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One Eternal Round of Change

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Hello friend of the Penny Creek Ward,

Happy New Year!

Well, I hope it's happy for you. I think we're all hoping it's happier than last year :)

But events don't happen because of dates and where we decided to start measuring the earth's revolution around the sun. A circle is eternal. And we know from the scriptures that 'the course of the Lord is one eternal round.' (1 Nephi 10:19; Alma 37:12; Alma 7:20; D&C 35:1)

So, even though we're writing 21 now for our abbreviated year designation, we are eternal beings. And time is just something we measure with a clock and calendar. (Or the thing that keeps everything from happening at once ;)

It's good to have an eternal perspective. Often. Once a week even. That's why we attend church. To learn and talk about the bigger picture. But every day is a new adventure, so we should remind ourselves of eternity every day. That's why we pray and read the scriptures.

'Come Follow Me' is a program the church has instituted for individuals and families to study the scriptures. We've aligned the particular books of scripture and topics in all the various classes so that everyone in the family can discuss the same topics from the same scriptures each week.

This year we are discussing the Doctrine and Covenants. This is a wonderful collection of modern revelation given for a young, newly restored church, with very few members. We will learn a lot about how the Lord guided the saints in the early days and how He knew this would become a much bigger movement throughout the world. So, much of the council can apply to us today.

See, when you understand eternity, you have a lot more patience. It's hard to believe that a congregation of 6 members in an obscure New York province would grow to millions of people all over the world.

But God knew. That's the kind of work He does, big changes, because He has patience and an eternal perspective.

And he can do it with you. Believe that big change can happen. You can become the person you want to be, and a more diligent follower of Jesus Christ. Have patience, and stay on the path.

Studying the scriptures through the Come Follow Me program will help you accomplish that goal.

Here is the introduction to the Come Follow Me manual:

"The aim of all gospel learning and teaching is to deepen our conversion to Jesus Christ and help us become more like Him. For this reason, when we study the gospel, we're not just looking for new information; we want to become a "new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17). This means relying on Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ to help us change our hearts, our views, our actions, and our very natures."

That's the eternal goal: to 'change our hearts, our views, our actions, and our very natures.'

We have eternity, but let's start with this year.

How will you change?

Will you choose to make this new year happy?

Hopeful,

Bishop Williams

P.S.

Remember church is at 9:00am tomorrow!

Those who make it in person will win a hero's reward.

(You'll be my hero :)

This week the heroes are Group B, those with last names M-Z (and those who really want to attend a Fast and Testimony Sunday in person. During our Christmas Sunday we almost fit everyone together, so if there are a few who want to attend and you don't meet the requirements of Group B, it's okay if you join us and show up in person.)

For those watching from home, here's the link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzQM_SmjDFmwHAA6lfjtseg/live

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