce

Steven & Colette
Samuel Colton
Tessalynn Jacob

Kenneth & Deborah
Colton Thane Trent
Danica Lance

Thomas Lee & Gretna Ann Palmer
Family Tree



God gave us HIS SON
--To show us the way
He lived a selfless life for us
--To be THE WAY

He provided the atonement for us
He gave the sacrament ordinance for us
He was resurrected for us
He provides temples and ordinances for us

He will bring us home to our Father

God gave us the Holy Ghost
To bear witness of the Father and Son
To comfort us
To teach us
To sanctify and cleanse us
To reveal and testify of truth
To guide, prompt, inspire us every step
of the way home to the Father
The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Truth



Each Gift must be RECEIVED

Family
Be sealed
in the temple

Jesus Christ
Come unto Him

Holy Ghost
Always remember
Jesus Christ

RECEIVE the blessing of an Eternal **FAMILY**

President Nelson (July 28, 2023):

*“ . . . the very reason the earth was created was so families could be formed and sealed to each other. Salvation is an individual matter, **but exaltation is a family matter.** No one can be exalted alone.”*

RECEIVE the blessing of an Eternal *FAMILY*

President Nelson (October 2023 General Conference):

“Mortality is a master class in learning to choose the things of greatest eternal import. Far too many people live as though this life is all there is. However, your choices today will determine three things: where you will live throughout all eternity, the kind of body with which you will be resurrected, and those with whom you will live forever. So, think celestial.”

CHOOSE to be with this family forever!

RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST

Jesus: "Come unto me!"

-- Fully embrace the Atonement of Jesus Christ

-- Strive to be like Him

**-- Be His disciple - "As I have loved you,
love one another." John 13:34-35**

- - Hold up your light (*"Hold up your light. . . I am the light
which ye shall hold up – that which ye have seen me do"* 3 Ne 18:24)

- - Come, be with Him in His Holy Temple

“RECEIVE the HOLY GHOST”

Repent daily

*Partake of the Sacrament each week with a
broken heart and a contrite spirit*

Stand in Holy Places

Have clean hands and a pure heart

LISTEN (with heart and mind) AND FOLLOW

Moroni 7:13: "... Everything which inviteth and enticeth to do good, and to love God, and to serve Him, is inspired of God. . ."

Everything that invites us to RECEIVE and draw close to our Family, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost is inspired of God!

May we RECEIVE these precious gifts!

“Receive the Holy Ghost”

President Russell M. Nelson — April 2018 General Conference

“ . . . in coming days, it will not be possible to survive spiritually without the guiding, directing, comforting, and constant influence of the Holy Ghost.”



Sacrament

Temple

Book of Mormon

Three things have helped me **“RECEIVE the Holy Ghost”**



Sacrament

Temple

Book of Mormon

The promise of the Sacrament prayer:

“that they may always have his Spirit to be with them”

Sacrament Hymns

Return to the temple often

Even after you leave the temple, the **Holy Ghost will continue to teach you**. He will remind you of what you experienced, what you felt, and how you can live as God wants.”

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“ I promise that as you prayerfully study

the **Book of Mormon every day**, you will make better decisions – **every day**. . . the windows of heaven will open, you will receive direction for your own life.”

Pres. Nelson – Ensign 2017

The Holy Ghost testifies of Jesus Christ and shows us the way home

When we are confirmed a member of the Church the wording of the ordinance is **“Receive the Holy Ghost”**

2 Nephi 32:5: “. . . **Receive the Holy Ghost**, [He] will **show** unto you **all things** what ye should do.”

Moroni 10:5: “. . . **by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.**”

Let the Holy Spirit Guide

Hymn No. 143

Let the Holy Spirit guide;

Let him teach us what is true.

He will testify of Christ,

Light our minds with heaven's view.

Let the Holy Spirit guard;

Let his whisper govern choice.

He will lead us safely home

If we listen to his voice.

Let the Spirit heal our hearts

Thru his quiet, gentle pow'r.

May we purify our lives

To receive him hour by hour.

Temple

President Nelson:

“Nothing opens the heavens quite like the combination of increased purity, exact obedience, earnest seeking, daily feasting on the words of Christ in the Book of Mormon, and regular time committed to temple and family history work. The temple is a place of revelation. There you are drawn closer to the Savior and given greater access to His power.”

President Nelson (April 2025 General Conference) :

“Increased time in the temple will help us prepare for the **Second Coming of our Savior**, Jesus Christ. We do not know the day or the hour of His coming. But **I do know that the Lord is prompting me to urge us to get ready. . .”**

If He came today. . .

Would he find me standing in a Holy place?

Would he recognize me as His disciple?

Would I be following MY agenda or HIS agenda?

Would I know Him and recognize Him?

He would see me as I really am - would I be pleased with what he sees?

He has prepared a way for me to be ready

HE is the WAY!

*Jesus Christ loves
me - He will help
me come home!
I will be ready
when He comes
again!*



He is coming - I will be ready!

*“The record of the Nephite history just prior to the Savior’s visit reveals many parallels to our own day as we anticipate the **Savior’s second coming.**” (President Benson April 1987 General Conference)*

3 Nephi 9: 13-15

13 O all ye that are spared because ye were more righteous than they, will ye not now return unto me, and repent of your sins, and be converted, that I may heal you?

14 Yea, verily I say unto you, if ye will come unto me ye shall have eternal life. Behold, mine arm of mercy is extended towards you, and whosoever will come, him will I receive; and blessed are those who come unto me.

15 Behold, I am Jesus Christ the Son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. I was with the Father from the beginning. I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified his name.

*Will I know Him, kneel at His feet, touch Him,
and feel His penetrating eyes look with
acceptance into mine?*

