



## STRATEGIC GOAL #2: BELIEVE

### EXCELLENCE IN HELPING PEOPLE BELIEVE

#### Just In Time

“At just the right time, while we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.” Romans 5:6

Getting a gift that is unexpected is a great surprise, especially if the gift is something that you’ve always wanted. Questions like “How did you know?” and “What have I done to deserve this?” come to mind.

Now, imagine what it would be like for someone who was sentenced to death and was waiting in prison until their turn came. Their only desire would be for freedom or a second chance to right their wrongs. The amazing thing is that this situation is what humanity faced without knowing it. We were on course to be separated from God forever, but God saw us in our helpless state and sent His Son into the world to take our judgement and then declare us as free (Romans 4:25). At just the right time, Jesus came into the world to make us righteous through believing in Him.

Back to the prisoner; imagine the joy this person would feel if one day someone volunteered to take their place and serve their sentence fully. There would likely be joy but also an overwhelming sense of awe as to why someone would willingly lose their life for a stranger. This is a simplified example but Jesus did this for us and so much more. Through Him we now have a reason to talk to people about the goodness of God. If there is anyone in your life who seems alienated from God, don’t give up. Talk to God about them in prayer. He’ll show you what next steps to take and how to approach them.

**FAITH IN ACTION:** Father in Heaven, thank You for saving me through Jesus Christ while I was still powerless. Help me to have that same compassion for people in my life and beyond. Thank You.

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