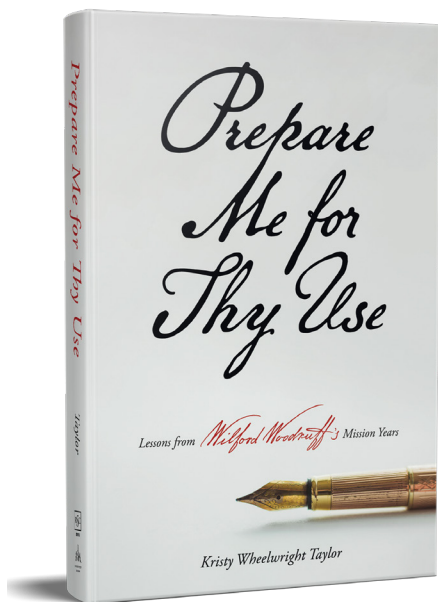


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documented. His mission years taught Wilford profound lessons about consecration, obedience, gratitude, courage, and the relentless effort required to bring the blessings of sacred covenants to all. A witness of the powers of both heaven and hell, Wilford saw his life as a testament to the Lord's protection and purpose for him. His unwavering devotion is perhaps best expressed in a prayer he recorded in his journal, “I ask thee in the name of Jesus Christ to prepare me for thy use.”

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