

Trusting Our Father

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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

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Tamin’ny 1 Jona 1843 no niala tao Nauvoo Illinois i Addison Pratt, hitory filazantsara ho any amin’ireo Nosy Haoaiana ka namela an’i Louisa Barnes Pratt vadiny hikorakara ny fianakaviana vao naorin’ izy ireo.

Tao Nauvoo, rehefa nihamafy ny fanenjehana izay nanery ireo Olomasina hiala, ary taty aoriana tany Winter Quarters raha teo am-piomanana ny hifindra monina ho any amin’ny Lohasahan’i Salt Lake izy ireo dia niatrika ny fanapahan-kevitra hoe tokony handeha sa tsia i Louisa. Ho mora kokoa ny mijanona sy miandry ny fiverenan’i Addison toy izay hanao dia samirery.

Amin’ireo tranga roa ireo dia nikatsaka fitarihana avy tamin’ny mpaminany Brigham Young izy, izay namporisika azy handeha. Nahavita tamim-pahombiazana hatrany ny dia izy na dia teo aza ny fahasaratana lehibe sy ny fisalasalany manokana.

Nahita fifaliana kely i Louisa tany am-piandohan’ny dia. Kanefa vetivety foana izy dia nankafy ny haimaitson’ny lohasaha sy ireo voninkazo dia maroloko ary ireo sombin-tany manamorona ireo renirano. “Nihananjavona tsikelikely tao an-tsaiko ny alahelo,” hoy izy nanoratra, “ary tsy nisy vehivavy tena falifaly mihotra ahy tao amin’ireo mpiray dia rehetra.”

Nampientam-panahy ahy lalina ny tantaran’i Louisa. Deraiko ny finjavany hampandefitra ireo zavatra tiany manokana, sy ny fahaizany mitoky amin’ Andriamanitra ary ny fomba nahafahan’ny

differently.

She has reminded me that we have a loving 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.

fampiharana finoana nanampy azy hahita ilay toe-javatra tamin'ny fomba hafa.

Nampahatsiahy ahy izy fa isika dia manana Ray any An-danitra be fitia izay mikarakara antsika na aiza na aiza misy antsika ary afaka matoky Azy isika mihoatra ny olona rehetra sy ny zavatra rehetra.

Ilay loharanon'ny fahamarinana

Matoky antsika Andriamanitra mba handray fanapahan-kevitra manan-danja maro sy amin'ny lafin-javatra rehetra, miangavy antsika Izy mba hatoky Azy. Sarotra izany indrindra fa rehefa tsy mitovy amin'ny sitrapony ho an'ireo Zanany ny fomba fijerintsika na ny hevitsika eo imasom-bahoaka.

Misy ireo izay mandroso hevitra fa tokony averintsika faritana ny mampiavaka ny hoe tsara sy ny hoe ratsy satria milaza izy ireo fa miovaova arakaraka ny toe-javatra ny fahamarinana, na hoe ny tenanao no mamaritra ny zavatra tena misy, na koa hoe malala-tanana tokoa Andriamanitra ka tsy dia tena raharahiany loatra izay ataontsika.

Rehefa mikatsaka ny hahatakatra sy hanaiky ny sitrapon' Andriamanitra isika dia nanampy be ny mahatsiaro fa tsy anjarantsika ny mamaritra ny marika mampisaraka ny tsara sy ny ratsy. Andriamanitra mihitsy no nametraka ireo marika ireo, izay mifototra amin'ireo fahamarinana mandrakizay ho tombontsoa sy fitahiana ho antsika.

Efa ela no nitsiry ny faniriana hanova ny fahamarinana mandrakizain' Andriamanitra. Nanomboka talohan'ny niantombohan'izao tontolo izao izany, raha nikomy i Satana nanohitra ny drafitr' Andriamanitra, nikatsaka tamim-pitiavan-tena handrava ny fahafahan'ny olona misafidy. Araka izay fomba izay, ireo olona tahaka an'i Serema sy Nehôra ary Kôrihôra dia nanizingizina fa fahadalana ny finoana, tsy mitombina ny fanambarana, ary tsara daholo izay rehetra tiantsika hatao. Mampalahelo, fa tena matetika ireny fivaonana amin'ny fahamarinan' Andriamanitra ireny no nitondra tamin'ny fijaliana lehibe.

Na dia miankina amin'ny toe-javatra misy aza ny zavatra sasantsasany, tsy ny zavatra rehetra no tahaka izany. Nampianatra tsy tapaka ny Filoha Russell M. Nelson fa ireo fahamarinan' Andriamanitra izay mahavonjy dia tsy miankina na amin'inona na amin'inona, ary Andriamanitra

mihitsy no namaritra azy ireny.

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 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."

