



The Extermination Order

Purpose

To help the children appreciate some of the difficulties faced by early members of the Church, and to strengthen the children's desire to listen to and obey the prophet.

Keep the Commandments

1. Keep the commandments;

keep the commandments!

In this there is safety; in this there is peace.

He will send blessings;

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Words of a prophet:

Keep the commandments.

In this there is safety and peace.

Keep the Commandments

- 2. We are His children; we are His children,
and we must be tested to show we are true.
Hold to His promises;
Hold to His promises,
Heeding the prophets:
Keep the commandments.
In this there is safety and peace.



**OUR OPENING PRAYER WILL BE GIVEN
BY**

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- **What would you do if you heard someone scream, “Fire!” and you looked up and saw smoke coming into the room?**

- **What might happen if you did nothing?**



- **What would you do if you heard a warning that a hurricane (or tornado, flood, typhoon, volcanic eruption, or some other disaster) was about to hit your area?**



- **What might happen if you did nothing?**



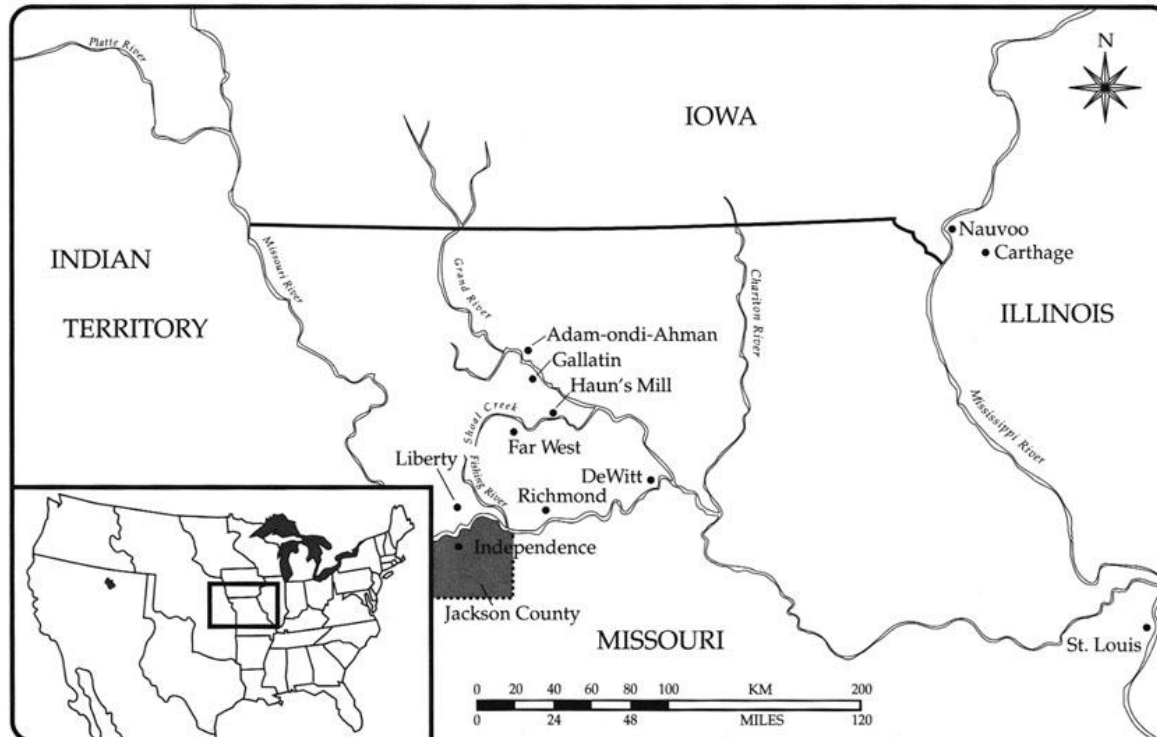
- **We need to listen to and follow warnings.**

