

Covenant Jomen Ministering as the Savior Would

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Ministering is...

...not about checklists; it is about relationships—our relationship with others and our relationship with God.

"...when we go from being neighbors who bring cookies to trusted friends [and] spiritual first responders." Elder Gerrit W. Gong

... like an apprenticeship with the Savior because we are practicing becoming like Him and learning to love and care for others in the way He would.

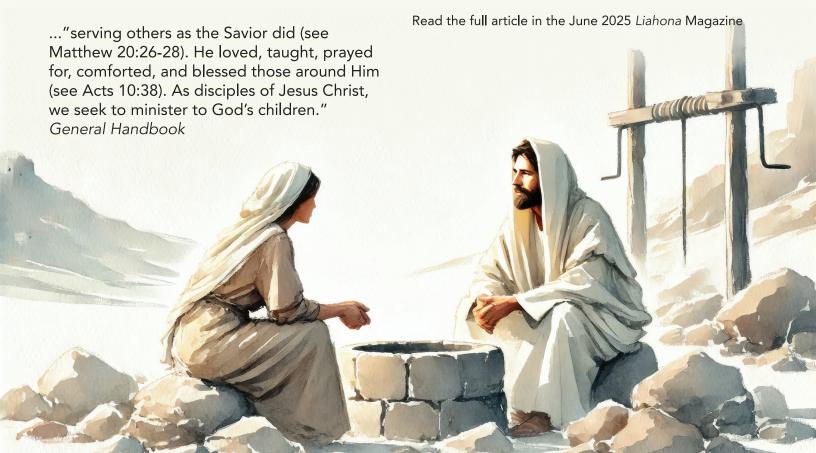
...sacred work to partner with Jesus Christ in blessing the lives of our Heavenly Father's children.

in such a way that others are drawn to Jesus Christ."

Elder Dale G. Renlund taught, "Love and minister

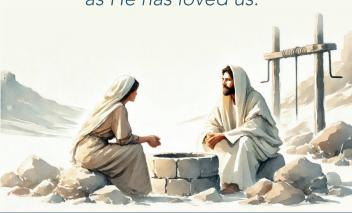
To do that, we need to develop relationships of trust with those we are assigned to. That type of relationship will develop over time. It will take more than just sending an occasional text or connecting in the hall at church.

The Savior's example is one of individual ministering and love. As we practice ministering as the Savior would, we will be transformed to become more like Him. Ministering will become who we are, not just what we do. Over time, ministering will become a part of us, and we will go about doing good as the Savior did, with or without an assignment.



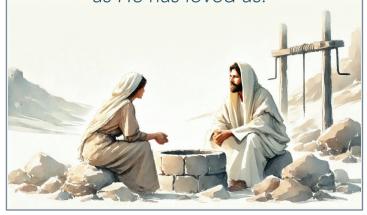
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