

Trusting Our Father

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Panagtalek iti Amatayo

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God trusts us to make many important decisions, and in all matters He asks us to trust Him.

On June 1, 1843, Addison Pratt left Nauvoo, Illinois, to preach the gospel in the Hawaiian Islands, leaving his wife, Louisa Barnes Pratt, to care for their young family.

In Nauvoo, as persecutions intensified, forcing the Saints to leave, and later at Winter Quarters as they prepared to migrate to the Salt Lake Valley, Louisa faced the decision of whether to make the journey. It would have been easier to stay and to wait for Addison to return than to travel alone.

On both occasions, she sought guidance from the prophet, Brigham Young, who encouraged her to go. Despite the great difficulty and her personal reluctance, she successfully made the journey each time.

Initially, Louisa found little joy in traveling. However, she soon began to welcome the green prairie grass, colorful wildflowers, and patches of ground along the riverbanks. “The gloom on my mind wore gradually away,” she recorded, “and there was not a more mirthful woman in the whole company.”

Louisa’s story has deeply inspired me. I admire her willingness to set aside her personal preferences, her ability to trust God, and how exercising her faith helped her to see the situation differently.

She has reminded me that we have a loving

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Idi Hunio 1, 1843, pimmanaw ni Addison Pratt idia Nauvoo, Illinois, tapno ikasabana ti ebanghelio iti Hawaiian Islands, nagbati ti asawana a ni Louisa Barnes Pratt a mangaywan iti annakda.

Idia Nauvoo, idi kimmario dagiti panangidadan, a nangpilit kadagiti Santo a pumanaw, ken idi agangay idia Winter Quarters bayat ti panagsaganada nga umakar iti Salt Lake Valley, naipasango ni Louisa iti pangngeddeng no aramidenda ti panagdaliasat. Nalaklaka koma nga agtalinaedda ken urayenda a makaawid ni Addison ngem iti agbiaheda nga is-isuda.

Iti agpada a gundaway, nagpabalakad isuna ken ni propeta a Brigham Young, a nangparegta kenkuana nga agbiahe. Iti baet ti nakaro a rigat ken ti personal a panagkedkedna, nagballigi iti panagdaliasat iti tunggal gundaway.

Idi damo, saan unay a naragsakan ni Louisa iti panagbiahena. Nupay kasta, naragsakan met laeng idi nakitana ti berde a ruot iti tanap, dagiti agkakapintas ti marisna nga atap a sabsabong, ken bakante a daga iti igid ti karayan. “In-inut a napukaw ti ladingit iti panunotko,” insuratna, “ket awanen ti naragragsak pay a babai iti intero a ragup.”

Ti pakasaritaan ni Louisa ti nangparegta unay kaniak. Dayawek ti kinatallugodna a mangilaksid iti personal a tarigagayna, ti kabaellannga agtalek iti Dios, ken no kasano a ti panangaramatna iti pammatina ti nangtulong kenkuana tapno makitana ti kasasaadda iti sabali a wagas.

Impalagipna kaniak nga adda naayat nga

Father in Heaven, who cares for us wherever we are, and that we can trust Him more than anyone or anything else.

The Source of Truth

God trusts us to make many important decisions, and in all matters He asks us to trust Him. This is especially difficult when our judgment or public opinion differs from His will for His children.

Some suggest that we should redraw the lines between what is right and what is wrong because they say that truth is relative, reality is self-defined, or God is so generous that He does not actually care about what we do.

As we seek to understand and accept God's will, it is helpful to remember that the boundaries between right and wrong are not for us to define. God has established these boundaries Himself, based on eternal truths for our benefit and blessing.

The desire to change God's eternal truth has a long history. It started before the world began, when Satan rebelled against God's plan, seeking selfishly to destroy human agency. Following this pattern, people like Sherem, Nehor, and Korihor have argued that faith is foolish, revelation is irrelevant, and whatever we want to do is right. Sadly, so very often these deviations from God's truth have led to great sorrow.