- **Some of the early members of the Church faced many problems, some of which could have been avoided if the members had listened to and followed the warnings of the Prophet Joseph Smith.**

- **The Saints had been driven out of Jackson County, Missouri.**
- **The Lord told them they would have to wait to establish Zion because they had not been as obedient as they should have been ([D&C 105:6–10](#)).**

- **The Saints then settled in northern Missouri, but problems occurred there also.**

Missouri and Surrounding Area



- **This is what our lesson is about today.**



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- **Many Saints were living in Far West, Missouri, including Joseph Smith.**

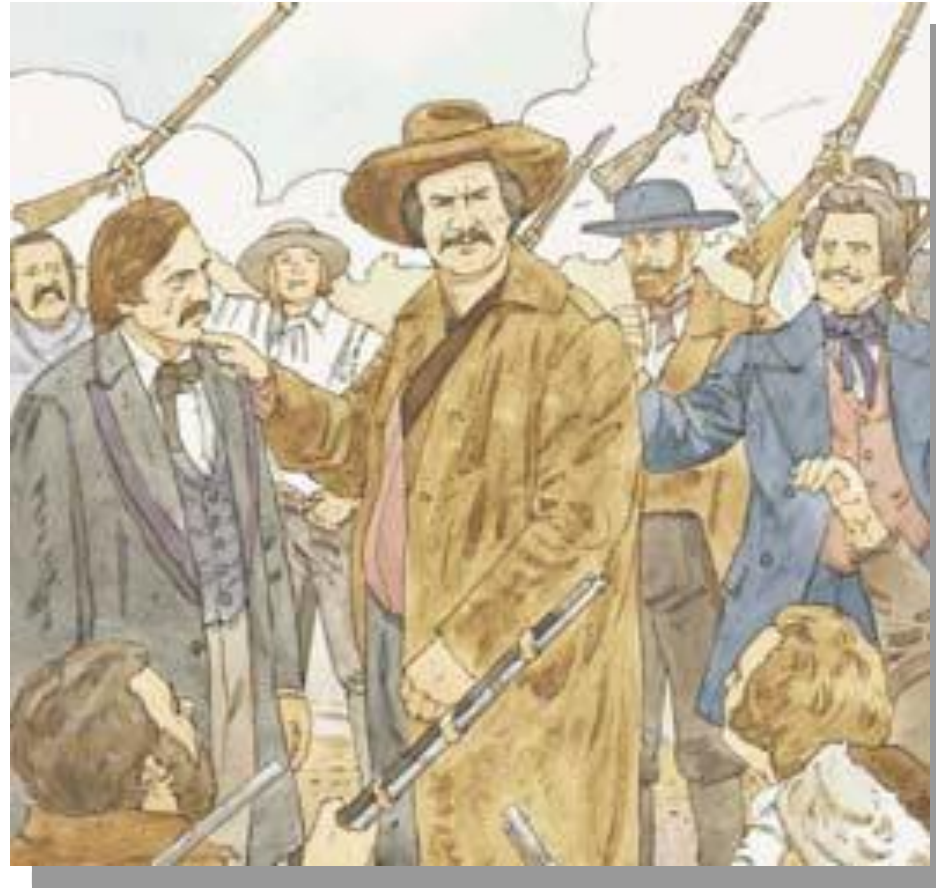
- **The people built homes and schools and were happy.**





- **But the Saints did not have peace for very long.**
- **Again, other people in Missouri began to make trouble for them.**

- **A mob met to plan ways to hurt the Saints.**





- **The mob did many bad things. They chased the Saints out of their homes**

- **They burned their homes and destroyed their farms.**



- **They beat the men and put some of them in jail.**





- **The mobs hurt some of the women.**

- **The Saints asked Governor Boggs of Missouri for help.**

- **But other people were telling the governor lies about the Saints, and he would not help.**





- **The problems between the Saints and the mobs continued to get worse.**

- **Thinking the Saints were to blame for these problems, Governor Boggs told some soldiers to kill the Saints if they did not leave Missouri.**

- **Some Saints lived in a town named Haun's Mill.**
- **One day a mob came and attacked them.**



- **Some of the Saints ran into the woods.**
- **Others ran into a log building for protection.**





- **The mob shot through the cracks in the walls.**
- **Then the mob entered the building and fired many more shots.**



- The mob killed 17 people at Haun's Mill and injured 13 others.
- Some children were shot and killed.

