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By Brother Owen Wilcoxson

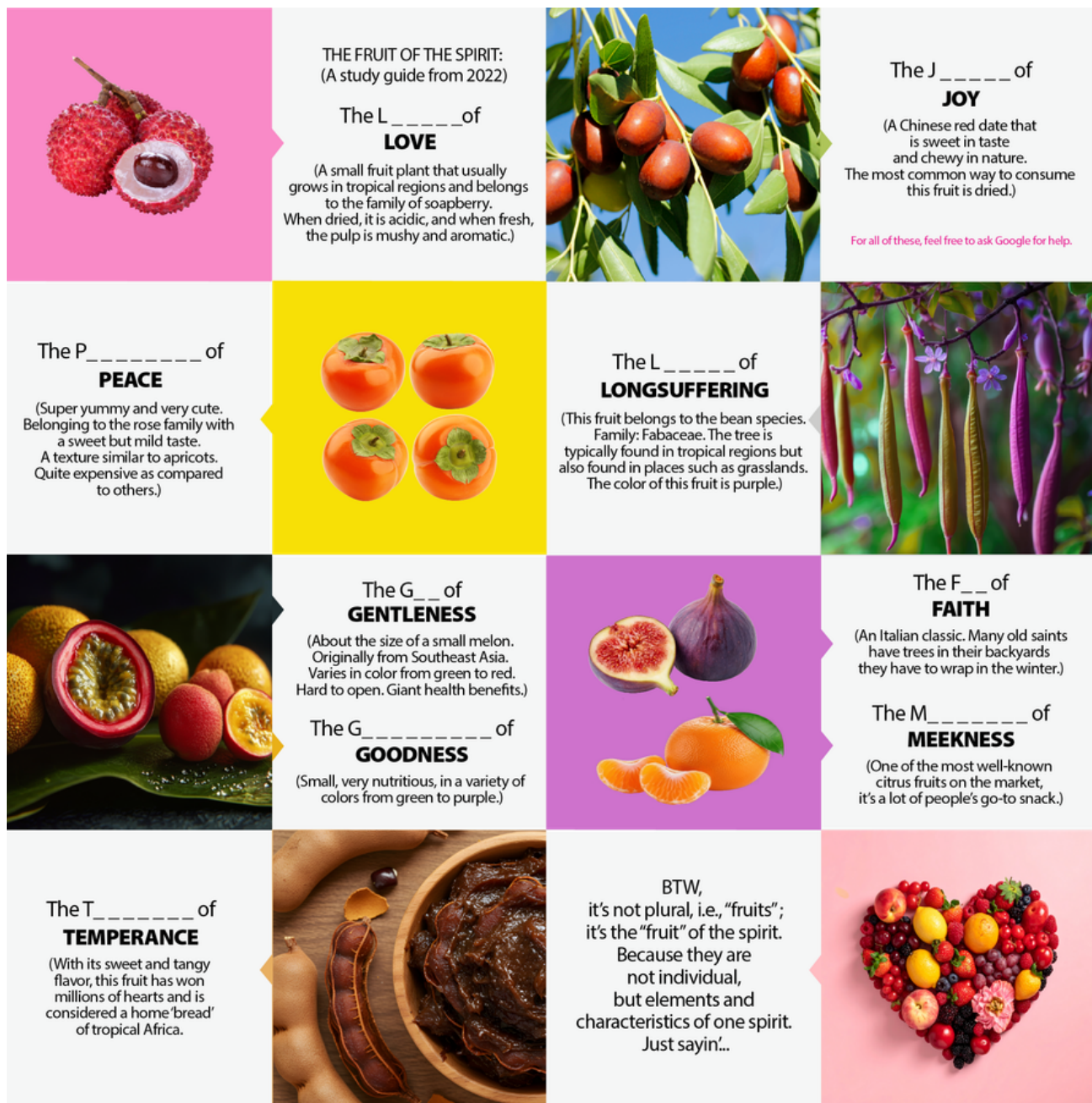
For over ten years, The Church of Jesus Christ has been unable to enter into the country of Mozambique due to war and political unrest. With that said, we have one pastor there who has held true and single-handedly held the Church up. Many of our members in that country did not understand why the mother church was not visiting them, and truly many members began to not believe our dear brother, who was doing his best to hold true and serve the saints. Fast forward to 2025, when we were finally able to visit and show the saints that the General Church was truly supporting them.