While some things may depend on context, not everything does. President Russell M. Nelson has consistently taught that God's saving truths are absolute, independent, and defined by God Himself.

Our Choice

Whom we choose to trust is one of life's important decisions. King Benjamin instructed his people, "Believe in God; believe that he is ... ; believe that he has all wisdom ... ; believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which

Amatayo idiay Langit, a mangay-aywan kadatayo sadinoman ti ayantayo, ken ad-adda a makapag-talektayo Kenkuana ngem iti asinoman wenno aniaman a banag.

Ti Pagtaudan ti Kinapudno

Agtalek ti Dios a makaaramiddayo iti napapateg a desision, ken iti amin a banag, kiddawenna nga agtalektayo Kenkuana. Nangnangruna a narigat daytoy no ti pananghusgatayo wenno ti opinion daytoy iti publiko ket maiduma iti pagayatanna para kadagiti annakna.

Isingasing ti dadduma a nasken a mangikabiltayo iti beddeng iti nagbaetan ti umisu ken biddut gapu ta depende kano iti tao ti kinapudno, depende iti bukod ti realidad, wenno managparabur unay ti Dios isu a saan a maseknan iti ar-aramidentayo.

No maawatan ken awatentayo ti pagayatan ti Dios, makatulog a laglagipentayo a saan a datayo ti mangikeddeng kadagiti beddeng ti nagbaetan ti umisu ken biddut. Ti Dios a mismo ti nangipasdek kadagitoy a beddeng, a naibatay kadagiti agnanayon a kinapudno para iti pagimbagan ken bendision daytoy.

Nabayagen a mapaspasamak ti tarigagay a mangbalbaliw iti agnanayon a kinapudno ti Dios. Nangrugi daytoy sakbay a nangrugi ti lubong, idi nagrebelde ni Satanas a maibusor iti plano ti Dios, iti managimbubukod a tarigagayna a mangdadael iti kinawaya a panagpili ti tao. Iti panangsuotda itoy a pagtuladan, kinuna da Sherem, Nehor, ken Korihor a minamaag ti pammati, awan pakainaiganna ti paltiing, ken umisu ti aniaman ti kayattayo nga aramiden. Nakalidli-day, a masansan unayen a dagitoy a panagsalungasing iti kinapudno ti Dios ti nangiturong iti nakaro a panagladingit.

Nupay agpannurray ti sumagmamano a banag iti konteksto, saan nga agpannurray ti amin. Kanayon nga insuro ni Presidente Russell M. Nelson a dagiti pangisalakan a kinapudno ti Dios ket naan-anay, agwaywayas, ken inikkan iti kaipapanan ti Dios Mismo..

Ti Pilitayo

Asino man ti pilientayo a pagtalkan ket may-sa kadagiti napapateg a desision iti biag. Binilin ni Ari Benjamin dagiti taona, "Mamatikayo iti Dios; mamatikayo nga isuna ... ; mamatikayo nga adda kenkuana amin a kinasirib ... ; mama-

the Lord can comprehend.”

Fortunately, we have the scriptures and guidance from living prophets to help us understand God’s truth. If clarification beyond what we have is needed, God provides it through His prophets. And He will respond to our sincere prayers through the Holy Ghost as we seek to understand truths we do not yet fully appreciate.

Elder Neil L. Andersen once taught that we should not be surprised “if at times [our] personal views are not initially in harmony with the teachings of the Lord’s prophet. These are moments of learning,” he said, “of humility, when we go to our knees in prayer. We walk forward in faith, trusting in God, knowing that with time we will receive more spiritual clarity from our Heavenly Father.”

At all times, it is helpful to remember Alma’s teaching that God gives His word according to the attention and effort we devote to it. If we heed God’s word, we will receive more; if we ignore His counsel, we will receive less and less until we have none. This loss of knowledge does not mean that the truth was wrong; rather, it shows that we have lost the capacity to understand it.

