
“Preparing For, Receiving, and Acting On Revelation”

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My preparation has had me looking through my rear view mirror and I have felt the Lord directing my thoughts. Knowing you are my friends, I am hopeful that the things I share will resonate within us, and be reminders to us all that the Lord loves us and is anxious to speak to us, mostly in small and simple ways. With that in mind, let’s combine our faith so that the Spirit can be our teacher.

President Nelson sets our stage with his remarks on revelation. Open Quote: “This is the grand privilege of every Latter-day Saint....that it is our right to have the manifestations of the Spirit every day of our lives,...The privilege of receiving revelation is one of the greatest gifts of God to His children. Through the manifestations of the Holy Ghost, the Lord will assist us in all our righteous pursuits....If Joseph Smith’s transcendent experience in the Sacred Grove teaches us anything, it is that the heavens are open and that God speaks to His children.”¹ close quote When we discount the revelations we receive, we put at risk the next revelation. Small and simple revelations, acted upon, will give birth to the next revelation and will build a foundation for time and for all eternity. Small and simple acts of righteousness invite the companionship of the Holy Ghost, and Joseph Smith taught, “No man can receive the Holy Ghost without receiving revelation.”² A personal visit by Moroni is unlikely in our lives, unless of course you are talking about the new chef at the Provo Temple, whose name is Moroni, and yes, he has worked plenty of miracles on temple plates.

Shortly before his passing, I was visiting with my brother Joseph. As we talked of his challenges, he shared with me two excerpts he had recently read, from Joseph F. Smith’s journal.

The first entry was written on the day that Joseph F. had been presented as a new member of the Quorum of the Twelve. Brigham Young had him stand and turn so the Twelve could see his profile. After doing so, Brigham Young said, “He looks more like the Prophet Joseph Smith, than any man I know.” This was an especially tender, and spiritual moment for Joseph F.

After reading this entry in Joseph F's journal, my brother turned the page and read from the next day. The entry simply said: "spent the day gathering the cows." My brother and I then talked about how occasionally we have a spiritual high and treasure it. More often, we spend the day 'gathering the cows', a plentiful, necessary and real part of life. We mustn't discount these days. They are our opportunity to act upon simple promptings, which over time build a powerful foundation.

When I was a small child, and it was my turn to give what was then called a 2 ½ minute talk, the routine went something like this: I would come home and announce that I had a talk to give; then, my father would sit down at his Remington, manual typewriter and in a minute or two type out my talk. It fit on one side of a piece of cardstock about 5 by 8 ½ inches. The talk was essentially the same each time I spoke. It was about Joseph Smith and the first vision. This routine continued through my young life. I sometimes felt embarrassed that my talk was always the same.

When I was 8 years old, I found myself in fast and testimony meeting, sitting half way down the chapel on the right-hand side. I stood to bear my testimony, and there in the middle of the chapel, I started to talk about the only thing I had ever talked about in church, the prophet Joseph Smith. As I did, the Spirit just filled up my young body. I don't think I quite understood what had happened at the time, but that experience was a foundation that I can neither forget nor cast away. It has carried me through some confusing times and has repeated itself and lifted me more times than I can count.

I cannot thank my father enough for preparing me for that revelation. Joseph Smith is a revealer of Christ, who is a revealer of God. Everything that is good in my life rests on that knowledge.

I have long felt what President Nelson said in his talk on revelation: "The prophet Joseph Smith **set a pattern** for us to follow in resolving our questions."³ Let's highlight a few of these **patterns**, that when woven into our lives can be vibrant and strong.

The first pattern is: seeking revelation may involve us in a war (thought I'd start by cheering you up). When Joseph wanted to know what church to join, he found himself "in the midst of [a] war of words and tumult of opinion ..."⁴ Listen to some of the questions he describes and see if they resemble some of our own. "...I often said to myself: what is to be done? Who of all these parties are right, or are they all wrong together? If any one of them be right, which is it, and how shall I know?"⁵

The war Joseph fought was a variant of the war we all fought in the premortal world. In that war, we overcame Satan "by the blood of the Lamb," by "the word of [our] testimony,"⁶ and by our worship of God as our Eternal Father and our acceptance of His plan,⁷ championed by Christ, the Lamb, who is our Advocate with the Father.⁸

When we fought that war of words, we were articulate as President Kimball has encouraged us to be here, so we could clearly express how {we} felt about something and why."⁹ With all our

spiritual energy, we fought for the right to have Christ advocate his cause and ours against the great Accuser.¹⁰ Because of **patterns** of righteous women, I can look back with an 'eye of faith' and see that we did not scream and rant; we were strong, but composed; we stood for truth, and we were victorious. In our victory, we learned the profound differences between the healing cause of our righteous ADVOCATE and the damning cause of our ACCUSER.