Our story begins as we find ourselves in a Spirit-filled meeting of preaching, singing, and testimony in the bush of Mtsunguze, Mozambique. Testimony time came and one of the older couples stood up together to testify. Understanding them is always a challenge as this is all interpreted into English by our brother, whose first language is not English. The old couple stood and began to ask that our brother minister would forgive them.

You see, for years they had harbored the thought that our brother minister was lying to them about the Church in America, telling them that it was supporting them, and that they loved them. With no missionaries visiting for so many years, they had begun to think we had forgotten them. Communication and travel has been very restricted for over ten years, and all they had was our brother minister's word. The couple had shared this with no one, but over the years they had begun to harbor resentment and did not believe our brother minister. How long had they lived with this guilt? How long had this thought occupied a place in their hearts, causing them to view our brother in a different light? As they saw us sitting there, they were convicted and became aware that they had been carrying a heavier weight than they realized. How often do we do that to ourselves? How long do we wait to ask the Lord to help us with forgiveness and cast off the sin that we carry? How much do we choose to live with?

In this moment of missionary work, I realized that we go through these things all the time. I was quickly reminded of a time when I, too, found myself in a similar place. Perhaps it wasn't an identical scenario, but the Lord brought the two situations to my mind in a moment. I felt the Lord was showing me that we are all the same and go through many of the same things, no matter where we live or how we were raised.

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BFTP Blast From The Past

Since the early days of the Church, God has been instructing the Saints to remain united so that they can fulfill the latter-day mission. One hundred and sixty-eight years ago this month, in July 1858, William Bickerton received a powerful revelation concerning the Church's unity. Speaking the word of the Lord, Bickerton declared, "Hearken O my people, this is the word of the Lord to you this day. The Church must be one and my people one, for unto you is committed the work of God in these last days. And you my servants, feed the flock of God over which I have made you overseers, and great is the responsibility that is laid upon you, for unto you is given the keys of this last Ministry and the last warning voice to the world, therefore be faithful to the end of your calling." As you can see, this message still rings true today!



Purpose Statement

- To fulfill the plan of God by bringing salvation through Christ to all people.

Mission Statement

- The Church of Jesus Christ will teach the Gospel to all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things commanded by Jesus Christ, while working to draw Israel to Christ through efforts focused on the indigenous peoples of North, Central, and South America

Vision Statement

- Living and worshipping in unity and righteousness will result in the fullness of God's Spirit and power among the Saints, culminating in continuous growth of the Church and fulfillment of Christ's promises concerning His Kingdom on Earth.

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Wordup



The Comparison Creates the Problems

By Brother Doug Obradovich

"Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?" - Matthew 20:13

receiving the same pay: one penny. The landowner represented God, the laborers are each of us, and the reward of a penny represented entrance into Heaven. When those who labored the longest found out they were paid the same as those who only worked for an hour or so, they were upset, and this was the landowner's answer to quell their complaining.

Had Candace never found out what the other employees were being paid, she may have remained satisfied with her own wages. Had the laborers simply collected their penny without knowledge of the others' pennies, maybe they would also have remained gratified. It's the comparison that created the complaint.

When we had our second child, we were given loving counsel concerning our daughters: "Never compare them to each other." This still proves to be wise words of advice with all three of our children, as comparing guarantees problems on many levels. It's the comparison that creates the conflict.

God has offered all an opportunity to receive our own penny, and there is no better reward awaiting us. I have been a witness to (maybe even participant of) many discussions about who should and shouldn't receive that desirable penny

eternal life). Through such conversations, questions arise concerning time served, churches attended, beliefs embraced, behavior, and even ethnicity and/or culture. It's the comparison that creates the critique.

Maybe the landowner is guiding us to put our focused effort towards working and recruiting other workers, not complaining about our pay in comparison to those around us. God's will is that He rains pennies on all His creation. Rather than comparing pay, let's take the paycheck, cash it in, and thank God for His generously overpaying us. Do you agree? A penny for your thoughts...



My wife's first job in South Florida was entry-level, but within two years she had been promoted through the company to Executive Secretary. Company policy restricted raises to set percentages, so the quickness of her ascension had a negative impact. She was unable to receive fair compensation for her promotions, and her frustration was compounded as new hires entered the company in lesser roles, yet with more pay. There was no solution, and she felt under-appreciated. Her boss could easily have said, "Friend, I did thee no wrong; didn't you agree with me to work for the amount I'm paying you?" (Note: He was wise not to say that to her!)

