

Episode 1: Nephi and the Brass Plates

1 Nephi 3–4

Name: _____

Principle: Obedience doesn't require seeing the whole path. As we move forward in faith, the Lord prepares the way.

Read 1 Nephi 3:7; 1 Nephi 3:15; 1 Nephi 4:1; 1 Nephi 4:6–7

1 Nephi 3:7 ⁷And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said unto my father: I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them.

1 Nephi 3:15 ¹⁵But behold I said unto them that: As the Lord liveth, and as we live, we will not go down unto our father in the wilderness until we have accomplished the thing which the Lord hath commanded us.

1 Nephi 4:1 ¹And it came to pass that I spake unto my brethren, saying: Let us go up again unto Jerusalem, and let us be faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord; for behold he is mightier than all the earth, then why not mightier than Laban and his fifty, yea, or even than his tens of thousands?

1 Nephi 4:6–7 ⁶And I was led by the Spirit, not knowing beforehand the things which I should do. ⁷Nevertheless I went forth, and as I came near unto the house of Laban I beheld a man, and he had fallen to the earth before me, for he was drunken with wine.

Discuss & reflect

1. Laman and Lemuel called it “a hard thing” (1 Nephi 3:5); Nephi said “I will go and do.” Same command, opposite responses. Why?
2. The first two attempts failed. What does it teach you that the Lord's help didn't come on the first try?
3. Nephi was “led by the Spirit, not knowing beforehand” (1 Nephi 4:6). When have you had to act before you could see the whole plan?
4. The plates held the scriptures and the family's history. Why were they worth so much risk? What would you sacrifice for the word of God?

Cross-reference

Proverbs 3:5–6 “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

✍ Mark it

Mark 1 Nephi 3:7 and circle “prepare a way.” In the margin, name one commandment you'll obey this week.

What I learned

One thing I'll do this week:

Sketch notes

 doodle, map, or diagram

Family discussion

Which commandment feels like “a hard thing” for our family right now? How might the Lord prepare a way?

✂ cut out • keep in your scriptures as a bookmark

MEMORY VERSE

“And I was led by the Spirit, not knowing beforehand the things which I should do.”

1 Nephi 4:6