Message given September 2022 - Gathering of Elders at Kirtland Ohio

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Are we individually and as a people, listening to God and preparing ourselves for Zion, as God has asked us to do? We must not let this opportunity pass us by because as Fred M said, "...the opportunity is forever lost." Will we rise up and become the people God is calling us to be? That is the question that should be upon every church member's heart. (To be continued...)

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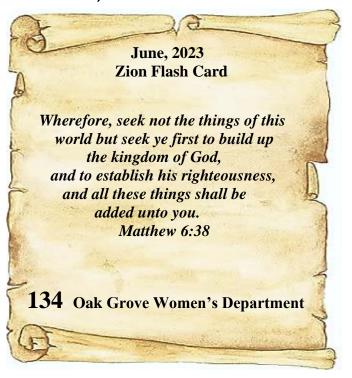
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Zion Flash Card

Wherefore, seek not the things of this world but seek ye first to build up the kingdom of God, and to establish his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:38

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