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Hello friend,

Yes, I'm still doing these emails. You might think that since we're starting to come back to church that I might not need to do these anymore, but I like doing them. It gives me a chance to connect with you personally, and you can reach out to me personally too. Especially if you need help in any way, or just want to say hi, I appreciate all responses.

After our awesome Stake and General Conferences, I hope there are two things you're working on during your personal study, 1) studying all the changes that President Nelson has made since he's been president (here's a little help: <https://www.thechurchnews.com/leaders-and-ministry/2020-12-30/president-nelson-announcements-changes-church-prophet-200435>) and 2) studying the General Conference talks (<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2021/10?lang=eng>). One comes from our Stake President, the other one comes from our Prophet.

You'll be blessed if you do this, and you'll get some revelation (and couldn't we all use some of that?)

Let's look at Sister Bonnie Cordon's message, "Come Unto Christ and Don't Come Alone."

(<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2021/10/13cordon?lang=eng>)

Her message was that the youth (and everyone) need to know who they are, and what is their purpose. Do you know what that is for you? I'll bet you do. But does it guide your decisions every day? Does it guide how you act or react to others around you?

When you know that you have divine parents, that you are a child of Gods, and have Godlike potential, does that help give you confidence to keep learning and trying to do your best, and not get down on yourself if you make a mistake (or many)? Does it help you not get disturbed by little things that might bother you about someone else because you are filled with the love of God, the kind that is unconditional? Does it help you to choose to do things that are meaningful, even if they are inconvenient or uncomfortable? You are divine, and so can do divine things. Remember that.

Really knowing something means you act based on that knowledge. So knowing that you are a child of God should guide your actions in a way that brings you closer to Him and feel peace and joy in your life. In fact, He may have already given you a special, personal message, made just for you. Sister Cordon says to "Find your patriarchal blessing, blow off the dust if you must, but study it often. If you don't have one, get one—soon. Don't delay finding out what the Lord wants to tell you now about who you are." Patriarchal blessings are wonderful. I can help you get one with our inspired Stake Patriarch Boyack.

What about your purpose? Do you know what that is and how it affects your life?

Sister Cordon reminds us, "Our eternal purpose is to come unto Christ and actively join Him in His great work. It is as simple as doing what President Nelson taught: "Anytime we do anything that helps anyone ... make and keep their covenants with God, we are helping to gather Israel."

Covenants help us do better and provide blessings when we do. Sister Cordon confirms, "As we bind ourselves to Him through covenants and ordinances, our lives are filled with confidence, protection, and deep and lasting joy."

"Come unto Christ. Come now, but don't come alone," Sister Cordon says. The Lord wants all his children to be happy and to know Him. We can make that introduction. Once we love them, share our activities or beliefs, and then invite them to participate and learn for themselves, we will be doing our part to gather Israel. That's our purpose. Our Father in Heaven wants us to fulfill that purpose.

What an important message for our day! Sister Cordon did a wonderful job in explaining it in an interesting and engaging way. I recommend that you read or listen to her entire talk and ponder what it means for you.

Thanks for reading this, and for all the Godlike things you do. (We're His children!)

Let's go!

Bishop Williams

P.S.

- Sunday is our wonderful Primary Program, with music and messages from the special children in our ward. They have been working on this for a while, so it would be great if you could come and support them. It should be awesome.
- Invite your friends to our fun Halloween Party on Oct. 29. See the attached flyer for details and pass it along to friends.
- We'd love to have you join us to worship in person, but if you need to stay home and watch on Zoom, just let me know.

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