- Then the mob robbed the homes and wagons of the Saints.



- **Later some soldiers captured Joseph Smith and other Church leaders.**
- **The soldiers were told to shoot Joseph and his friends.**





- **But one leader of the soldiers would not obey.**
- **He said it would be murder to shoot Joseph and the others.**

- **A trial was scheduled for Joseph and his friends.**

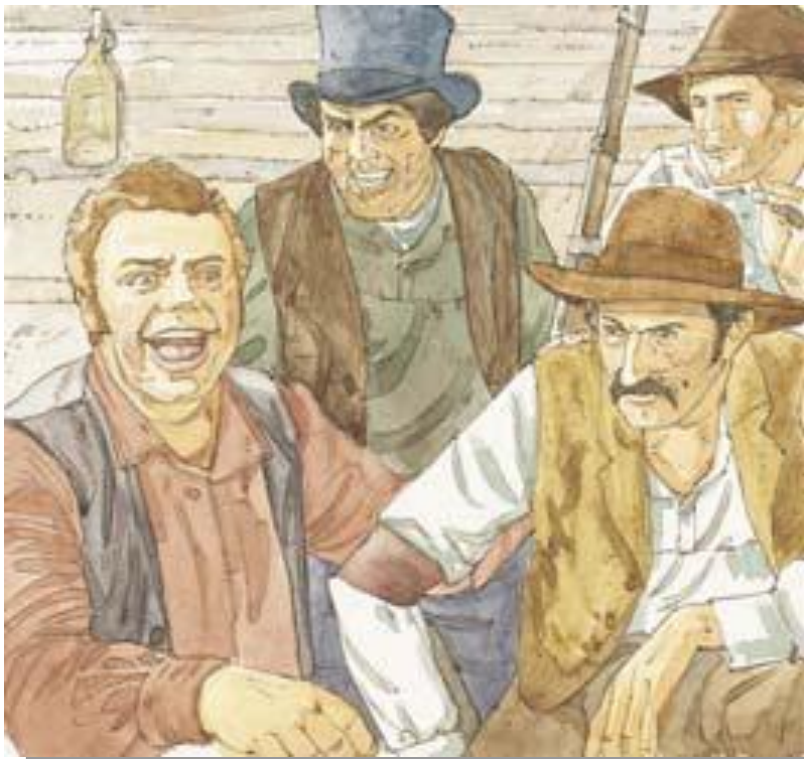


- **Before and during the trial, they were imprisoned in the town of Richmond, Missouri.**



