



Far West

# Quote from 17 year old

- ▶ **The real test of goodness is not our ability to be perfect,**
- ▶ **but our wiliness to repent...**



Northwestern Missouri in 1838  
Showing Points of Conflict in the  
**Mormon Missouri War**



**Joseph Smith**

**Leaves in Jan, arrives in March**

**John E. Page Camp**

**Upper Canada**

**Kirtland Camp**

**Starts with 650, arrives with 200**

# Migration to Far West



# Richard Bushman

As if borne down by troubles during the summer of 1838, Joseph mysteriously recedes in the records. Sidney Rigdon preached the sermons. George Robinson minutes credited the Presidency the Church.

Judging from the records, Joseph was uncustomarily passive, leaving a power vacuum for Sidney Rigdon, Sampson Avard, and Lyman Wight to fill.

Little direct evidence remains of Joseph's thoughts and feelings; little he did went on the record.



# A Refuge

## D&C 115



# President Uchtdorf

May I add a word of caution to those of us who live in large wards and stakes. We have to be careful that the center of our testimony is not located in the social dimension of the Church community or the wonderful activities, programs, and organizations of our wards and stakes. All of these are important and valuable to have– but they are not enough. Even friendship is not enough.

We recognize that we are living in a time of turmoil, disaster, and war. We and many others feel the great need for a defense, and a refuge from the storm....

How do we find such a place of safety? The prophet of God, even President Hinckley, has taught: “our safety lies in the virtue of our lives. Our strength lies in our righteousness.

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**What is property to me?**

**D&C 117: 4-8**





# And when he falls

D&C 117:12, 13