Look to the Savior

In Capernaum, the Savior taught about His identity and mission. Many found His words difficult to hear, leading them to turn their backs and “[walk] no more with him.”

Why did they walk away?

Because they did not like what He said. So, trusting their own judgment, they walked away, denying themselves blessings that would have come had they stayed.

It is easy for our pride to come between us and eternal truth. When we don’t understand, we can pause, let our feelings settle, and then choose how to respond. The Savior urged us to “look unto [Him] in every thought; doubt not, fear not.” When we focus on the Savior, our faith can

tikayo a saan a matarusan ti tao ti amin a banag a matarusan ti Apo.”

Naimbag laengen ta addaantayo iti nasantuan a kasuratan ken panangiwanwan manipud kadagiti sibibiag a propeta a tumulong kadayo a makaawat iti kinapudno ti Dios. No kasapulantayo ti ad-adu pay a panangilawlawag, ited dayta ti Dios babaen kadagiti propetana. Ket sungbatannanto dagiti napudno a kararagtayo babaen ti Espiritu Santo no ikagumaantayo a maawatan dagiti kinapudno a ditayo pay naan-anay a tagipatgen.

Insuro ni Elder Neil L. Andersen a ditayo koma masdaaw a “no sagpaminsan dagiti bukod[tayo] a pannirigan ket saan a maitunos iti damo kadagiti pannursuro ti propeta ti Apo. Dagitoy dagiti kanito ti panagsursuro” kinunana, “iti kinapakumbaba, no agparintumengtayo iti kararag. Agtultuloytayo iti pannagna nga addaan iti pammati, nga agtalek iti Dios, nga ammo a dumtengto ti panawen a maawattayonto ti nayon a naespirituan a pannakailawlawag manipud iti Nailangitan nga Amatayo.”

Iti amin a gundaway, makatulong a laglagipen ti pannursuro ni Alma nga ited ti Dios ti balikasna maibatay iti pasnek ken panagregget nga ipaaytayo iti daytoy. No ipangagtayo ti balikas ti Dios, ad-adunto ti maawattayo; no ditayo ikankano ti balakadna, ad-adda a bumassit a bumassit ti maawattayo agingga a pulos nga awanen daytoy. Daytoy a kaawan ti pannakaammo ket saanna a kaipapanan a biddut ti kinapudno; ngem ketdi, ipakita daytoy a naawanantayo iti kabaelan tapno maawatan daytoy.

Kumita iti Mangisalakan

Idiay Capernaum, insuro ti Mangisalakan maipapan iti kinasiasino ken misionna. Adu ti marigatan a dumngeg kadagiti balikasna, isu a timmallikudda “ket saandan a nakikuyogen kenkuana.”

Apay nga immadayoda?

Gapu ta saanda a nagustuan ti insaona. Isu a, gapu ta nagtalekda iti bukodda a pangngeddeng, immadayoda, nga inlibakda iti bagbagida dagiti bendision a naawatda koma no nagtalinaedda.

Ti kinapannakkeltayo ti nalaka a manglapped kadayo a mangawat iti agnanayon a kinapudno. No ditayo maawatan, mabalintayo ti agsardeng biit, bay-an nga agtalinaay ti riknatayo, ket pilientayo no kasano ti sumungbat. Ginuyogynatayo ti Mangisalakan a “kitaen [Isuna]

start to overcome our concerns.

As President Dieter F. Uchtdorf encouraged us to do: “Please, first doubt your doubts before you doubt your faith. We must never allow doubt to hold us prisoner and keep us from the divine love, peace, and gifts that come through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Blessings Come to Those Who Stay

As the disciples walked away from the Savior that day, He then asked the Twelve, “Will ye also go away?”