In the parable this verse references, the landowner hires different people for different lengths of time, with each

Early one chilly fall morning this past year, I sat in my deer stand, the silent woods surrounding me as I prayed, "Lord, please provide a deer. I truly desire to feed my family." This had been about the tenth day I had been in the woods (sometimes visiting twice in one day), and I had not seen a single deer. Before I knew it, a beautiful buck was right in front of me. He came in close, and sure enough, moments later I was harvesting a beautiful deer. I cleaned and dressed it, and was so excited that I sent pictures to my hunting buddies.

To my surprise, I quickly received a response text, "Sorry, that one is illegal." I was devastated. I had mistakenly miscounted the antler points by one, and was now alone in the woods with a deer that I was not legally permitted to hunt. I quickly had to decide what to do.

With several of my friends texting back and giving advice, I was faced with four options: 1. I could simply cut off the antlers, bring the carcass to the processor, and not say anything. 2. I could bring the deer home and process it myself. 3. I could simply walk away from the scene; no one would know, right? Or, 4. I could call the game warden, tell them my mistake, and face losing my license for the year and have to pay a hefty fine.

My heart knew the right thing to do, but I was hesitant. I called my wife and together we decided that honesty and truth were the right thing to do. I did not want to be in a place where every deer roast I ate would perpetually remind me of the guilt of not choosing the right and legal option. If I chose any of the first three options, I knew the pang that would accompany every bite, and I would be tasting guilty roast for quite some time.

Not only did I know that I had my conscience to face if I chose the wrong option—I am also leaving a legacy to those around me. Proverbs 13:22 says, "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children..." While the wealth of this world fades as the grass of the field, I believe this scripture clearly speaks more to the spiritual teachings and legacy of our walk with the Lord. My children are watching me, looking to my example of how I walk with the Lord, and they will pass that along the generations. My friends and family also see my walk, and I affect the people I encounter daily. Here, in this moment, I knew I had to choose the narrative of this outcome and show the light, no matter how difficult the choice was.

I hung up with my wife and called the game warden, who took my information and told me he would return the call. I drove home, deer in the bed of my truck and dreading the worst—I would not be able to hunt another deer this year, plus it was going to cost me, two things I was not looking forward to.

The game warden finally called back a few hours later. As I relayed to him the details of what had happened, I explained that I honestly thought it was a legal hunt, and that I even dressed it for processing, only to find out to my dismay that I was wrong and it was illegal. The warden told me, because I was being honest with him and chose to do the right thing, that not only would he charge me just a \$25 fee (normally the fine is \$800), but he would also reissue my deer license on the spot. He then proceeded to let me know that that very morning, a family in need had contacted him to request a deer when he came across one, and that I could rest assured this family needed the meat provided by my deer. The blessing of doing the right thing felt amazing, and I was content with that outcome.

The next day, the game warden called me again unexpectedly. He asked if I was interested in a deer! He drove over to the house and, to my amazement, he had a buck in the back of his truck larger than the one I had caught. He gave it to me, smiled, and said, "Because you did the right thing." My kids were home that day, and they saw the entire exchange happen through the window. Going back into the house, I was able to tell them the wonderful story of how, when we do the right things, the Lord sees us, teaches us, and blesses us. It was a wonderful testimony that will live on.

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The Plan of Redemption

By Brother Joshua Gehly

When you dive into the Book of Mormon, the consistency of its theology is pretty incredible. The translation explicitly names 11 different engravers on the plates and pulls together the speeches, letters, and personal memoirs of over 100 people. Writing in their own distinct voices, they clearly understood the gospel message of Jesus Christ including His condescension and messianic calling, His perfect obedience to the Father including His atoning sacrifice on the cross, His resurrection and final judgment. Told from Jacob to Moroni in their own words, the consistency and clarity of doctrinal understanding frames our own faith and sharpens our understanding of important spiritual topics.

A great example is the “plan of redemption.” Like the “Gospel of Christ,” it is a familiar phrase to us all. But if asked, what is the plan of redemption? What are we being redeemed from? Is it about salvation? Is the plan of redemption something for everyone, or for the faithful few? The scriptures answer with plainness and truth.

