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Listen, He Knows You

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Hello friend,

How are you doing this week? I know it might feel weird to reply, because I'm sending this to a whole bunch of people, so you think, "He doesn't really want everyone to reply, does he?"

And that's where you'd be wrong. I think it would be wonderful if everyone replied. But I know they won't. In fact, most don't. So, it's not going to burden me at all if just you reply. You don't need to worry about everyone else, it's just you and me :)

We know our Heavenly Father knows a lot of people (everyone) but He also knows us very well individually, and when we pray or communicate with Him we don't worry about how He does it or the fact that he does know everyone else. We just do it.

If we think about the fact that we existed with Him for what is essentially eternity before we came here, then maybe it's possible that He spent a lot of one-on-one time with each of us. I mean, He had the time.

I don't mean to be blasphemous, but if I can get to know you a little bit more through a simple email, then I think our Heavenly Father has a little more advanced way to know us personally.

And we need to believe that, deep down.

We are talking about an omniscient God, someone who knows how everything works, even things we've never heard of or considered, so there's a way He can know us very well, even if we don't understand it.

And He communicates in a lot of different ways too.

I remember one time on my mission when we were teaching an older Sister the lessons and she was having a great experience. She had committed to being baptized but she still had to overcome her smoking habit. It was very difficult for her.

So, during one of our visits we were inspired to just play some uplifting music and listen for any messages the Spirit might have for us. My companion and I felt the Spirit very strongly, and we noticed that she was crying.

When the music was over, she told us that the Spirit clearly told her that Joseph Smith was a prophet and that we were teaching her the truth. She knew she must quit smoking and move forward in faith. It was one of the most spiritual experiences I had at that time.

Sometimes, we just need to stop and listen.

Our Father in Heaven knows us personally, very well. And He'll 'talk' to us in many different ways... if we listen.

"Learn of me and listen to my words; walk in the meekness of my Spirit, and you shall have peace in me." (D&C 19:23)

At this time, I think we could all use some peace from our Father, an omniscient being, our God, and our friend.

You deserve to hear what He wants to tell you.

"Walk in meekness," and you will.

It's my pleasure to serve you as Bishop during this time. Feel free to reach out to me in any way.

Brother Spencer Michael does a wonderful job as Executive Secretary and setting up appointments for me. I'd love to meet with you for whatever reason.

With love,

Bishop Williams

P.S. Remember, tomorrow we are using this new Zoom link below to view Sacrament Meeting virtually. (Sunday, Jan 31st, 9:00am)

<https://zoom.us/j/92685846361>

And we welcome those in Group B (last names M-Z, or if you have a special need) to attend in person.

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