

Episode 6: Ammon, Missionary to the Lamanites

Alma 17–19

Name: _____

Principle: Service opens hearts that arguments never could. Earn trust through love, and the Spirit can teach.

Read Alma 17:9; Alma 17:11; Alma 17:25; Alma 18:10; Alma 19:16

Alma 17:9 ⁹And it came to pass that they journeyed many days in the wilderness, and they fasted much and prayed much that the Lord would grant unto them a portion of his Spirit to go with them, and abide with them, that they might be an instrument in the hands of God to bring, if it were possible, their brethren, the Lamanites, to the knowledge of the truth, to the knowledge of the baseness of the traditions of their fathers, which were not correct.

Alma 17:11 ¹¹And the Lord said unto them also: Go forth among the Lamanites, thy brethren, and establish my word; yet ye shall be patient in long-suffering and afflictions, that ye may show forth good examples unto them in me, and I will make an instrument of thee in my hands unto the salvation of many souls.

Alma 17:25 ²⁵But Ammon said unto him: Nay, but I will be thy servant. Therefore Ammon became a servant to king Lamoni. And it came to pass that he was set among other servants to watch the flocks of Lamoni, according to the custom of the Lamanites.

Alma 18:10 ¹⁰Now when king Lamoni heard that Ammon was preparing his horses and his chariots he was more astonished, because of the faithfulness of Ammon, saying: Surely there has not been any servant among all my servants that has been so faithful as this man; for even he doth remember all my commandments to execute them.

Alma 19:16 ¹⁶And it came to pass that they did call on the name of the Lord, in their might, even until they had all fallen to the earth, save it were one of the Lamanitish women, whose name was Abish, she having been converted unto the Lord for many years, on account of a remarkable vision of her father—

Discuss & reflect

1. Ammon was a king's son who gave up a kingdom, yet he told Lamoni, "I will be thy servant." Why did serving first make Lamoni ready to listen?
2. The Lord told them to be "patient in long-suffering and afflictions" (17:11). Why does sharing the gospel take patience?
3. Before their mission they "fasted much and prayed much" (17:9). How could you prepare spiritually for a hard conversation or opportunity?
4. Lamoni noticed Ammon's faithfulness in ordinary tasks (18:10). What would people notice about your faithfulness in small things?

Cross-reference

Mosiah 2:17 "And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God."

Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Mark it

Mark Alma 17:11 and underline "show forth good examples." Name one place you can be that example this week.

What I learned

One thing I'll do this week:

Sketch notes

 doodle, map, or diagram

Family discussion

Who could our family quietly serve this week, the way Ammon served Lamoni?

✂ cut out • keep in your scriptures as a bookmark

MEMORY VERSE

"I will make an instrument of thee in my hands unto the salvation of many souls."

Alma 17:11