The war we fought and won in our first estate rages on in our second estate. Again, from President Nelson: Begin quote "{we} were taught in the spirit world to prepare {us} for anything and everything {we} would encounter during this latter part of these latter days. THAT TEACHING ENDURES WITHIN [US]!"¹¹ End quote

In this life we can win again. Our most effective weapon is God's redeeming love, in contrast to the weapons of the adversary. The strength of our advocate still exceeds the strength of our accuser. With dignity and poise, we can stand for truth, and like our advocate, "never, no never, no never forsake."¹² We witnessed his strength in the premortal realm; we can stand as witnesses again in our second estate, and after we have witnessed it here, we will witness it a third time, as we join numberless throngs dressed in white crying: "Salvation to our God...and unto the Lamb."¹³

Continuing with **Joseph's pattern**, "while I was laboring under the extreme difficulties, caused by the contests of these parties of religionists..."¹⁴ We all have individual journeys. Our difficulties may have different sources, but we all know that difficulty is part of life, in fact it is one of the purposes of our life. In speaking of these challenges, the Lord said he would "prove [us] herewith to see if [we would] do all things whatsoever the [he] would command [us]."¹⁵ Much has been written and spoken concerning trials and afflictions. While I was pondering afflictions, I was one day reading in the Book of Mormon, and read of a people who were much afflicted. Their response inspired me. It was to "fast and pray oft, and ... wax stronger and stronger in their humility, and firmer and firmer in the faith of Christ, unto the filling their souls with joy and consolation, yea, even to the purifying and the sanctification of their hearts, which sanctification cometh because of their yielding their hearts unto God."¹⁴ My husband and I recently witnessed such joy and consolation in the face of affliction.

With permission, I will share an experience of extreme difficulty as told by a faithful sister who serves in the temple. The experience recounts the long journey from grief and shock, to healing. She told me of her son – a tall, handsome, sensitive, sweet, humorous and very bright young man. He was also a gifted musician, who graduated from college with a degree in biomedical engineering. He also had his troubles. Depression runs in her family and he was afflicted with it. Through the teen years she managed medications, and doctor's appointments, and tried to help him as best she could. Ten years ago, he shared that he was gay. In the course of his struggles, he had his name removed from the records of the Church and lived a lifestyle that was contrary to her beliefs.

Eight and a half years ago, this beautiful boy took his own life. My friend talked of her grief and the years of tremendous guilt and suffering. Grief grows many "what ifs," and she had many. Though she never condoned his lifestyle, she was grateful she was able to come to an

understanding of his challenges and was able to tell him so. The last 18 months of his life, by his own choice, he was estranged from the family.

Through this time of tribulation this faithful sister had some sustaining miracles. One happened shortly after his death. She inherited the love of family history from her mother, who is now deceased. This sister knows of the promises we have been given regarding help from the other side of the veil, as we work in behalf of our kindred dead. While in the temple she heard her mother tell her “I am taking care of him.” This was a great comfort to her.

In her letter to me, this sister said: “One of the great desires of my heart has always been that my husband and I would someday have all of our children and their spouses in the temple at the same time. And so, I began to pray that our son would do the necessary things to qualify for baptism again. I prayed for years that I would feel the promptings when it was time to have him re-baptized in the temple, because I knew he needed time before he was ready to accept the ordinance. I wanted to feel him there when it happened.

Four years ago, I felt impressed to write to Salt Lake and ask for permission to have our son re-baptized. I received a letter and a temple ordinance card and kept it in a safe place for the special day. In January of this year my prayers were answered when both my husband and I began having promptings to go to the temple for our son.

