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## **"The Essentiality of Loyalty in the Development of Zion"**

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**In other words, the very road we have been looking for in the journey of our progress upward is so close at hand that there is danger that this people will pass that road without entering, and when they do it means that their opportunity is forever lost and either some other people or this people reorganized must accomplish that work."**

Again, Fred M Smith's words fit well with the document given to the Elders at Kirtland. The Document: **"I have brought this church out of the wilderness in these the latter days, to have and to hold a stewardship in the coming forth of my kingdom of Zion on the earth. I have not changed my intentions for you. If you will be obedient to keep the Two Great Commandments of Love for the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, and one another as your neighbors, I will yet use you for this purpose and stewardship that I have given you. If not, my purposes will not fail, as I have said in former years, I will raise up another people."**

Do we want to be the people that assist in the building of Zion or will we miss the road of our opportunity? May we listen to the Lord and adjust our lives so that we will be the ones who answer this great call! In the Document we are told: **"If you will heed these words...the church will yet flourish. I will show you power from on high, but only if you will listen to me and come together in My Spirit. I am pleased that you have gathered into my presence, now go forth as one."** Let's do this thing the Lord has asked us. Let us not miss the road, let us come together as one people. Time is short, God said, **"I will give you two years to implement these stewardships. Then if you are obedient, I will give you the things which are to follow. How long must I wait? I have given you 40 years."** May we heed the call!!!!!! We now have only a year and a half left.

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That ye love one another;  
as I have loved you, that ye also love  
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*By this shall all men know that  
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