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Feel the Love

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Hello my friend,

Are you okay? Do you feel some peace in your life? I hope this email and other experiences you have with the scriptures, prayer, and others in the church can help you feel the Spirit of our Heavenly Father and give you some peace.

I know things are hard, and you probably have some real difficult personal issues that no one knows about. But I want you to know that He knows about them. Your Father in Heaven. He knows. And He has organized a group of people to help you. It's called a church.

We are social beings. We come to earth needing someone else to take care of us, and our family does that, even if it's just one other person. But we also live on the earth with other people, and we are meant to interact with them. So, even though we may have difficulties, each one of us has a unique gift, some experience, or divine nature to be able to help someone else. We are children of a God after all, we have divine qualities, and we can use them to help others. We know that when we help others, we feel better, and really help ourselves.

That's why the most powerful force on earth is love. It happens between individuals. What is love but a feeling of care and service, a desire to be with and do things that make someone else happy.

And that's why Jesus Christ was the perfect example, and embodied love in everything He did. He healed people. He noticed the outcast and lifted the broken hearted. He forgave those who had sinned. And He ultimately suffered divine, eternal pain for each one of us. Something we'll never understand. That is why He deserves our worship.

He also organized people to continue this effort of love so that everyone could feel this divine love and peace in their life. We are meant to have peace, joy, and be happy. And He knew that there would be opposing forces in the world to cause us pain and sorrow. So, He organized a church, a group of people to help each other overcome these opposing forces. And He gave us His power and authority to do this. That's why we call it The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The second part of that name, 'of Latter Day Saints' gives us a hint that there's a bigger plan, that there's something different about this time in the world than in other times, we are in the 'latter days'. And it specifies that the church should be filled with people. People who follow Jesus are saints. A church consists of Jesus and people working together, using His power to bless other people. Because all people are children of the same Heavenly Father who wants us to have joy, now and for eternity.

That is the purpose of the church, which not coincidentally is also the work of our Heavenly Father, "For behold, this is my work and my glory - to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." (Moses 1:39) He does want everyone to experience His love and power, true joy and peace.

So, He sent Jesus Christ, to demonstrate His love, to teach people about His plan, and organize a church, so that those who have been taught can teach others and bring them into His fold of peace and love.

We are to love those around us, share the love and plan of our Heavenly Father, and invite others to participate in this great work of spreading love and peace throughout the world. A work that our prophet has said is the most important work on this earth.

When we love others, we invite them to come and see the blessings God has for them, we invite them to come and help us serve other children of God, our brothers and sisters, and come and belong to a church, organized by our Father in Heaven to help all His children.

Whatever struggles and difficulties you have experienced in your life, I promise that the power of God's love is able to overcome them all. Reach out to Him in prayer. Learn of His ways from sacred scripture. And participate in His Church, which is organized to help us feel His love and spread it to others.

"Fear not, little children, for you are mine, and I have overcome the world, and you are of them that my Father hath given me; and none of them that my Father hath given me shall be lost." (D&C 50:41-42)

I am learning about the love of God in a more profound way than ever before. And it's because I am involved in His church, and have accepted His call to serve His children.

Thank you for all you do to serve others, in your family, as well as those in our Penny Creek Ward. You are doing God's work. And learning about the power of His love too.

I love that. And you.

Take care.

Bishop Williams

P.S.

Since this is a 5th Sunday, during our second hour, we have a special meeting for everyone, all adults, youth, and primary (within reasonable attention spans ;) It will be a virtual Zoom meeting only, and led by our Ward Mission Leader, Brother Tim Campbell. It's going to be awesome. Join us at 10:10am here:

<https://zoom.us/j/99374650162?pwd=dW5TZVZnNGJIRU1LUFRNZFJJSncrdz09>

I've attached some handouts that we'll discuss during our special meeting. Take a look at them carefully.

Also, as a way to share the blessings of the gospel, you can write a story for our ward web site at <http://pennycreek.org> . Just send your story to Sister Susie Larson at sularson@gmail.com

Finally, for those not ready to join us in person, here is the link to our Sacrament meeting at 9:00am on Sunday:

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

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