The day of our son’s baptism was very special. I work at the baptistry and knew it would be more special to do this sacred ordinance during my shift and among loving friends...My husband was proxy and we both were so emotional before, during and after the ordinance. The Spirit was so strong. I had fasted and prayed during the days before and we had prayed as a family that he would accept these ordinances. I had prayed that I would feel my son’s presence and I did—in prayer meeting, at the font and in the chapel awaiting confirmation. I know without a doubt that he accepted these ordinances and is happy! I am so grateful to my Heavenly Father for this blessing. I am also thankful that I have felt lifted and have a lighter heart. I feel like the last vestiges of guilt and pain have been swept away and I feel cleansed just as he is. I only have thoughts of love and forgiveness and closeness towards my son. The healing that we can have because of the Atonement of Jesus Christ is real! He is there and will mend our broken hearts.” End of quote.

I, with my husband, joined to witness this beautiful experience in the baptistry. It was remarkable to feel the thinning of the veil. It is a testimony renewed to me, that those on the other side of the veil do not cease to love us, nor we them. They exercise faith in our behalf, as we do in theirs.

The temple is a place of revelation. For example, covenants we make there reveal God and His Son. When we make a covenant of obedience and keep that covenant, God reveals himself to us, and we reveal our own God-like nature to ourselves.

The Savior was perfectly obedient to God, in all things. IT TRULY IS a revelation to us, when we make and keep covenants with God. It is in the ordinances, that the power of Godliness is manifest.¹⁵ I bear testimony that we felt that power that day. There are countless examples

every day in the temple. Not only is it a place of healing, but our spiritual immune system can be stronger because of the temple. It is a place of preventive spiritual health care as well.

Another **profound pattern** illustrated by Joseph Smith was that in his difficulties he turned to the scriptures. While “laboring under...extreme difficulties,”¹⁶ he was one day reading the epistle of James. The revelation Joseph received as he read this scripture was so powerful that he gained confidence to withstand the immediate opposition that would soon come. He stated: “Never did any passage of scripture come with more power to the heart of man than this did at this time to mine.”¹⁷ This powerful confirmation about the truthfulness of James’ statement was the first recorded revelation of this dispensation. It preceded and precipitated Joseph’s decision to ask of God which, when he obeyed that decision, resulted in the first vision.

Joseph’s response to his experience with reading James **set another pattern**, one of obedience - the first law of heaven – and faith – the first principle of the gospel. Concerning faith and obedience, Elder Bruce R. McConkie taught; “Faith is a gift of God, bestowed as a reward for personal righteousness. It is always given when righteousness is present, and the greater the measure of obedience to God’s laws, the greater will be the endowment of faith.” If we want revelation, we will want to increase our faith, if we want increased faith, we will want to increase our obedience – obedience connotes action, exact obedience connotes an action of a willing, and an humble heart.

When the prophet issues a challenge and makes a promise, when the Spirit nudges us, when the scriptures inspire us to act, obedience to these revelations prepares us to draw upon the promises and, importantly, to receive additional inspiration and revelation.

What scripture will precipitate our next revelation? Will it be the First Vision, the Brother of Jared on mount Shelem, Moses’ Vision, the tree of life, or some other?

The Lord himself, speaking of the scriptures, says: “For it is my voice which speaketh them unto you; for they are given by my Spirit unto you, and by my power you can read them one to another; and save it were by my power you could not have them; Wherefore, YOU CAN TESTIFY THAT YOU HAVE HEARD MY VOICE, AND KNOW MY WORDS.”¹⁸ That has become my personal testimony. I have heard his voice as I have studied the scriptures. It comes into my mind and my heart. I feel as Mormon when he said: “...because of the things which [have] come to pass already [I] know that it must needs be that all things should come to pass according to that which [has] been spoken.”¹⁹ Because I clearly see past prophecies fulfilled, I trust a living prophet to open my vision to the dangers that lie ahead, and seeing helps me fortify.

Not long ago, I had for me, a very disruptive and challenging experience. It lingered in my heart for the entire day. I mentally tried to place it on a shelf, so I could move peacefully forward. I was not successful. I awoke the next morning with the same sense of pall hanging over me, a pall that interrupted my rejoicings.

After my morning prayers, I sat down with my scriptures. I love the scriptures. I soon found I was engaged and uplifted with what I was learning. My mind was filled with a sense of wonder, a hope began to fill me. I was blessed with a profound revelation – peace. My focus completely changed. I remembered the smart I had experienced the day before, but the feelings of it had vanished. I felt free, more open to the revelations I needed in the present.