Peter answered:

“Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

“And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Now, the Apostles lived in the same world, and they faced the same social pressures as the disciples who walked away. However, in this moment, they chose their faith and trusted God, thus preserving blessings God gives to those who stay.

Perhaps you, like me, sometimes find yourself on both sides of this decision. When we find it difficult to understand or embrace God’s will, it is comforting to remember that He loves us as we are, wherever we are. And He has something better for us. If we reach out to Him, He will assist us.

While reaching out to Him can be difficult, just as the father who sought healing for his son was told by the Savior, “All things are possible to him that believeth.” In our moments of struggle, we too can cry out, “Help thou [my] unbelief.”

Submitting Our Will to His

Elder Neal A. Maxwell once taught that “the submission of one’s will is really the only uniquely personal thing we have to place on God’s al-

iti tunggal panunot; saan[tayo] nga agduadua, saan[tayo] nga agbuteng.” No agpokustayo iti Mangisalakán, mangrugi a marimbawan ti pammatitayo dagiti pakaseknantayo.

Kas idi inallukoynatayo ni Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf nga aramidentayo: “Umuna a pagduaduaanyo koma dagiti panagduaduayo sakbay a pagduaduaanyo ti pammatiyo. Ditayo koma ipalubos a ti panagduadua ti manglapped ken mangyadayo kadatayo manipud iti nadiosan nga ayat, talna, sagsagut a sumangbay babaen ti pammati ken ni Apo Jesucristo.”

Sumangbay Dagiti Bendision Kadagiti Agtalinaed

Idi immadayo dagiti disipulo iti Mangisalakán iti dayta nga aldaw, dinamagna iti Sangapulo-ket-dua, “Kayatyo met kadi ti pumanaw?”

Insungbat ni Pedro:

“Apo, siasino pay ti papananmi? Adda kenka dagiti balikas a makaited iti biag nga agnanayon.

“Mamatikami ken ammomi a sika ti Cristo, ti sibibiag nga Anak ti Dios.”

Ita, kasta met ti lubong a nagnaedan dagiti Apostol, ken naipasangoda kadagiti impluensia ti kagimongan a maitulad kadagiti disipulo nga immadayo. Nupay kasta, iti daytoy a kanito, pinilida ti namati ken nagtaleb iti Dios, iti kasta nataginayon dagiti bendision nga ited ti Dios kadagiti agtalinaed.

No dadduma, kas kaniak, nalabit a masarakanyo ti bagiyo iti agsumbangir daytoy a pangngeddeng. No marigatantayo a maawatan ken umawat iti pagayatan ti Dios, makaliwliwa a lagipen nga ay-ayatennatayo siasinotayo man, sadinotayo man iti dalan ti kinadisipulo. Ken adda itedna kadatayo a nasaysayaat a banag. No umasidegtayo Kenkuana, tulongannatayto.

Idinto a mabalin a narigat ti agpatulong Kenkuana, kas iti ama a nagsapul iti pannakaagas iti anakna, binagaan ti Mangisalakán nga “Amin a banag kabaelan ti tao nga adda pammatina.” Kadagiti kanito ti panagkarigatantayo, mabalintayo met nga ipukkaw, “Tulonganyo [ti kinaawan pammatik].”

Panangisuko iti Pagayatantayo iti Pagayatanna

Insuro ni Elder Neal A. Maxwell a “ti panangisuko iti pagayatan ti maysa a tao ket ti talaga a kakaisuna a naidumduma a personal a

tar.”No wonder King Benjamin was so eager that his people become “as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father.”

As always, the Savior set the perfect example for us. With a heavy heart, and knowing the painful work He had to do, He submitted to His Father’s will, fulfilling His messianic mission and opening the promise of eternity to you and me.

The choice to submit our will to God’s is an act of faith that lies at the heart of our discipleship. In making that choice, we discover that our agency is not diminished; rather, it is magnified and rewarded by the presence of the Holy Ghost, who brings purpose, joy, peace, and hope we can find nowhere else.