Ny safidintsika

Anisan'ireo fanapahan-kevitra manan-danja eo amin'ny fiainana ny fisafidianana hoe iza no hitokisantsika. Nampianatra ny vahoakany i Benjamina Mpanjaka hoe, "Minoa an' Andriamanitra; minoa fa misy Izy ... ; minoa fa Izy dia manana ny fahendrena rehetra ... ; minoa fa ny olona dia tsy mahatakatra ny zava-drehetra izay azon' ny Tompo takarina."

Soa ihany fa manana ireo soratra masina isika sy ny fitarihan'ireo mpaminany velona afaka manampy antsika hahatakatra ny fahamarinan' Andriamanitra. Raha ilaina ny fanazavana ankoatr'izay efa ananantsika dia omen' Andriamanitra amin'ny alalan'ny Mpaminaniny izany. Ary hamaly ireo vavaka amin-kitsim-po ataontsika Izy amin'ny alalan'ny Fanahy Masina rehefa mikatsaka ny hahatakatra ireo fahamarinana izay mbola tsy tena ankafizintsika tanteraka.

Nampianatra ny Loholona Neil L. Andersen indray mandeha hoe tsy tokony ho gaga isika, "raha indraindray ny sasany amin'ireo fomba fijerin[tsika] manokana dia tsy mifanaraka amin'ireo fampianaran'ny mpaminanin'ny Tompo any am-boalohany." Fotoana hianarana," hoy izy, "sy hanetrena tena ireny rehefa mandohalika mivavaka isika. Mandroso amim-pinoana isika, matoky an' Andriamanitra, mahalala fa rehefa mandeha ny fotoana dia handray fahazavana ara-panahy misimisy kokoa avy amin'ny Rai[ntsika] any An-danitra isika."

Na oviana na oviana dia manampy ny mahatadidy ilay fampianaran'i Alma hoe Andriamanitra dia manome ny teniny araka ny fifantohana sy ny ezaka atokantsika amin'izany. Raha mihaino ny tenin' Andriamanitra isika, dia handray misimisy kokoa; raha tsy miraharaha ny toroheviny isika, dia mihakely hatrany ny zavatra raisintsika ambara-pahatonga antsika tsy hanana na inona na inona. Izany fahaverezana fahalalana izany dia tsy midika hoe diso ilay fahamarinana, fa mampiseho kosa fa very ny fahafahantsika mahatakatra izany.

Mibanjina ny Mpamonjy

Nampianarin'ny Mpamonjy tao Kapernaomy ny momba ny hoe iza Izy ary inona no nanirahana Azy. Maro no nilaza fa sarotra henoina ireo teniny, ka nahatonga azy ireo hitodi-damosina ka "tsy niara-nandeha taminy intsony."

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 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.

Fa nahoana izy ireo no nandao?

Satria tsy tian'izy ireo ny zavatra nolazainy.

Koa natoky ny fomba fijerin'izy ireo manokana izy ireo, ka nandao, ary nandà ireo fitahiana izay tokony ho tonga raha toa izy ireo ka nitoetra.

Mora amin'ny hambon-pontsika ny misosoka ka tsy ahafahantsika manaiky fahamarinana mandrakizay. Rehefa tsy mahatakatra isika dia afaka miato kely ka mamela ny fahatsapantsika hitony ary avy eo vao misafidy ny fomba hoenti-miatrika izany. Ny Mpamonjy dia nitaona antsika "[hibanjina Azy] amin'ny eritreritra rehetra; tsy hiroanàhana, tsy hatahotra." Rehefa mifantoka amin'ny Mpamonjy isika dia afaka manomboka mandresy ireo olana ny finoantsika.

Araka ny namporisihan'ny Filoha Dieter F. Uchtdorf antsika hoe: "Ny ahiahinereo aloha no ahiahio alohan'ny hiahiahianareo ny finoanareo. Tsy tokony hamela ny ahiahintsika mihitsy isika hanagadra sy hanakana antsika tsy hahazo ilay fitiavan' Andriamanitra sy ny fiadanany ary ireo fanomezam-pahasoavana izay tonga amin'ny alalan'ny finoana ny Tompo Jesoa Kristy."

Tonga amin'ireo izay mitoetra ireo fitahiana

Rehefa niala tamin'ny Mpamonjy ireo mpianatra tamin'io andro io, dia nanontany ireo Roambinifololahy izy avy teo hoe: "Hianareo koa va mba te-hiala?"

Hoy i Petera, namaly:

"Tompo ô, hankany amin'iza moa izahay? Hianao no manana ny tenin'ny fiainana mandrakizay.

"Ary izahay mino ka mahalala fa Hianao no Ilay Masin' Andriamanitra."

Raha ny marina dia tontolo iray ihany no nonenan'ireo Apôstôly, ary tsindry ara-piaramonina iray ihany no natrehan'izy ireo sy ireo mpianatra niala. Kanefa tamin'io fotoana io dia nisafidy ny finoany izy ireo ary natoky an' Andriamanitra ka nitsinjo ireo fitahiana izay omen' Andriamanitra ho an'ireo izay mitoetra.

