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My Dear Sisters,

A few weeks ago we were privileged to spend some time together in conference. A marvelous time of fellowship was enjoyed and we were able to help many worthy causes with our donations. The minutes will soon be available online for you to review. With that being said, I want to share with you a thought the Lord brought to my mind yesterday.

My heart is turned to those sisters who have touched our lives and the set marvelous examples of love and service. Sunday will be Mothers' Day, a holiday established by the government of our country, but so very important on a spiritual level.

The scriptures are full of stories of mothers and their dealings with the children entrusted to them. My mind, however, has been drawn to the sisters who have touched our lives. If you are blessed to have been raised by a woman who feared and loved God, then your first example was probably your mom. If you did not have this blessing growing up, when you became associated with The Church of Jesus Christ, you met sisters who:

- helped develop your spiritual self
- impressed you by their actions
- provided advice through their words, but most importantly by their actions

Take a few moments and relive the memories you have of the pillars who raised you in the Church, then think how you might set an example for the young women with whom you come in contact. You have an awesome responsibility, even if you have no children of your own. You have the opportunity to be a force in the life of another person. I believe the lesson is, learn from the examples in your life and be the example in someone else's life.

All my love,