Several months ago, a stake president and I visited a sister in his stake and her young adult son. After years away from the Church, wandering difficult and unfriendly paths, she had returned. During our visit, we asked her why she had come back.

“I had made a mess of my life,” she said, “and I knew where I needed to be.”

I then asked her what she had learned in her journey.

With some emotion, she shared that she had learned that she needed to attend church long enough to break the habit of not coming and that she needed to stay until it was where she wanted to be. Her return was not easy, but as she exercised faith in the Father’s plan, she felt the Spirit return.

And then she added, “I have learned for myself that God is good and that His ways are better than mine.”

I bear witness of God, our Eternal Father, who loves us; of His Son, Jesus Christ, who saved us. They know our hurts and challenges. They will never forsake us and know perfectly how to succor us. We can be of good cheer as we trust Them more than anyone or anything else. In the sacred name of Jesus Christ, amen.

banag nga idatontayo iti altar ti Dios.”Di pakas-daawan a naggagar unay ni Ari Benjamin nga agbalin dagiti taona “a kas iti maysa nga ubing, natulnog, naamo, napakumbaba, naanus, napnu-an ayat, siaayat nga agpasakup iti amin a banag a makita ti Apo a maitutop nga ipataw kenkuana, kas iti maysa nga ubing nga agpasakup iti amana.”

Impakita ti Mangisalakana iti naan-anay a pagwadan para kadatayo. Gapu iti nakaro a ladingit, ken ammona ti nasaem nga aramid a nasken nga aramidenna, ti pagayatan ti Amana, a nangtungpal iti misionna kas Mesias ken nangrugiti iti kari ti kinaagnanayon kadakayo ken kaniak.

Ti panangpili a mangisuko iti pagayatantayo iti Dios ket maysa a panangipakita iti pammati nga adda iti puso ti kinadisipulotayo. Iti panangaramid iti dayta a pili, matakuaatantayo a saan a maksayan ti wayawayatayo nga agpili, ngem ketdi, manayonan daytoy ken magunggonaan babaen ti kaadda ti Espiritu Santo, a mangyeg iti panggep, rag-o, talna, ken namnama a ditayo masarakan iti sadinoman.

Sumagmamano a bulan ti napalabas, sinarungkaranmi ken ti stake president ti maysa a kabsat a babai ken ti anakna a baro. Kalpasan ti adu a tawen a yaadayona iti Simbaan, a nayaw-awan manipud kadagiti dana ti kinadisipulo, nagsubli isuna. Bayat ti isasarungkarmi, dinamagmi no apay a nagsubli.

“Nadadaelko ti biagko,” kinunana, “ket ammok no sadino ti nasken a papanak.”

Kalpasanna dinamagko no ania ti nasursuro-na iti panagdaliasatna iti biag.

Napnuan iti rikna nga insalaysayna a naammuanna a nabayagen a kasapulanna ti makimisa tapno maisardengna ti ugali a saan a makimismisa ken kasapulanna ti agtalinaed agingga a magustuannan nga idiay ti papananna. Saan a nalaka ti panagsublina, ngem bayat ti panangaramatna iti pammatina iti plano ti Ama, nariknana ti panagsubli ti Espiritu.

Ket kalpasanna innayonna, “Naammuak iti bagik a naimbag ti Dios ken nasaysayaat dagiti wagasna ngem iti wagasko.”

Paneknekak ti Dios, ti Agnanayon nga Amatayo, a mangipatpateg kadatayo; ken ti Anakna, ni Jesucristo, a nangisalakana kadatayo. Ammoda dagiti sakit ken karittayo. Saandatayto a baybay-an iti kaanoman ken naan-anay nga ammoda no kasano a tulongandatayo. Agbalintayo a naragsak no ad-adda nga agtalektayo Kadakuada

ngem iti asinoman wenno aniaman a banag. Iti
sagrado a nagan ni Jesucristo, amen.