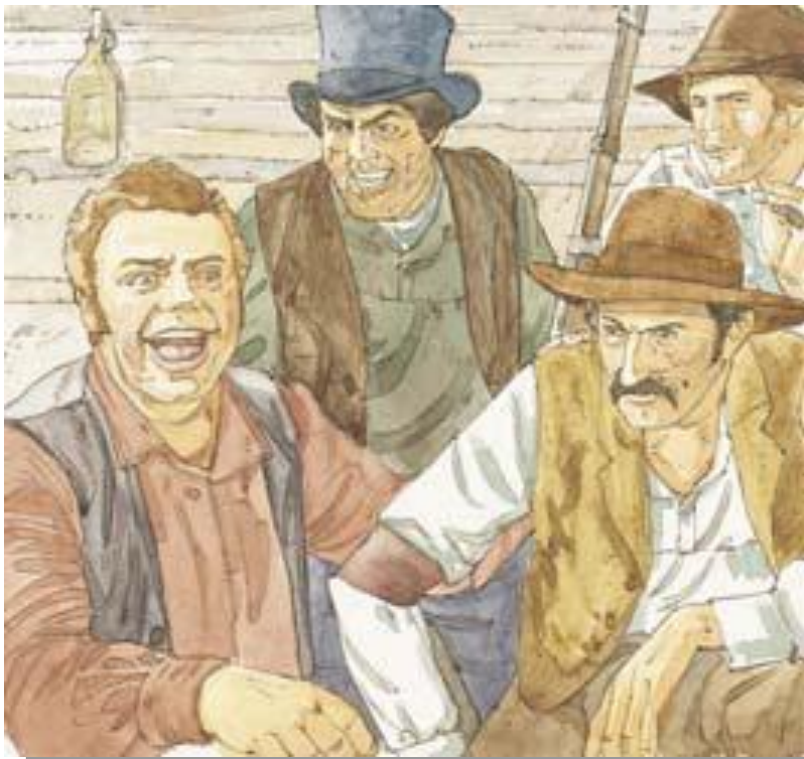
- **The guards put chains on them. Joseph and his friends had to sleep on the cold floor.**





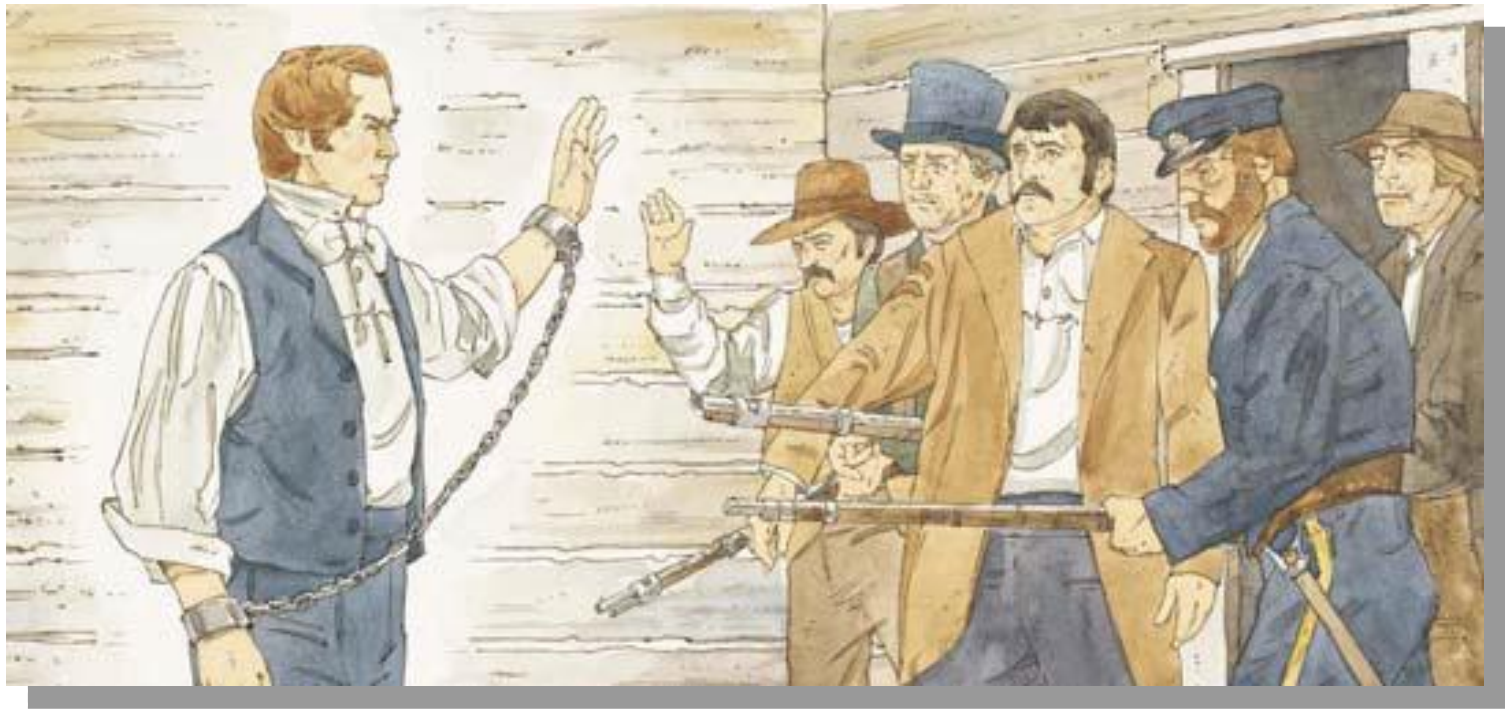
- **The guards were very mean to the prisoners.**

