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Little Things

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Hello friend, I'm so glad you're able to read this email. It means you've put your email in your church account profile. Thank you.

It's funny, it kind of seems like a little thing. Not a big deal really, you could have easily forgot to put it in there. You may have your phone number, your home address, a nice picture, and other information, and those are all very useful, but without your email listed, you would have missed this email, and all the previous ones I've sent. (But I've just added a bunch of them to our ward web site at <https://pennycreek.org/emails-to-the-ward-from-bishop-williams>)

Sometimes little things can make a big difference. Missing an email from me is not really a big deal, but there are some very important little things in the gospel that if you miss, could make a big difference. Sure, we always seem to mention reading the scriptures and praying, but maybe there are some other unique little things in your life should be paid attention to.

The story of the Liahona in the Book of Mormon is a great example of a little thing that worked mighty miracles. And Alma used it to teach his son, Helaman, a great lesson 500 years after it happened to Lehi and his family. Maybe it can help you, even many more years later. (Aren't you glad we have the scriptures? :)

"And now, my son, I have somewhat to say concerning the thing which our fathers call a ball, or director—or our fathers called it Liahona, which is, being interpreted, a compass; and the Lord prepared it... And it did work for them according to their faith in God; therefore, if they had faith to believe that God could cause that those spindles should point the way they should go, behold, it was done; therefore they had this miracle, and also many other miracles wrought by the power of God, day by day." (Alma 37:38, 40)

The important 'little thing' they had to do was to have faith, and believe that God could make this strange, physical piece of equipment work.

Are there things in your life that would work if you had a little more faith in God?

I know it's hard to remember and believe in little things. It happened to Lehi and his family.

"Nevertheless, because those miracles were worked by small means it did show unto them marvelous works. They were slothful, and forgot to exercise their faith and diligence and then those marvelous works ceased, and they did not progress in their journey; Therefore, they tarried in the wilderness, or did not travel a direct course, and were afflicted with hunger and thirst, because of their transgressions." (Alma 37:41-42)

Isn't our goal to progress? Do you 'tarry in the wilderness' and are 'afflicted with hunger and thirst'? What could those analogies mean for you?

Here's the lesson Alma had for Helaman: (and us)

"And now, my son, I would that ye should understand that these things are not without a shadow; for as our fathers were slothful to give heed to this compass (now these things were temporal) they did not prosper; even so it is with things which are spiritual. For behold, it is as easy to give heed to the word of Christ, which will point to you a straight course to eternal bliss, as it was for our fathers to give heed to this compass, which would point unto them a straight course to the promised land." (Alma 37:43-44)

Wouldn't you like a straight course to eternal bliss?

The words of Christ will get you there.

What are the little things in your life that could work great miracles?

Pray to find them.

Take care,

Bishop Williams

P.S. Next Sunday, March 28th, is Fast Sunday. Then, the next weekend is General Conference and Easter on April 4th.

We have another cool story on our web site: <https://pennycreek.org/2021/03/19/snowplows/> written by Sarah Williams. I testify it was true, I was there!

If you have a story for the web site, just email it to Sister Susie Larson at sul Larson@gmail.com.

Tomorrow is Ward Conference, so we're inviting everyone (or those who would like to) to attend in person, if possible. But for those who choose to watch from home, here's the link:

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

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