Angamba ianao, tahaka ahy koa matetika dia efa sendra tafalatsaka teo anelanelan'ny lafiny roa amin'io fanapahan-kevitra io. Rehefa hitantsika fa sarotra ny mahatakatra na ny manaiky ny sitrapon' Andriamanitra, dia mankahery ny mahatsiaro fa tia antsika amin'ny maha-isika antsika Izy, ary na aiza na aiza no misy antsika. Ary manana zavatra tsara kokoa ho antsika Izy. Raha mangataka fanampiana Aminy isika dia hanampy

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 altar.” 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.

antsika Izy.

Raha toa ka sarotra ny mangataka fanampiana Aminy, tsy misy hafa tamin’ ilay raim-pi-anakaviana izay nikatsaka fanasitranana ho an’ny zanany lahy, ka notenenin’ny Mpamonjy hoe: “Ny zavatra rehetra dia hain’ny mino,” Isika koa mandritra ireo fotoan-tsarotra andalovantsika dia afaka miantsoantso hoe “Vonjeo mba ho afaka amin’ny tsy finoa[nay].”

Mampandefitra ny sitrapontsika amin’ny sitrapony

Nisy fotoana ny Loholona Neal A. Maxwell dia nampianatra hoe: “Ny fampandeferana ny sitrapon’ny tena no tena ilay hany zavatra tena antsika manokana izay tokony hatolotsika eo ambony alitaran’ Andriamanitra.” Tsy nahagaga i Benjamina Mpanjaka raha naniry fatratra ny vahoakany ho tonga “tahaka ny ankizy, mankatò, malemy paika, manetry tena, miaritra, feno fitiavana, vonona hanoa amin’ ny zava-drehetra izay hitan’ny Tompo fa mety ampitondraina azy, dia tahaka ny zaza manoa an-drainy.”

Toy ny mahazatra dia naneho ohatra tonga lafatra ho antsika ny Mpamonjy. Tamin’ny fo mavesatra sy ny fahalalana tsara ny asa mampainaina izay tsy maintsy ho ataony, no nampandeferany ny sitrapony tamin’ny an’ny Rainy ka nanatanterahany ny iraka tamin’ny naha mesia Azy, ary nanokafany ny fampanantenan’ny mandrakizay ho ahy sy ho anao.

Asa amim-pinoana izay ivon’ny maha-mpi-anatra antsika ny safidy hampandefitra ny sitrapontsika amin’ny an’ Andriamanitra. Rehefa manao io safidy io isika dia hahita fa tsy mihena ny fahafahantsika misafidy, fa mihamitombo sy ahazoana ny fiarahan’ny Fanahy Masina ho valisoa izany, izay mitondra tanjona, fialiana, fiadanana ary fanantenana izay tsy hitantsika na aiza na aiza.

Volana vitsivitsy lasa izay izaho sy ny filohan’ny tsatòka iray dia namangy rahavavy iray sy ny zanany lahy mbola tanora tao amin’ny tsatòkany. Taorian’ny taona maro nanalavirany ny Fiangonana dia niverina izy rehefa avy nirenireny tamin’ny lalan-tsarotra sy tsy mahafinaritra. Nanontanianay azy nandritra ny fitsidihanay ny antony niverenany.

“Nosimbaiko ny fiainako,” hoy izy, “ary nahafantatra aho hoe aiza no tokony hisy ahy.”

Avy eo dia nanontaniako azy ny zavatra ni-anarany avy tamin’izany zavatra nodiaviny izany.

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.

Tamim-pihetseham-po kely no nizarany fa nianatra izy hoe mila manatrika fiangonana elaela izy mba hialana amin'ilay fahazarana tsy tonga, ary mila mijanona mandra-paha tafatoetra azy tsara eo amin'izay tiany hisy azy. Tsy mora ny fiverenany fa nampihatra finoana ny drafitry ny Ray izy, tsapany hoe niverina ny Fanahy.

Ary avy eo dia nampiany hoe: "Izaho mihitsy no nianatra fa tsara Andriamanitra ary tsara kokoa noho ny ahy ny lalany."

Mijoro ho vavolombelona aho momba an' Andriamanitra, ilay Raintsika Mandrakizay, izay tia antsika; sy momba ny Zananilahy, Jesoa Kristy izay namonjy antsika. Fantatr'izy ireo ny ratra sy ny olana mahazo antsika. Tsy hahafy antsika na oviana na oviana Izy ireo ary mahafantatra tanteraka ny fomba hamonjena antsika. Afaka ny ho faly isika raha matoky Azy ireo mihoatra noho ny olona na zavatra hafa. Amin'ny anarana masin'i Jesoa Kristy, amena.