In 3 Nephi 6:20 “men inspired from heaven” were sent among the people preaching and testifying “concerning the redemption which the Lord would make for his people, or in other words, the resurrection of Christ.” Yes, the plan of redemption is the resurrection of Christ! Through Adam came sin and death, but through Christ all will resurrect back to life one day. The plan of redemption is God’s everlasting rescue of all from the fall. “Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy.” and Jesus comes to “redeem the children of men from the fall.” (See 2 Nephi 2:20-22.)

This plan was prepared “from the foundation of the world” (Alma 18:39). Without the plan of redemption, nobody could resurrect, but “there was a plan of redemption laid, which shall bring to pass the resurrection of the dead” (Alma 12:25). Alma gives a step-by-step playbook of the plan of redemption (Mormon 9:12-14 and Alma 42:6-24):

- Adam sinfully transgressed (the Fall).
- The Fall cut Adam off from God’s presence.
- Being cut off from God’s presence leads to death for all mankind.
- This death is both natural and spiritual.
- The Fall of Adam meant mankind was fallen by nature.
- Our fallen state meant we could not redeem ourselves from the Fall.
- God our Father is merciful, but mercy could not be claimed without atonement.
- Jesus came to atone for our sins.
- The atonement brings to pass the resurrection of the dead for everyone.
- The resurrection brings all mankind back into the presence of God.
- All humanity will be brought back into God’s presence to face judgment.

Moroni states this in much simpler terms by declaring, “by Adam came the fall of man. And because of the fall of man came Jesus Christ, even the Father and the Son; and because of Jesus Christ came the redemption of man. And because of the redemption of man, which came by Jesus Christ, they are brought back into the presence of the Lord; yea, this is wherein all men are redeemed, because the death of Christ bringeth to pass the resurrection...all shall stand before his bar, being redeemed and loosed from this eternal band of death” (Mormon 9:12-13).

The plan of redemption is that Adam fell, which brought death to all. Jesus came, died and resurrected so that all might live. That is the plan of redemption and it is accomplished. Through Christ we are all redeemed from the fall, but that means we will face the unaltering consequence of judgment one day. This should bring us to our knees in repentance before Almighty God who came to redeem us back into His Eternal Glory. God be praised!

April Conference Youth Summit

By Brother Noah Draskovich

Whether it is an April or October General Church conference, the GMBA officers always put together a Youth Summit. Taking place on Saturday afternoon of conference weekend in the Greensburg Branch chapel, youth from all around the Church gather for a time of fellowship, worship, and praise. These Youth Summits have always been such a blessed opportunity to gather with like-minded young people who share a desire to serve Jesus Christ and grow in their spiritual walks, regardless of where they may be on that journey. In past years, there have been special guests, such as various apostles and evangelists, along with beautiful lessons taught by the officers. However, this past April's Youth Summit was unlike any other I have attended. Matthew 18:20 states, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Is this scripture not still alive and active today? I can truly say that after attending this past Youth Summit, that scripture holds true.

The officers decided to take a different approach for this meeting. Rather than teaching a structured lesson or presentation, the Summit was more or less left to the Spirit. It became a combination of speaking, testimony, and singing praises unto the Lord—so simple, yet such a blessing. A few of the older youth were asked in advance to share testimonies of how God had been working in their lives recently. Sometimes, in a public setting, it can be difficult to break down walls and create a feeling of comfort and openness; however, that is exactly what these testimonies accomplished. Thanks to the courage these young brothers and sisters had in sharing their stories and what God had brought them through, others were inspired to do the same. I heard a sermon a few weeks ago at the Ocala, Florida Branch about how courage is contagious. As one young person found the strength to open their heart and testify of God's goodness, it encouraged others to step forward and do the same. I still get goosebumps reminiscing about the beautiful testimonies that were said in that chapel. The only words that come to mind are: Praise God!

Following several of these testimonies, Brother Patrick Monaghan addressed the youth. His brief sermon

emphasized the importance of remaining within the fold of Christ and staying close to the Gospel amid the challenges and influences of the world today. Through the experiences and testimonies of others, we are reminded that lasting peace and fulfillment are not found in the world, but through faith, guidance, and safety in the Gospel. This message is more relevant to the young people of the Church now than ever before. The world is filled with confusion, temptation, and constantly shifting values, making it increasingly important to stay grounded in Christ and the truths of the Gospel. As we continue to hold firmly to our faith, we can move forward with confidence, peace, and hope regardless of the world around us.