- **They swore and told bad stories.**
- **They told how they had robbed and killed the Saints.**

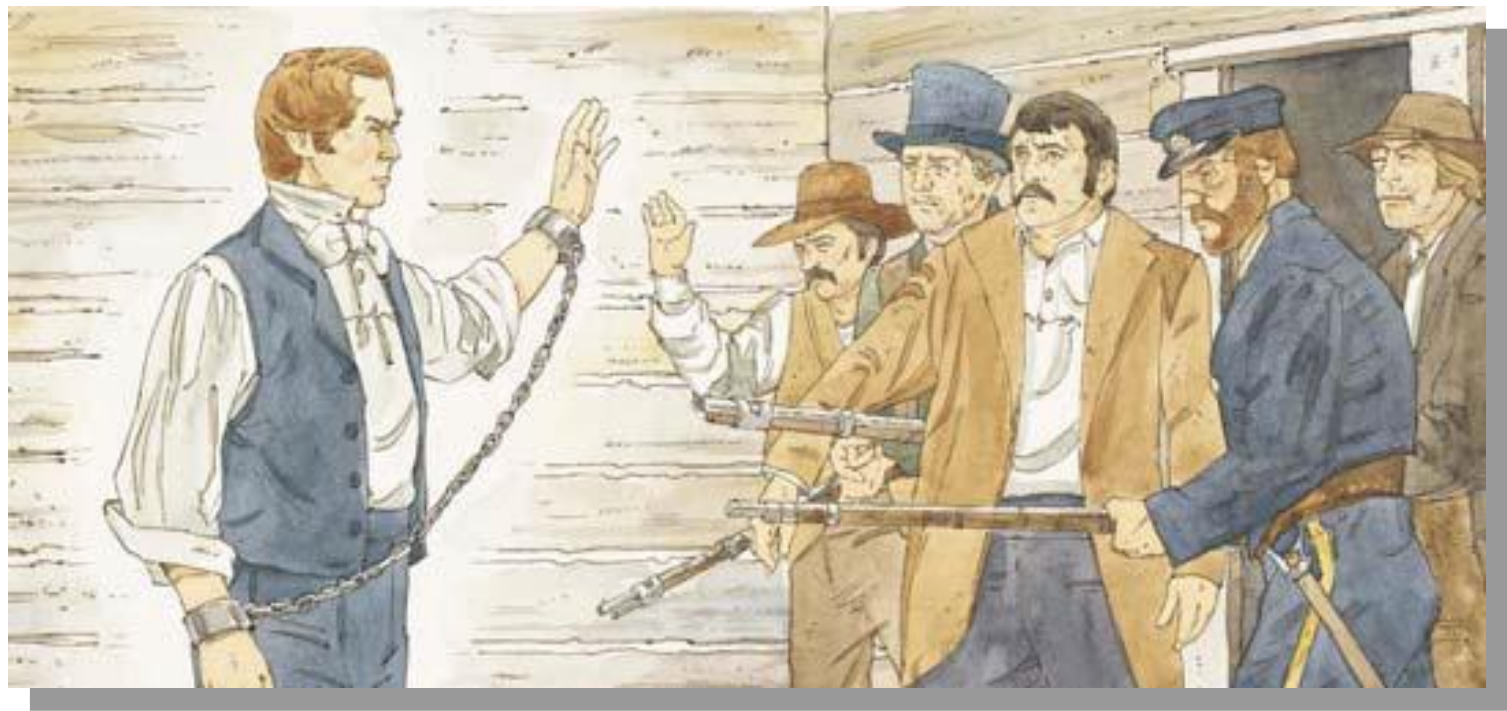


