



UCON STAKE
AN INVITATION
TO PREPARE

*A*s we watched President Nelson meet with our youth, we recognized more than ever that:

It is time.

It is time to gather the House of Israel - to cast off our fear and hesitation about sharing the gospel and to more fully place ourselves in the Lord's hands and engage in the rescue of His children - our neighbors, friends, and family members on both sides of the veil.

It is time to significantly strengthen our faith in the Savior and more completely live the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are called to deepen our adoration of the Savior and intensify our worship of Him by setting aside the Sabbath day as a true expression of our love and willingness to follow Him. It is time to sacrifice the interests and concerns of the world on that day.

It is time to draw more deeply from the well of the scriptures, to feast upon the words of Christ, that we may drink and never thirst again, that our hearts and minds may be filled with light and knowledge continually.

It is time to expand our efforts as true ministers in the salvation of His children. President Nelson has said,

"I invite you to inspire members to keep their covenants, fast and pray, study the scriptures, worship in the temple, and serve with faith as men and women of God."

It is time to recognize and live up to the authority, privilege, and priesthood power inherent in our callings, as promised in our baptismal and temple covenants.

It is time to apply the miracle of the atonement in our lives, to take advantage of the divine gift of repentance and forgiveness and to fully rely upon the sacrifice of the Savior as we prepare for the Savior's return and our own ultimate return to our heavenly home.

It is time to forgive, to see others as the Lord sees them, and recognize that we are all in need of a physician. It is time to abandon all judgement of others and those feelings that subject us to spiritual bondage, that charity and pure love may reign in our hearts.

Finally, **it is time** to commune with God through prayer and to dramatically improve our ability to receive and act upon personal revelation. In the words of President Nelson,

"I urge you to stretch beyond our current spiritual ability to receive personal revelation."

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

We believe that the spirit will testify to your hearts that the coming of the Savior is drawing near. Whether He comes during our own lives or the lives of our posterity, it is time to prepare.

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