Finally, what I found to be the greatest blessing from this Youth Summit was the feeling of unity among everyone in attendance. After several testimonies, people shared bits of advice and lessons learned from their past experiences and trials, hoping others could learn from them rather than take the same risks themselves. Nothing spoken that day came from anything other than the pure love of God. It was simply people from all across the country, in different walks of life, sharing praises unto God and uplifting one another. No judgment, no criticism, no negativity—only shining lights.

I can truly say I left this Youth Summit feeling refocused. A fire deep within my soul was ignited that day to not only do more for the Lord, but also to help keep others rooted and grounded in the Gospel. The beauty of this journey through life is that we are not walking it alone, and that is primarily what this Summit reminded the youth of the Church. As long as we remain unified and hold firmly to our faith, there is nothing we cannot overcome. I am beyond excited to see what other blessings God has in store not only for the church of tomorrow, but for the church of today as well.

God of Our Fathers

By Sister Marty Jumper

Every morning, I awake with the thought of a song on my mind. Ninety-nine percent of the time, it is a Christian song, mostly hymns. There have been times when the song will not leave me, playing repeatedly and becoming overwhelming. I call this being “plagued” by a song. When this happens, I deal with it in two ways. If it is a Sunday, I ask for the congregation to sing it, or I play it on the piano while the Communion table is being set. The second way is to research the background to see who wrote it and learn the story behind it. Many times, there is a message written in the words. Over the last few days, the hymn “God of Our Fathers” has been the song abiding with me.

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Led forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.*

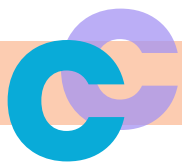
*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever-sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine!*

In 1876, every village, town, and city planned a special celebration for the one-hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Daniel C. Roberts, a young minister in rural Brandon, Vermont, was asked to write a hymn to be sung at the small town's celebration. He wrote the lyrics to “God of Our Fathers.” It was sung to the tune of the national anthem of Czarist Russia. America was also planning for a national centennial celebration. The planners for the national celebration wanted to use Roberts' hymn, but felt it would not be appropriate to have the hymn sung to the music of another country's national anthem. George W. Warren, a noted organist in New York City, was commissioned to write a new tune, and he wrote the tune “National Hymn,” which is still used today. The new tune, presented with a trumpet fanfare at the beginning of the song, contributed to the hymn's popularity. In 1931, it was officially recognized as the National Hymn of the United States by an Act of Congress, which President Herbert Hoover signed.

As Mr. Warren was commissioned to write a new tune for the beautiful poem, it reminds me of the gift of music given to our brothers and sisters. I couldn't mention all the musical talent that has been bestowed on members of The Church of Jesus Christ, but throughout the years, the Circle sisters have contributed much to the hymns we enjoy today. Sister Sadie Cadman wrote “O Paradise” (#51 in the Saints Hymnal), and she wrote “The New Star” (#110, Saints Favorites), explaining to her Sunday School class the extraordinary events experienced on the land of America at the time of Christ's birth. She even provided the tune for Brother James Curry's poem, “'Til Earth Is Good Again” (#42, Saints Favorites) after she had lost her eyesight.

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God Gives His People Freedom to Make the Right Choices

Dear Friends,

Did you know that God loves to give us freedom to do what is right? He does not want us to be like a little pet controlled by Him. God wants our love freely given, and He wants us to choose to do the right thing all by ourselves. He gives us great freedom. And He sent His son, Jesus, to teach us good ways of living, how to do right, and stand up to the evil one, Satan.

We do have an enemy called the devil, or Satan, or many other bad names. The Bible teaches us he was once a beautiful angel, but he went against God! How foolish he was. Do you think that God, the great Creator of this universe, would create an enemy stronger than Himself? But this evil one tries to make all of us in the world as miserable as he and his followers are!

He even tried to tempt Jesus when He had been fasting for forty days. He told Jesus to turn the rocks into bread. And Jesus replied, "Man shall not live by bread alone" (Matthew 4:4), "but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (see Old Testament words of Moses in Deuteronomy 8:3). In other words, Jesus told the devil that it is not just food people need to survive, but we need the words and teachings of God. He was not tricked!