This experience repeats itself over and over and over in my life. When I am searching, or preparing, the windows of heaven open as I really concentrate on the scriptures. It doesn't happen when I read to fulfill a goal, or to check off a box. When I read with sincere interest, I always find wonder and new insights, even when they are the same insights I have already had but forgotten. These insights help me 'remember, remember'. They remind me of what my brother Joseph used to say: "Those to whom the Lord speaks most often, are those who are most attentive to that which he has already spoken."

I bear testimony of the scriptures. They are a great source of Living Water, water that quenches our spiritual thirst. When we do not read and ponder them regularly, we begin to dehydrate spiritually. When we are physically thirsty, how often do we take a teeny sip, and feel satisfied. Similarly, a sip in the scriptures will only spiritually hydrate us a sips worth. It may keep us alive, but, just as the physical body preforms better well hydrated, so will our spiritual body.

When we are spiritually unwell, we become deafblind. We no longer have ears to hear, nor eyes to see, hearing we hear not, and seeing we see not. Our vision blurs, and the once transparent windows of heaven become opaque. Our hearing dulls so that we no longer recognize the word of the Lord when we hear it. In that condition, we are more vulnerable to the offer of Satan's filthy water, as an alternative to living water. He adds tantalizing addictive flavors, so we may develop a taste for it, but the filth of that water only exacerbates our loss of sight and hearing.

Fortunately, there is a cure for our spiritual deafness and blindness. President Kimball gave a cure for these spiritual ailments. He said: "I find that when I get casual in my relationship with divinity and when it seems that no divine ear is listening and no divine voice is speaking, that I am far, far away. If I immerse myself in the scriptures the distance narrows and the spirituality returns."²⁰ close quote. The challenges we face and the solution to those challenges – immersion in the scriptures – is the same for us, as it is for a prophet. Sometimes, we forget that God is no respecter of persons.

I have a testimony of the revelatory power of the scriptures. Reading them is not a race. Develop a taste for them by reading for understanding. A Joseph Smith experience for us may be an eon away, but we do have a type of it when we seek answers in the scriptures, with real intent, as he did. Through the scriptures, we receive light and understanding, peace, hope, and comfort, all under the umbrella of revelation. Then, we **pattern** Joseph's experience. We reflect upon our experience again and again. We know we need wisdom, and we know God knows all. We too are confronted by very different views of what constitutes truth. Without the revelations of the restoration, without living prophets, without the gift of the Holy Ghost, we are left to be tossed about by every wind of doctrine. Our confidence and revelations will

grow in life as the word of the Lord becomes as the marrow of our bones, which produces cells to fight spiritual infection, and disease. Be careful when turning to the world, for as the Lord said: “[His] thoughts are not {our} thoughts, neither are [our] ways [His] ways...”²¹

Prayer is the next pattern. Joseph recognized that he had a choice to “remain in darkness and confusion” or to “...ask of God.”²² In his pattern of prayer, he set several other patterns. For example, he decided in advance where he would go. Similarly, we need a sacred grove, a closet, a ‘waters of Mormon’, where, like Joseph, we can kneel to pray.

When we find that place, we can be sure that Satan, as the father of all lies, will try to impose his pattern on us as he did with Joseph. With Joseph, Satan’s opposition was immediate and intense because Satan knew that the answer to Joseph’s prayer would open the dispensation of the fulness of times. Joseph had to “exert all [his] power to call upon God”²³. Just at the moment of Joseph’s great alarm [note God’s timing], Joseph saw a light exactly over his head, above the brightness of the sun... in which God, our Father, and Christ, our Savior, were standing. Then, God introduced His Son and invited Joseph to ‘hear him’²⁴.

We are likewise invited to hear him, and, like Joseph, we will feel Satan’s opposition. With us, however, Satan’s opposition may be more subtle and less intense. It may simply be a thought that God does not care about something so small as our concerns or that we are not worthy to receive an answer to our prayers. But, again, we can adopt Joseph’s pattern by exerting all our powers and persistence.

