

As I was driving along the freeway one morning this week, I looked at different buildings, saw different road signs, looked off to the distance and saw the surrounding mountains. Various thoughts went through my head. One thought that kept coming to mind was recalling the beginning of the school year many years ago. A group of our Special Education Leadership sang the song, “Changing”. Wow – think of all the changes that are occurring in our society. Here are just a few changes that came to my mind as I was driving:

- How people/groups of people treat each other
- How decisions are made
- What people place as a priority
- How we communicate with each other (frequency, method)
- How goals are established (plans for the future)

I thought of how each of those items affect me personally. Some of the thoughts that came to my mind saddened me. I grieve some of the changes that have occurred. Some changes directly affect me and my life. Other changes indirectly affect me and my life. But, there are some changes that have occurred that have made me feel joyous and appreciative. Some changes were unexpected and have been wonderful for me and my life. They have brought me joy.



In thinking of each item individually, I think of “WWJD”. What would Jesus Do? How would he treat people/groups? What would Jesus do regarding decisions that are made? What would be Jesus’ priority in various situations? How does Jesus communicate with us? How does Jesus plan for the future?

Change happens. That is an important part of life. WWJD in today’s society, with the changes that are occurring amongst us. Hearing this scripture read last Sunday spoke to me, especially verse 7. It brought me comfort, knowing the Spirit brings love and peace. The path is not always easy. The choices aren’t always clear. But there is hope and joy in discipleship. Thank you, God. Some days, I need reminded.

D & C: 161: 1a-b, 7

1a. Lift up your eyes and fix them on the place beyond the horizon to which you are sent. Journey in trust, assured that the great and marvelous work is for this time and for all time.

b. Claim your unique and sacred place within the circle of those who call upon the name of Jesus Christ. Be faithful to the spirit of the Restoration, mindful that it is a spirit of adventure, openness, and searching. Walk proudly and with a quickened step. Be a joyful people. Laugh and play and sing, embodying the hope and freedom of the gospel.

7. The Spirit of the One you follow is the spirit of love and peace. That Spirit seeks to abide in the hearts of those who would embrace its call and live its message. The path will not always be easy, the choices will not always be clear, but the cause is sure and the Spirit will bear witness to the truth, and those who live the truth will know the hope and the joy of discipleship in the community of Christ. Amen.