

# 1 Nephi 4-5:67

## Know the Word Works by Faith

Living Hope Adult Sunday School

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# Homework check in!

- How did you apply last week's class in Scripture doing?
- How did you make what we read and discussed relevant in February 2024?



What is your  
response?

A friend of yours comes to you and states they don't know why faith matters anymore. They don't feel welcome at church, studying scriptures leaves them more confused than encouraged, and praying doesn't seem to lead to any different results.

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response?

**You hear someone disagreeing with and questioning things going on in the church, maybe after a class or sermon. They appear upset and discouraged.**

# Nephi's response

- 1 Nephi 4:9
- James 1:5
- 2 Nephi 12:37
- Alma 17:68

# Heart Condition

- **Hardened heart**
  - 1 Nephi 3:210-213  
(introduced last week)
  - 1 Nephi 4:11-12
  - John 12:40
  - Mosiah 7:43
- **Softened heart**
  - 1 Nephi 1:48
  - 1 Nephi 4:13
  - Alma 14:30
  - Alma 29:51
  - D&C 107:2c

## The Questions Asked by Laman & Lemuel

- What is the meaning of the branches of the Olive Tree?
- What is the meaning of the dream?
- What is the meaning of the rod of iron? The river of water?
- Verse 50- their question was appropriate and showed understanding of other spiritual concepts

# Judged by Works

## WICKEDNESS

- If works were filthy, then they are filthy
- They cannot dwell in the kingdom of God because no unclean thing can enter into the kingdom of God

## RIGHTEOUSNESS

- If works were pure, then they are pure
- Leads to the kingdom of God and the tree of life, whose fruit is most precious and most desirable
- The fruit is the greatest of all the gifts of God



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What is your  
response?

**A friend comes to you and addresses a sin in your life. You did not ask for the feedback or even realize it was an area where you struggled.**

# Liahona (compass)

- v.11- the Liahona is provided by God
- v.20- they followed its directions into the wilderness
- v.20- murmurings began because of hunger
- v.28- Nephi problem solves
- v.32- directed to look at the Liahona
- v.34- ***the Liahona worked according to the faith and diligence and heed which they gave unto the directions***
- v.35- writing was provided about the ways of the Lord
- v.36- “And thus we see that by small means the Lord can bring about great things.”
- v.40- all rejoiced because they got food
- v.47- brothers murmured and wanted to go back to Jerusalem
- v.58-59- ***the commandments of God must be fulfilled & there are promises that follow***

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## Further connection of the Liahona

- **Alma 17:71-78**
  - Discusses the purpose of the Liahona for Lehi and his family
- **V.79-80**
  - Explains how "these things are not without a shadow" for our spiritual journey

So where does  
faith & diligence  
come in?

- **If faith & diligence are required, what are they?**
- **How do we have faith and diligence today in 2024?**

- Genesis 6:24- faith was taught unto the children of men
- Isaiah 29:25- God will work according to our faith
- Romans 4:20- be strong in faith!
- Romans 10:16- faith comes by hearing and hearing comes from the word God
- Ephesians 2:8- saved by grace through faith, which is the gift of God
- Ephesians 3:12- Christ dwells in our hearts by faith
- Ephesians 6:16- faith is our shield
- Hebrews 6:12- don't be slothful, have faith and patience!
- Hebrews 12:2- Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith
- 2 Nephi 13:28- we press on by the word of Christ with unshaken faith
- Mosiah 2:49- faith leads to eternal life, without faith we must perish
- Alma 1:36- stand fast in the faith; steadfast and immovable
- Alma 3:23- according to faith, a mighty change was wrought in his heart
- Alma chapter 16

# Faith references

- 2 Corinthians 8:7- abound in everything (including diligence)
- Mosiah 5:52- if you serve God with all diligence (along with turning to him and trusting him, he will deliver you)
- Mosiah 11:148- Alma and fellow laborers walked in diligence, taught the word of God, suffered all manner of afflictions, and were persecuted
- Alma 5:43- rejoicing over the people's diligence and heed given to words of teaching
- Alma 13:29- exhort daily with all diligence
- Alma 16:170-173- faith and diligence connected to the growing of a tree to bring forth fruit
- Helaman 5:94- striving in unwearied diligence to bring others to the knowledge of the truth
- 3 Nephi 2:85- serve God with all diligence day and night

## Diligence references

Commandments  
fulfilled

*1 Nephi 5:58-59*

And thus we see that the commandments of God must be fulfilled. And if it so be that the children of men keep the commandments of God, he doth nourish them, and strengthen them, and provide means whereby they can accomplish the thing which he has commanded them;

Bountiful

**Lehi's family arrives in Bountiful in 1Nephi 5:67. It has taken 8 years to arrive.**





Questions/Comments?

## Next Week

- **Reading: 1 Nephi 5:68-264**
  - **Know Jesus (the Word) changes our response to trials**
- **Homework**
  - **Are there areas in your life where you need to soften your heart?**
  - **How will walking in faith and diligence impact your relationship with Jesus and others?**