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Humility is Reading and Following the Owner's Manual

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Hello my friend,

Thank you for reading and being someone I can send this to (or that someone else can forward it to :) You're part of a small group of very important people, Penny Creek Ward members and friends! And you are also part of a larger group (but still small compared to the rest of the world) the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which is important in the history of the world.

Today we added a new member to both groups, Sister April Dorsey. She was baptized Saturday at 10 am. It was a wonderful service. The Spirit was strong and testified that she was following Jesus Christ's example. As we read in 2 Nephi 31:5-7

"And now, if the Lamb of God, he being holy, should have need to be baptized by water, to fulfil all righteousness, O then, how much more need have we, being unholy, to be baptized, yea, even by water!"

And now, I would ask of you, my beloved brethren, wherein the Lamb of God did fulfil all righteousness in being baptized by water?

Know ye not that he was holy? But notwithstanding he being holy, he sheweth unto the children of men that, according to the flesh he humbleth himself before the Father, and witnesseth unto the Father that he would be obedient unto him in keeping his commandments."

Jesus Christ, who was the Savior of the World, who even created the world, by His Father's direction, humbled himself to come down to the earth, become mortal, and obey His Father's commandments, even for something as simple as being baptized.

April has done the same thing. She felt the Spirit, the feelings of joy, peace, and truth, and followed the direction to obey the commandment to be baptized. Now she is blessed with more joy and enlightenment because she obeyed.

Humility is so underrated. It's a trait that is not as respected by the world these days. They praise the powerful and self made man or woman. But at some point we are all naïve and don't know anything. It seems as soon as we begin to learn a few things we think we know a lot more, but we don't really. At any time in our life, we are completely ignorant about many things.

So what makes us think we know all the details about the most complicated thing ever... life and eternity?

If we have owner's manuals for simple machines we make here on the earth, don't you think we ought to consult the owner's manual for life? (What, you didn't know there was one? :) Of course there is, it's messages from God, our Owner, and we find those in the scriptures and from prophets.

We must believe that the creator knows more than the created. If it's true for things here on the earth, then it's true for this entire life system we are experiencing. We must humble ourselves and learn from the creator. Our Father in Heaven knows more than us, and He knows us. He has given us commandments to protect us, so that life works perfectly. Not easily, but as He promised, purposefully and full of joy now, and in the eternities.

So, humility and obedience to the Creator, Our Father, and Owner will bring you the joy and happiness He has intended for you.

And you're not alone. You are gathered together with us in wards and stakes and the Kingdom of God, the most important organization to be a part of. We help each other, and learn the owner's manual together.

Thank you, April, or Sister Dorsey, for joining us. We're so glad you're here. You help us remember our own covenants to follow our Savior and keep His commandments.

Welcome to the family!

Bishop Williams

P.S.

- **All Singles** - As part of the Abundance Project, we would like to invite you to join us for a special fireside by John Israel. John learned to share his abundance by writing five thank you cards a day for 365 consecutive days. His story made it onto National News outlets and even landed him on stage at TEDx. We are fortunate to have John share his experiences with us. Mark your calendars for this unique opportunity. Sunday, August 1st at 7 pm PDT, access the link for the devotional at <https://www.lds-sa.org/devotionals>. The Abundance Project is part of the 2021 Abundant Life Conference. Come discover your abundance. Register for the conference at <http://lds-sa.org>
- **Families with seminary age students** (grades 9-12) are asked to login and register their students at the following link- <http://MySeminary.ChurchofJesusChrist.org>, It would be great if you would have your student login with their own credentials as they will need access throughout the year. Registration should be completed by August 20th. If you need help with this process, please contact Sis. Patty Funnell at 425.238.2198 or patty.funnell@gmail.com
- Today's second hour of church will be Sunday School.
- If you need the Sacrament meeting broadcast link, request it from the Bishopric (but we might not be able to respond right before it starts :)

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