If your imagination is good you can see me at 5 years old – cute huh! I have a huge smile, and I am flashing a ring on my finger. A ring that my mother had given me, which probably cost her a dime. To me it was the most beautiful ring in the world, and I loved it. Sadly, I lost it. I searched everywhere, up and down, in and out. I was desperate, and it felt like such a loss. I decided to pray. After praying, I found it almost immediately. I have prayed over many things in my life, many I felt answered, yet there have been times that I have felt the windows of heaven closed, but it never occurred to me to discount this early experience as silly. I remember it this very moment, as if it just happened. God had actually answered my prayer. I had tried something I had been taught, and it worked.

Our first prayers lay a foundation. As we grow in our prayers, we learn as Oliver Cowdrey did. First, we must study things out in our mind; and then ask God if what we have decided through our study, is right. If it is, we will know in our mind and in our hearts, by the power of the Holy Ghost. If it isn’t correct, we will experience confusion.²⁵

It’s easy to wonder why God would send Lehi out in the wilderness with his family, only to send his sons back for the brass plates, then send them back again to get Ishmael and his family. I fear I may have asked Lehi in frustration, “why can’t you organize yourself?”, and I may have added, “and prepare every needful thing?” Why didn’t the Lord tell Lehi to pick up Ishmael, get the brass plates and then get off to the wilderness? If we were a smaller group, it would be fun to discuss all the lessons they learned in this process. Elder Scott explains: “often when we pray...Heavenly Father will give us gentle (small and simple) promptings (revelations) that

require us to think, exercise faith, work, at times struggle, then act....Seldom will you receive a complete response all at once. It will come a piece at a time..."²⁶ End Quote. God's timing often refines us and teaches us patience, as well as a multitude of important lessons.

In the most recent General Conference, President Nelson said: "Ask God what he thinks about you."²⁷ It reminded me of a young sister I listened to at a stake conference. Speaking of prayer, she said she had some very sweet experiences when she asked God if He loved her. What a beautiful and innocent prayer. When I heard this sister recount her experience, I was transported to Iowa City, where I sat in the home of President Jeppson. I had recently received a recommend, which I had lost, and had gone to his home for a replacement. On the outside, I was fine. On the inside, I was a massive ball of doubt about myself. As President Jeppson sat down, he unfolded my recommend, set it on the table, and before asking any questions, signed it. As he did so, he said to me, "Sister Pinegar, the Spirit has impressed upon me you are worthy to be in the temple, and that the Lord loves you." I thanked him for his kindness, left, got in my car, and fell apart. All my distorted thinking was washed away with tears of gratitude because of the tender mercies of the Lord. I wasn't doing any egregious sin that would deny me access to the temple, but I had fine-tuned the art of getting after myself. The Lord knew me and looked at me in a kinder way than I saw myself. I was not perfect, but he had sent a message that I could set aside my negative feelings. I just needed to look forward, and to continue doing my best and then perhaps just a little more. I remember this as a healing moment and an affirmation of the Lord's love – Revelation.

When the young sister in conference shared her experience, I wondered, why in all the years of feeling the ups and downs and discouraging time I hadn't thought of this powerful opportunity for personal revelation, by asking God if He loves me. I, like you, know it on paper, but to feel Him telling me seemed somehow sweeter. On the other hand, recently at a time of discouragement, I kneeled with the intent of asking that very question. As I began, the thought came to me, "I know the Lord loves me". I knew already the answer to that question. Evidence of His love filled me as I focused on gratitude. I knew He wanted me to remember, remember. I am more mature than I was when praying for a dime store ring – a kindergarten prayer. I know that pondering about what He wants me to pray for, is a graduate school prayer, and that He expects me to get educated.

I will share with you a very practical revelation that taught me to trust the Lord. My husband and I served a mission in the England London South Mission. As part of our assignment, we would travel 2-3 Sundays a month to speak in Sacrament meetings. It was wonderful to meet the saints that filled the chapels. We travelled in our very small car, on VERY narrow roads, with very many curves, at very high speeds, only inches away from cars going the opposite direction in their very small cars, on the very same narrow roads, with very many curves, and at very high speeds...at the same time we would often maneuver around horses, cyclists, and pedestrians. It was rather nerve wracking for me, and for some reason, my anxiety seemed to affect my husband as well.

