

iChoose to Remember

The Lord has told us several times in scripture, “Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you” (D&C 4:7). Christ, while on the earth taught, “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?” (Luke 11:13). It is upon this principle of prayer that Joseph Smith went into a grove of trees and prayed. There he saw the Father and the Son.

My ancestor, Lydia Young Crockett, had the following experience with prayer. It takes place in July, 1849, as Lydia, a married woman now, and her family cross the plains.

“The entire company and it's oxen became too fatigued to travel farther on the plains, and they couldn't find any water to provide relief.

“They had traveled so long without water that they felt they could no longer continue unless they soon found something to quench their thirst. After investigating the area and finding that everything was so dry, they had all given up hope of finding water.

“Lydia went into one of the wagons and knelt down in sincere prayer. She told the Lord that they were going across the plains for the Gospel's sake. She told him of the predicament they were in, and beseeched Him to make it known to her where they could find water.

“The company had camped by a small hill. It was made known to her that if she would dig by a certain bush on this hill they would find water. She took a man and a shovel and went directly to the spot shown to her. They dug about two feet and found a lonely spring of water, which was marked for all future travelers on the plains, blessing many lives by her singular faith.”

I testify that prayers are answered. Our Father in Heaven Loves us. Christ taught us to, “Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away” (Matt. 5:42). If we are to be perfect as Our Father (see Matt. 5:48) then it is apparent that He will “Give to [them] that ask.” Pray for what you need. God will answer.

This week, the Seniors have begun their presentations for their theses. I, for one, and I'm sure I speak for my classmates, would greatly appreciate any prayers you could send heavenward in our behalf this week and next week. Thank you. We love you all.

-Joshua Crockett

2 Nephi 32:8-9; Matthew 6:5-15

Please submit your favorite family history story to me so that I can share it in an iChoose to Remember issue. Email your story to me at joshcrockett0101@gmail.com. I hope to get more stories than I can use! Feel free to explain the gospel principle your story demonstrates or to just send it to me on its own.

Hurrah for Israel!