- They told how they had hurt the women and children.

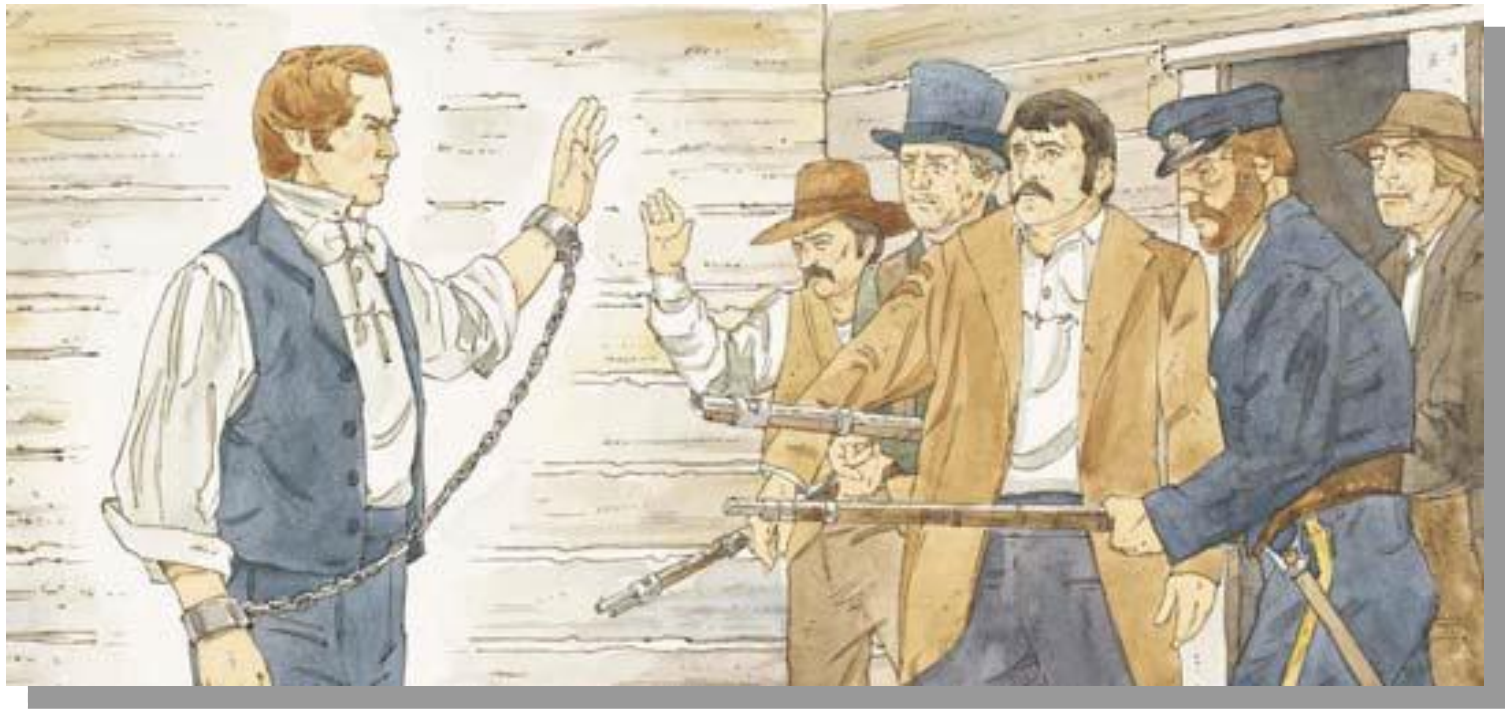
- One night they laughed and bragged for several hours.