God also gave us the Ten Commandments! (Exodus 20). We are not to have any other gods before God. We are not supposed to make any graven images (statues that we bow down to). We must not take the name of God in vain (swear). Remember the Sabbath Day (Sunday) and keep it holy (not work). Honor our fathers and mothers, that our days will be long upon the land (live to be old). Do not murder! Do not get with another person's husband or wife. Do not steal. Do not tell lies about other people. Do not covet, meaning to really want, another person's things, such as their family, house, talents!

Jesus is God's wonderful Son, our Savior! He chose to be born of a human and come to earth to love, save, and teach us. When that devil, Satan, tempted our Lord, Jesus never screamed and yelled at him. No matter what beautiful and tempting thing the devil showed the Lord, Jesus replied calmly. He answered with ancient scriptures that godly men had preached and taught.

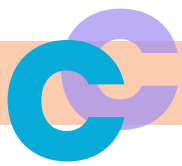
Jesus also taught us the two greatest commandments. He said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

We are free to make our own choices. But God will help us when we are tempted to do wrong. Ask Him and tell Him you are in trouble. Jesus will help you! The Bible promises us, "Submit yourself unto the Lord (pray). Resist the devil, and he will flee from you!" (James 4:7). Remember what is the right thing to do. You are free to choose right from wrong. Then do it! The Lord will help you. It is your choice.

With care,
Your friend and Sister in Christ,
Sister Jan

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As I thought about all of this, I have wondered, how often do we choose to eat "Guilty Roast"? How long did that couple in Mozambique live with that heaviness on their hearts? How often do we choose to do something that isn't quite right and learn to live with the guilt? Proverbs 16:8 says, "Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right." Do we choose a little guilt when it gets tough and everyone else says differently? Are we afraid of the confrontation and choose to eat guilty roast instead?

Today, as I look back on the missionary trip and how the Lord allowed that situation to unfold, I am profoundly grateful. We all go through these things, whether we are in America or in the bush of Mozambique. Today I choose to seek those moments where I am in the place of living as close as I can to Him, even when all that surrounds me says otherwise. Today I can truly say that, that day in the woods, the Lord saw me. He was my teacher. The testimony that fell upon my ears in Mozambique was truly inspired by the Lord, and I saw our brother and sister delivered! John 8:32, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" rings in my ears, and allows me to see that in these choices we are truly free when we seek truth! I am blessed more than when I started, and I'm very thankful I am not eating Guilty Roast.

What will you choose to eat today?

When was a moment during the summertime when you saw God working in yours or someone's life?

"My first experience with The Church of Jesus Christ came last July when I attended a baptism. I thought it was so beautiful, I loved that it was outside in a natural river, and I felt God's Spirit. Over the next couple months I attended other meetings including a day when three people were baptized. I was struck by how strongly I felt the Lord at these meetings. The Lord softened my heart, and I recognized He was calling as the Good Shepherd to me, a lost sheep. I asked for my own baptism during the October General Conference after a summer of being spiritually fed."

– Brother Bruce Williams, Wasatch Mission ROC

"During the summer of 1980, after the Lord had already told us that we should move from New Orleans back to Ohio, we put our house on the market. Our realtor called to tell us that a couple wanted to come by to see our house. The only problem was that it was raining so much that our street was flooded. People were literally rowing down our street! The realtor insisted that they would still like to come. When they arrived in their truck (one with the biggest wheels I had ever seen), they pulled up into our driveway, which was on a slight incline. They came in, checked every room carefully, and made an offer that very day. We found out that the home they were currently living in had been flooded twice before. They wanted to make sure that this house would be dry during the rainy season. We sold it four days after the for sale sign went up! God is good!"

– Sister Cathy Genaro, Forest Hills, FL Branch

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Sister Esther Dyer wrote many songs, including "Hallelujah, The Gospel Is Restored" (#66, Saints Favorites). Sister Mabel Bickerton wrote songs for Vacation Bible School and provided the melody for many poems written by members of the Church. The last one I will mention is Sister Arlene Buffington, receiving both words and music for The Songs of Zion, and the songs are continuing to be given to her granddaughter, Sister Rachel Buffington.

