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**President Thomas S. Monson:** *(Laughs)*

**Male VO:** With wit, wisdom, and a personal touch that always brought a smile, President Thomas S. Monson blessed the lives of all he served.

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**President Thomas S. Monson:** Never that a problem to be solved become more important than a person to be loved.

**Male VO:** From his days as a young bishop, with about 85 widows in his care, to his ministry as prophet, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter‑day Saints, President Monson never lost sight of caring for the individual; leaving the 90 and 9 to rescue the one.

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**President Henry B. Eyring:** He was a consummate minister to individuals. And, uh, he went to more funerals, and there would be people that he, uh, knew only vaguely or just a little bit of, but he went as if they were dear friends.

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**President Dieter F. Uchtdorf:** He was really the one who served his fellow man. He lived what he preached. The poor and the needy were at his, uh, heart. He is really the one who is concerned about the rescue of the one. He is one who walked through the world looking for opportunities where he could serve individuals.

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**Ann Dibb:** I went my father to a rest home. He frequently visits rest homes on Sundays so that he can have his sacrament service there. He would get before some of those individuals in their wheelchairs so he would be face to face. And he'd take their hands and express his love for them.

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**Male VO:** President Monson became the 16th president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter‑day Saints on February 3rd, 2008. During his presidency Church membership grew from more than 13 million, to more than 16 million members worldwide. Dozens of new temples were announced and dedicated. And in October, 2012, President Monson announced a historic change to the age requirements for missionaries, an announcement that resulted in tens of thousands more missionaries serving throughout the world.

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**President Thomas S. Monson:** I'm pleased to announce that effective immediately, all worthy and able young men who graduated from high school or its equivalent, regardless of where they live, will have the option of being recommended for missionary service beginning at the age of 18 instead of age 19. I'm pleased to announce that able, worthy young women, who have the desire to serve, may be recommended for missionary service beginning at age 19, instead of age 21.

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**Male VO:** Thomas S. Monson was born in Salt Lake City on August 21st, 1927 to G. Spencer and Gladys Condie Monson. He attended Salt Lake City public schools, graduated from the University of Utah, and received his MBA degree from Brigham Young University. He received numerous academic honors, including honorary doctorate degrees from BYU, and the University of Utah. [00:03:01] Near the close of World War II, President Monson served in the United States Navy. He married Frances Beverly Johnson in the Salt Lake Temple on October 7th, 1948. They are the parents of three children, with many grandchildren, and great‑grandchildren. Frances Monson died May 17th, 2013.

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**President Thomas S. Monson:** She was the love of my life. My trusted confidant, and my closest friend. To say that I miss her does not begin to convey the depth of my feelings.

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**Ann Dibb:** I've always known how much my parents care for each other, and how much they love each other, and how much they love each one of their family. And I'm so grateful to watch that and feel that.

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**Male VO:** President Monson had a distinguished career in publishing and printing. At the time of his call to the Quorum of the Twelve in 1963, he was serving at the assistant general manager of the Deseret News Press. His life was typified by his love of community, education, God, and country. He served as a member of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America, and received Scouting's highest honor, the Bronze Wolf. He also received many national, state, and community awards for his lifetime of service.

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**President Dieter F. Uchtdorf:** He will be remembered as a prophet who, uh, moved the Church forward through his example. He lived what he preached. He was a man of the people and a man of God. I'll miss him as a friend. As one, uh, who can be trusted. One who was very kind, very generous. Uh, very caring, loving.

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**President Henry B. Eyring:** A great, great soul. I loved him. And when the General Authorities would come back, you see, and report that they'd been somewhere, they'd always say, "Now I promised the people that I'd tell you that he loved you." And I felt that and everyone felt it. And I loved him and felt his love for me.

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**Male VO:** Listening to divine guidance, strengthening the weary, rescuing the one, and serving others became the tapestry of a Christlike life that was President Thomas S. Monson, always on the Lord's errand.

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**President Thomas S. Monson:** We read in Proverbs the admonition, "ponder the path of thy feet." As we do we will have the faith, even the desire to walk the path which Jesus walked. The Savior's example lies a framework for everything that we do and His words provide an unfailing guide. His path will take us safely home.

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