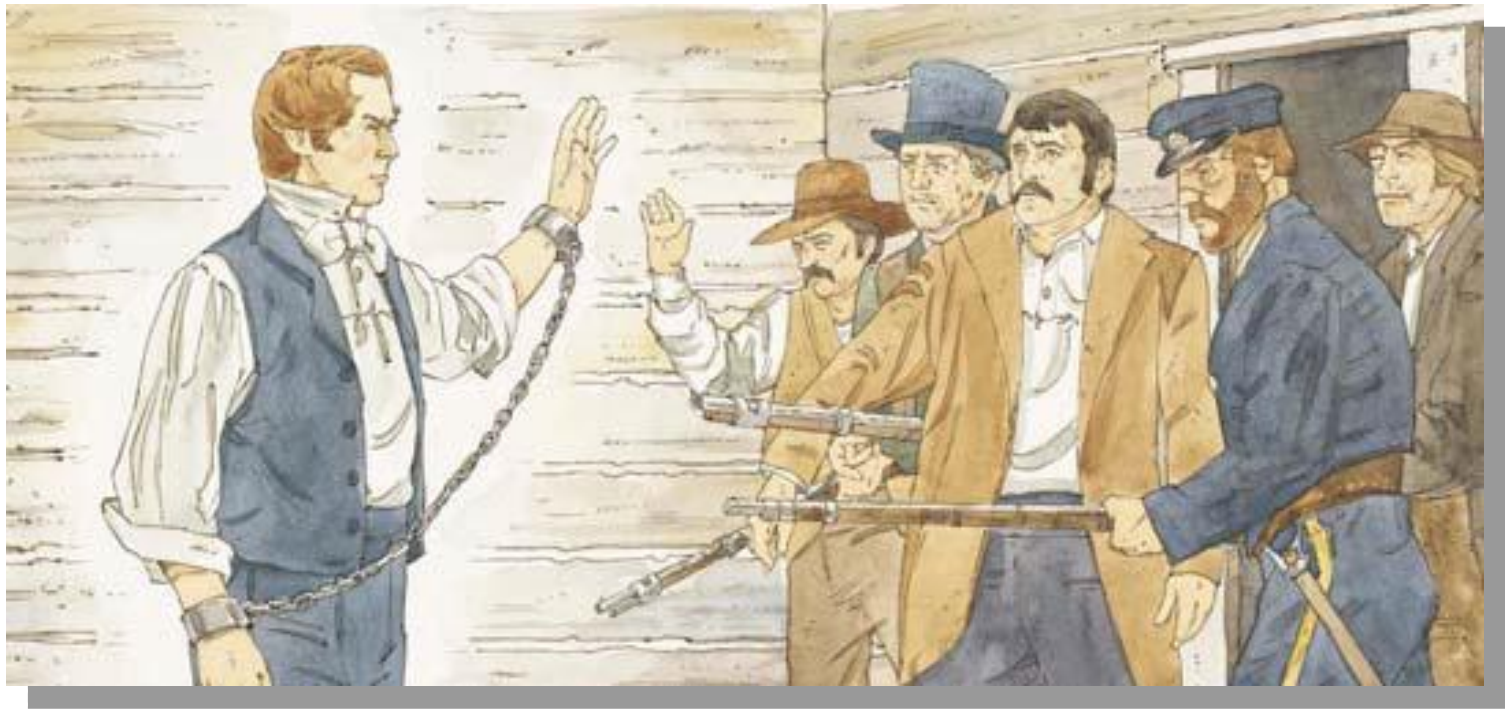
- **Joseph hated what they were saying.**
- **He didn't want to hear any more, so he stood up and commanded them to stop.**



