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## No need to worry

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Hello my Penny Creek Ward friend,

Are you worried?

About what? You ask.

Well, about anything, the pandemic, the education system, our youth, politics, natural disasters, the designs of evil men, or anything about the future.

It's okay. Bad stuff can happen in our future. But you know what that means? Really good stuff can happen too. So, to be worried is to let the possibility of bad outweigh the possibility of good.

Sure, I'm an optimist, because I think it's better than the alternative. Life is fun and fulfilling when you have something to be excited about every day. (Try it :)

Especially when we know we're on the winning team. This should give us hope.

"Wherefore, whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world... which hope cometh of faith, maketh an anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast, always abounding in good works, being led to glorify God." (Ether 12:4)

That says if you believe in God, you can be sure there's a better world ahead. But you must have faith and abound in good works.

Hope is a fundamental principle of the gospel. It comes when you have faith. And it is an anchor to help you always abound in good works.

Because our hope is in Jesus Christ. He is the anchor. We do good works because we follow Him, because we've taken His name upon us, because it's the least we can do to show our gratitude and devotion to Him for what He did for us.

We are Christians. We belong to the Church of Jesus Christ because we believe what He did, and have faith and hope in His promises.

Sure, there are prophecies of turbulence and destruction in the last days, and we are definitely experiencing them. But there is also promise of glory, joy, peace and comfort among the saints of God.

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." (Romans 15:4)

Are you reading the scriptures? They can give you hope.

"But, behold, the righteous, the saints of the Holy One of Israel, they who have believed in the Holy One of Israel, they who have endured the crosses of the world, and despised the shame of it, they shall inherit the kingdom of God, which was prepared for them from the foundation of the world, and their joy shall be full forever." (2 Nephi 9:18)

Don't you want your joy to be full forever? Then remember this: you are a saint. A Latter Day Saint. And no matter what you think you've done wrong, Christ can take care of it. In fact, He already has. It's only up to you to recognize Him and His power.

We have a Savior.

So, there's really nothing to worry about :)

Take care, my friend.

Bishop Williams

P.S. Please read all of these awesome announcements below.

- You may have received an email from the Stake Executive Secretary, Brother Jason Sisco, in behalf of the Stake Presidency, inviting you to a special multi-ward meeting tomorrow (Sunday) at 4:00pm. I don't know what it's about, but you'll probably want to attend. You can attend in person at the Stake Center or virtually with this link: <https://zoom.us/j/98479539593>
  - Also, the Relief Society will be holding a meeting during our second hour at 10:10 am. Sisters should have received a link to join from President Julie Brown.
  - It's our month to help clean the building on Saturdays. It's a good way to serve as a family.
  - Make sure you read the amazing story from Sister Yoko O'Toole on our ward web site: <https://pennycreek.org/2021/03/04/spirit/>
  - And finally, last names A-L can join us in person for sacrament meeting tomorrow, everyone else can attend here: <https://zoom.us/j/92685846361>
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