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## Change is a decision

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### THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Penny Creek Ward

Hello my friend,

You may or may not have noticed that I've missed writing this email to you for a couple of weeks.

Sorry about that.

I don't have a real excuse except that things happened and my pattern was interrupted. I kept thinking that I could write it later, the next day, or even during the week, but I just didn't do it.

And that's okay.

I'm doing it now. I decided that it wasn't the end of the world, you probably didn't miss it much, and that I can choose at any time to start writing it again.

Maybe that's a lesson we can all remember.

We make mistakes. We're human. We fall down, mess up, or make poor decisions. That's not the problem. That's our life experience. That is the plan.

But at any time, when we realize a mistake was made, we can choose to learn from it, and do the thing we call repentance.

Repentance is simply positive change. We recognize our error, and promise not to do it again. I know 'promise' is a strong word, but for real change, we need to be committed.

That's why we're called 'a covenant people'. We make covenants or promises to God, and that not only helps us improve, but He promises us blessings in return. So, we get even more benefits than just getting better or improving. We get extra help from our Father in Heaven and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

That's the other part about repentance. It's not just improving our lives through making corrections, it's doing that with a focus on the one who was perfect, and who did something special so that our mistakes don't really count against us. We repent when we allow Jesus Christ to take the burden of our sin. He has already paid an incredible price. Time is irrelevant. People who lived before Christ could repent, and we who live after Christ can repent also.

This is why we worship Him. He is God, who descended from His Godly state, became an earthly man, and saved us from eternal sorrow. He showed us how to be eternally happy and progress. He showed us the standard by which we decide what is right and wrong. We can't 'improve' if we don't know what is 'better'.

And that's repentance. It's really the purpose of life, to learn and improve, and that brings us happiness.

We still make mistakes. But as we progress, we just begin to realize different mistakes that we weren't aware of before. The prophet talks about repenting daily. I'm pretty sure he makes different kinds of mistakes than I do.

Repenting is just a decision. You can decide to get back up. No matter what, your chances aren't over. It's not the end of the world. In the big scheme of things, your mistakes probably aren't that consequential, but they're holding you back, from peace, happiness, and your purpose.

Thank you for your patience with me. I'm still a work in progress.

I'm thankful you're here and I have this opportunity to communicate with you.

Take care.

Bishop Williams

P.S

**Ward Activity:**

July 20 - Penny Creek Ward Bar-B-Q, at the Pavillion at 7:00pm

**Youth Activity:**

6/25 - Stake Youth Activity, 3-10pm, at Stake Center (See attached flyer.)

**Upcoming Singles Activities:**

6/17-6/18 - Single Adult Campout at Camp Nisqually. 1:00pm Friday until Saturday whenever you want to leave. ([11600 Durgin Rd SE, Olympia, WA](#))

6/18 - Singles Team Pictionary at the Snohomish Building from 7-9pm ([8522 131st AVE SE Snohomish, WA](#))

6/18 - Regional Service Project - More details to come out next week 10a to 2p [818 144th Place SE, Bellevue, WA 98007](#)

6/25 - 10th Annual Mongolian Grill Dinner and Barn Dance for Single Adults and their families. Dinner starts at 6:00pm Games, Bonfire, Smores to follow. [17632 11th AVE NE Arlington, WA](#)

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