



Alliance Stake Temple and Family History Newsletter

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O Remember, Remember by Henry B. Eyring

““When our children were very small, I started to write down a few things about what happened every day. Let me tell you how that got started. I came home late from a Church assignment. It was after dark. My father-in-law, who lived near us, surprised me as I walked toward the front door of my house. He was carrying a load of pipes over his shoulder, walking very fast and dressed in his work clothes. I knew that he had been building a system to pump water from a stream below us up to our property.

He smiled, spoke softly, and then rushed past me into the darkness to go on with his work. I took a few steps toward the house, thinking of what he was doing for us, and just as I got to the door, I heard in my mind-not in my own voice-these words: “I’m not giving you these experiences for yourself. Write them down.”

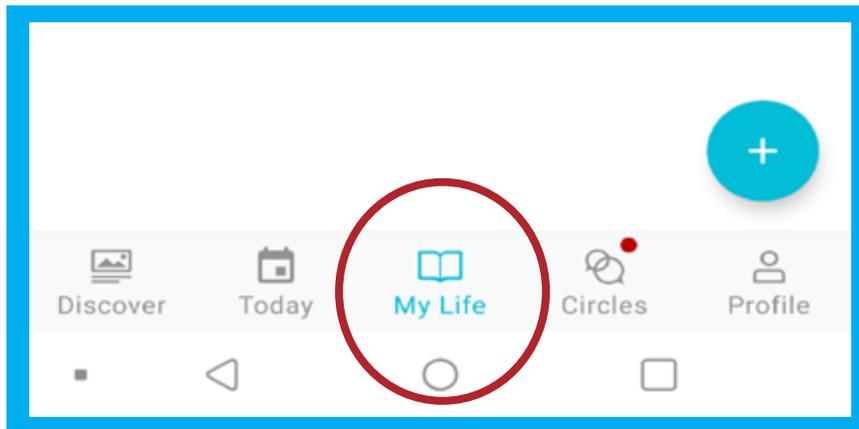
I went inside. I didn’t go to bed. Although I was tired, I took out some paper and began to write. And as I did, I understood the message I had heard in my mind. I was supposed to record for my children to read, someday in the future, how I had seen the hand of God blessing our family. Grandpa didn’t have to do what he was doing for us. He could have had someone else do it or not have done it at all. But he was serving us, his family, in the way covenant disciples of Jesus Christ always do. I knew that was true. And so I wrote it down, so that my children could have the memory someday when they would need it.

I wrote down a few lines every day for years. I never missed a day no matter how tired I was or how early I would have to start the next day. Before I would write, I would ponder this question: “Have I seen the hand of God reaching out to touch us or our children or our family today?” As I kept at it, something began to happen. As I would cast my mind over the day, I would see evidence of what God had done for one of us that I had not recognized in the busy moments of the day. As that happened, and it happened often, I realized that trying to remember had allowed God to show me what He had done.””

Remember that recording events from our lives through journals, biographies, short stories, sharing on social media is a form of family history. There is also a place in “Living” app used by many wards to communicate with each other, that has a place to keep thoughts, ideas or impressions. At the bottom of the screen look for “My Life”.



Elder Henry B. Eyring
Oct 2007



I was recently contacted by a friend of my Aunt Alice. She had a box of items that were my aunt's. Most were photos, but she also found a small book called, "Grandma, Tell Me Your Memories." In this little book, there is a page for every day of the year and each page asks a question. Diana, my aunt's friend told me that my Aunt Alice has half of the pages filled out. She sent me a copy of one page. On that page, my aunt tells about my father owning a dog. I had never heard anything about this dog that my father owned before he married my mother. My sister was able to pick up the box. I am so excited to read this little book and learn more about my aunt and those she mentions in the book.



Like Elder Eyring, we should try to record things that will show others that God is in our lives.

Facebook: Alliance Temple and Family History

Please encourage members of your ward to join the stake facebook page called, "Alliance Texas Stake Temple and Family History." Members are encouraged to ask questions, share positive temple and family history experiences in their ward or on individual basis, or things they have learned. We think this can be a great family history tool if we get enough people in the stake joining and posting.

Newsletters

December will be the last newsletter. In the future, we will be posting on the Facebook page listed above or sending out emails to temple and family history leaders in each ward.

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