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What's good?

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Hello good friend,

What's good with you? I hope many things are.

You know, it's easy to focus on what's not so good, but if we make an effort to think about it, there are so many things that are good in our lives, good people, a good place to live, good friends. The list goes on, and is different for everyone. Make your own list. Being grateful is a key to happiness and peace.

I'm grateful for you. Really. Everyone I've known or met has added a new dimension, spice, or color to the tapestry of my life, and it's beautiful. We are somewhat defined by the people around us. Every one of us has a different mix of people we know and how well we know them. It's as unique as a thumbprint. I'm grateful to know you. The Penny Creek Ward is an amazing group of people, and I'm glad to be associated with you.

I'm also grateful for the last two weeks of Sunday experiences, Stake Conference and General Conference. What great spiritually uplifting events! I'm excited to work closely with our new Stake President, President Wright, and his wonderful counselors, President Davis and President Barker. I had my first one-on-one interview with President Wright this week and it was awesome. He truly loves you, all the people in the stake, and is super grateful for all the good you do. He is very optimistic about our stake and the future of this area. We're all just helping each other and we'll work together to make good things happen. We have a great community here!

And what can I say about General Conference, except it was one of the best collection of inspiring messages ever! I'm going to watch, listen, or read each one of them again (or multiple times) over the next 6 months. So much good insight and encouragement from our Father in Heaven. Don't you think each speaker prayed mightily that they would say the right things and that God's message would come through them and touch some soul? Of course. (Think about what you would do if you had to speak at General Conference :) So, if each one of them put so much effort and energy and prayer into preparing and delivering their talk, with a lot of help from the Lord, we should put just as much energy into listening, studying, pondering, and trying to get the message that God has for us from that talk. There are many treasures waiting for us to find. Just like in the scriptures.

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God is continually sending messages to us. Like rain. Or like He says, 'as the dews from heaven.' (D&C 121:45; 128:19; Deuteronomy 32:2) I hope you catch some.

Yes, things are good. And I know one thing that will always be good, God is good.

So, stay close to Him, and you'll be good.

Keep the faith!

Take care.

Bishop Williams

P.S.

Sunday is Fast Sunday. I'm looking forward to your brief testimonies of the Savior and His gospel.

Next Sunday, Oct. 17th, is our Primary Program during Sacrament meeting. You might want to invite friends because our children are so wonderful and will share a great message.

Oct. 29th is our Penny Creek Ward Halloween Party at our building. Come have some fun with our ward family. More details will be shared next week.

Remember to study General Conference talks:

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