- **Silence,” he said. “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to be still; I will not live another minute and bear such language.**



- **Cease such talk, or you or I die this instant!”**

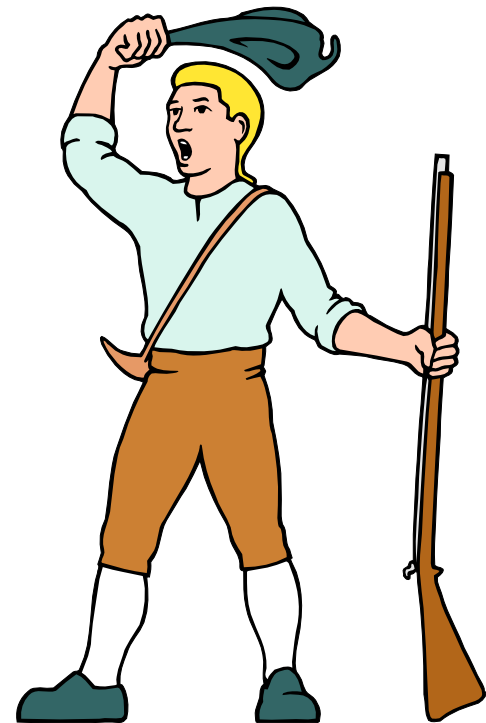


- **The guards were afraid and told Joseph they were sorry.**
- **They sat in a corner and were quiet the rest of the night.**

- **The Saints were ordered to leave Missouri, but they were finally allowed to stay in Far West through the winter as long as they did not plant crops or make any plans to stay longer.**



Discussion Time





- **Why were the Saints driven out of Missouri even though it had been dedicated to be Zion? ([D&C 105:6–10.](#))**
- **Remember, Zion will be established in the future.**

- **What might prevent us from receiving blessings from Heavenly Father?**

(D&C 105:6)

- **Disobedience**

- **What can we do to be worthy of his blessings?**



- **Who is this man?**



- **How can we learn what our prophet tells us?**
- **Why should we do what he asks us to do?**



- **Following the prophet will not protect us from all suffering.**



- **Church members who did what the Prophet Joseph Smith told them to do still suffered persecution in Missouri, and the Prophet himself suffered greatly.**



- **Heavenly Father allows everyone to have agency and make choices, and sometimes we suffer because of the wrong choices of other people.**



- **However, following the prophet will help us avoid the suffering that may come from our own wrong choices.**



- **Have you (or has anyone you know) ever been mistreated because you were a member of the Church?**
- **How should we react to those who mistreat us?**



- **How can we follow the prophet in doing the following things:**
 - **Read the scriptures,**
 - **Keep a journal,**
 - **Love our families,**
 - **Be worthy to attend the temple**
- **What might happen if we don't do these things?**

TESTIMONY

- **I want to testify to you, that our living prophet, Thomas S. Monson, is a prophet of God.**
- **I want to express my love and appreciation for him and for the counsel he gives.**
- **I want to encourage you to listen to the prophet at the next general conference and do what he asks all of us to do.**

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D&C 105:6–10

- **6 And my people must needs be chastened until they learn obedience, if it must needs be, by the things which they suffer.**
- **7 I speak not concerning those who are appointed to lead my people, who are the first elders of my church, for they are not all under this condemnation;**

D&C 105:6–10

- **8 But I speak concerning my churches abroad— there are many who will say: Where is their God? Behold, he will deliver them in time of trouble, otherwise we will not go up unto Zion, and will keep our moneys.**
- **9 Therefore, in consequence of the transgressions of my people, it is expedient in me that mine elders should wait for a little season for the redemption of Zion—**

D&C 105:6–10

- **10 That they themselves may be prepared, and that my people may be taught more perfectly, and have experience, and know more perfectly concerning their duty, and the things which I require at their hands.**

D&C 105:6

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