This is the year of our country's two-hundred-fiftieth anniversary. Perhaps, as a church, we should pick a new national hymn for the celebration. I propose #126 in The Songs of Zion, "Freedom's Song".

*We're singing freedom's song today, Let all the land rejoice,
The set and favored time has come, We've heard our Father's voice;
He said that men shall long enjoy their labor and be free,
So raise your voice and sing along this freedom's song with me.
So raise your voice and sing along this freedom's song with me.*



BB God Knew

Waking up at 1:00 AM with chest pain and trouble breathing, I immediately called on God for help. I did not want to go to the ER. Thankfully, the pain subsided, but breathing became harder. Even though He answered my plea by stopping the pain, breathing was still a problem. My daughter called 911, and I was taken to the ER. Initial testing, along with cardiac testing and monitoring over the next several hours, all came back good. Expecting to be released once stable, I was amazed when the cardiologist said he wanted to find out why I was having trouble breathing, even though the tests did not show anything serious. He suggested a coronary angiogram to give us a clear answer. God knows all things! The testing revealed that two main arteries were 75 percent clogged, and stents were placed during the procedure. He is always with me. Had I gone home without that answer, I do not know what the outcome would have been. According to the doctors, I was one step away from cardiac arrest. I am thankful God led me to the ER and comforted me through the testing. My faith and trust are always with my Heavenly Father.

-Sister Lorraine Rose,
Ocala, FL Mission

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(In approximately 150 words). Send answers to Question of the Month to gospelnews@thechurchofjesuschrist.org.

BB The Peace of Our Lord

The Lord blessed my family deeply this past fall. My sweet wife struggles with getting enough sleep, despite our best efforts. It had been over a week, and she was suffering. One night, while exhausted, I fell asleep while putting one of my young children to bed. I woke up at 1:00 AM and prayed. I asked God to please bless my wife with peace and rest. I then walked into our room. My wife was awake in bed and said, "I'm trying so very hard but I am not close to sleep." She sounded desperately disappointed. I kept my faith in God, and offered her some words of encouragement. In mid-sentence I witnessed the peace of God descend upon my spouse. Within thirty seconds she went from wide awake to fast asleep. God allowed me to see His matchless mercy and power descend upon His daughter. He answered my prayer. I saw the peace and rest that only comes from the Prince of Peace. I praise God for this timely blessing. God knows you, and knows exactly what you need. Put your faith and trust in Him! He will help you.

-Brother Bruce Williams,
Wasatch Mission ROC

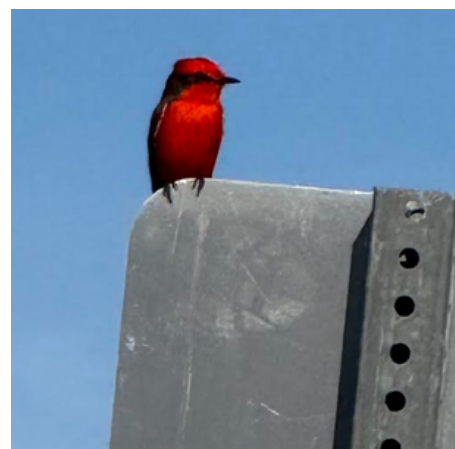
*Got a blessing?
Share it here!*



BB God Always Delivers

February 22, 2026, marked 18 years since my son, Richard's passing. Still to this day, it's so hard to deal with that date, even though God had given me a dream to tell me my son is safe with Him. I have always desired another sign. During my daily walk in the park that day, just two minutes after asking God for a sign, I looked up at a signpost and saw the brightest red bird sitting up on top. I've never seen a bird like that in my life! Most of you might know that a red cardinal represents hope, love, and the presence of loved ones who have passed away. In Orange County, California, we do not have cardinals. But the bird I saw was a male Scarlet Tanager, a very rare bird to find as they reside in forests and woodland areas (I live in the city). That bird stayed on that post long enough for me to take a photo of it, and then flew away. To this day, I haven't seen that bird again and probably never will, because God put that bird there for me which brought me so much peace, hope, and love that day.

-Sister Dienna Rogers,
Irvine, CA Branch



Question for this month:

At camp, outreach, or another church sponsored event during the summertime, when was a moment that made you feel especially close to God?"



Answer from last month:

When was a moment during the summertime when you saw God working in yours or someone's life?
Turn to page 11 for answers.