Addresses were another trick. Maps were obsolete, GPS systems worked occasionally, but were often untrustworthy. In preparation for these trips, I would print maps that no one could

understand and make my husband leave with an extra hour travel time as a precaution. After six months of this routine, I was one day in this now familiar setting and a miracle happened. It occurred to me that I had done everything within my power to plan and had left with plenty of time to arrive. Why not say that silent prayer and ask Heavenly Father to give me a sense of where we needed to go, and to allow me to be calm. Miraculously, I was calm, and predictably, we were able to easily find the chapel. This began a **new pattern** for me. I learned to trust the Lord more, and, wonder of wonders, my husband began to enjoy those journeys.

This **pattern** has now blessed so many experiences. After I have paid the price to prepare, I know the Lord will make up the difference. Sometimes, the difference seems to come when I am galloping toward the cliff, in a state of hyper panic. However, I have learned that when serving Him, if I have prepared, and I ask Him, He has never left me alone. It always amazes me. He cares about His work and will be there.

This journey we walk, of proving ourselves, is a practice session, every day and in every way. The purpose of practice is to improve. If we don't learn from our mistakes, we deny revelation. There are many ups and downs and ins and outs, as we gather the cows. It is a journey where we maneuver normal challenges, as well as mine fields cleverly set up by the adversary.

In traversing this path, I find another set of **patterns** revealed by the Prophet Joseph Smith to be very useful. Those **patterns** are found in the temple. I know that I have only begun to scratch the surface of temple understanding, but oh, how I love that which I have come to know. The **patterns** we learn there are infinite. In the temple we walk symbolically from our premortal life, through this life, and after qualifying, arrive in the Celestial Kingdom. Along the way, we make and keep sacred covenants. One of the profound blessings of the temple walk is that we are guided so we can do it just as the Lord intends it to be done. Symbolically, we essentially get to practice our earthly walk perfectly. The more often we walk that temple journey, the more familiar and comfortable the walk becomes, and the more power we have to walk the same walk outside the temple correctly. How blessed we are to be handed this gift, or endowment, that teaches us how to pattern our lives so that we can return to His presence. It is a great evidence that He loves us and wants us to return to Him. He has prescribed the way, and He makes universal exaltation available for all His children, if they choose to receive this gift.

It will be an eon before we are perfect, but having our hearts prepared by temple ordinances will protect and save us, when we follow the patterns we learn. We are armed with covenants and blessed with promises. The closest we will get to perfection in this life is in the temple. It is the Lord's teaching model. The more we go, the deeper the **pattern** imbeds itself in our hearts. And in the course of learning how to save ourselves, we learn another **profound pattern** - that of acting as Saviors for those who cannot do these ordinances for themselves. He blesses us, as well as those we serve, an hundred fold.

I love the scriptural phrase 'a multiplicity of blessings.'²⁸ Does it not describe our lives? We cannot even begin to list a small portion of the blessings and miracles in our lives. All these miracles denote there is a God revealing himself to us. To ignore, or worse, to deny Him is to

deny our own identity, our own existence. It is because of Him that we live, breathe, think, feel, hear, see, heal, and grow. Revelation abounds. As we acknowledge that revelation and act as directed by it, we can, over time, recognize our own grandeur, the grandeur of the godliness that, for the moment, is incompletely developed. Finishing that development is God's sole purpose in revealing His will to us.

Joseph Smith taught, and I have come to know: "that 'God exists.' I need and want to have a correct understanding of His character, perfections and attributes. These things give me a great desire to conform my will to His."²⁹ I also have deep gratitude and love for the Savior.

Now, one final **pattern, this one illustrating how the Lord dealt with Joseph and will deal with us**. The Lord said: "I have sent forth the fulness of my gospel by the hand of my servant Joseph; and in weakness have I blessed him."³⁰ If the Lord will bless Joseph, with such magnificent blessings, even in his weakness, I have confidence he will bless me too. I am painfully aware of my own weakness and I long for those blessings.

Recognize with me the fulfillment of a prophecy of the Lord, given Joseph while in Liberty Jail. "The ends of the earth shall inquire after thy name, (literally fulfilled) and fools shall have thee in derision, and hell shall rage against thee," (literally fulfilled), and then the contrast, "while the pure in heart, and the wise, and the noble, and the virtuous, shall seek counsel, and authority, and blessings constantly from under thy hand."³¹ (literally fulfilled).

As we pattern our lives after the righteous patterns of those the Lord calls to preside over us, even in their weakness, I know we will be numbered with the pure in heart, noble, and virtuous, and we will receive the multiplicity of blessings associated with that numbering.

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