

## Spiritual Thought

### Touched by the Holy Ghost

At a point of time in my life when I was young, I knew that I had life figured out. I knew what was best for me. No one could tell me what I needed to do. Nevertheless, many were trying, but I would not listen. A number of opportunities were presented for me to change, but I refused. In other words, my path crossed the straight and narrow path in many places. But these opportunities only seemed to strengthen my resolve to “do it my way”. My resistance was complete and unwavering...or so I thought. One day, in the midst of a bitter time in my life, I was visited by the Holy Ghost. At that time, I did not recognize what or who it was, but I know now that it was the revealer of truth, the guiding spirit, that member of the godhead that all of us must feel at some point in our lives. This experience was not words as we know them, yet it seemed audible. It was not a feeling as I have heard it described, although it had attributes of such feelings. It was everywhere within me and yet it was not tangible. As president Joseph F. Smith described: “it cannot be forgotten”. I was instructed that the path I was on was not the road I should take. Although it was not in words, I knew that this was not for me alone. It was for my wife who I had yet to meet and for my children that were yet unborn. No details were given. No clearly marked path. These things were left for me to figure out on my own. To learn as I went. To grow with each step. As powerful as this was, and as unforgettable as it has become, it still took many years to change my direction. But I have changed, and changed to a degree that I am unrecognizable to some of my former associates and I am as uncomfortable in their presence as they are in mine.

Elder’s Quorum President, Mike Barratt

| Class and Lesson Schedule |  |                                |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| February 5, 2023          | <a href="#">“The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me”, Matthew 4; Luke 4-5</a>         | Sunday School Instruction      |
| February 12, 2023         | <a href="#">Legacy of Encouragement, President Henry B. Eyring, October 2022</a> | Brent Hinckley, EQ Instructor  |
| February 19, 2023         | <a href="#">“Blessed Are Ye”, Matthew 5; Luke 6</a>                              | Sunday School Instruction      |
| February 26, 2023         | <a href="#">The Doctrine of Belonging, D. Todd Christofferson, October 2022</a>  | Bryan Whittaker, EQ Instructor |

## Announcements, Activities, Events, and Reminders

### Ministering

Don’t forget to update your District Leader on any ministering activities and efforts you have made for your assigned families.

### Activities Committee

Brother Steve Foote has recently been called as our Elders Quorum Activity Coordinator and is working on activities for the year.

### Service Committee

Please let us know of any service needs and assistance that our Elders Quorum could provide.

### Other Items

Brother Barry Volk will undergo surgery this Monday, February 20, 2023. Please send him your thoughts and prayers for a seamless procedure and a speedy recovery. Let us know if you need anything, Barry!