2 Nephi 26 - 30 (2 Nephi 28:30)

Come, Follow Me: Book of Mormon



Line Upon Line

"Hey Dad?" Auggie had his scriptures in his hands. "What does 'line upon line, precept upon precept' mean?"

"Wow! Studying the Book of Mormon by yourself huh? That's great!" Dad turned around in his chair to face Auggie. Auggie showed the scripture to him. "Second Nephi can sometimes be tough to understand."

"Yeah," Auggie agreed. "But I want to understand."

"Okay, so the scripture talks about Heavenly Father teaching us one step at a time. I like to think of 'line upon line' to be like a ladder."

"Oh like the lines you see on a ladder?" Auggie connected.

"Yep. The lines are called rungs. And you climb the ladder one step at a time! Tell me, how did you learn how to read?" Dad asked.

"Uh..." Auggie thought for a moment. "I had to learn the letters of the alphabet first."

"Right!" Dad smiled. "That was your first step in learning to read. You had to learn your ABCs! The next step was to learn the sounds each letter makes. A says ah, B says buh. That kind of stuff!"

"And then I could sound out small words!" Auggie remembered.

"Exactly. Line upon line, step after step, you climbed the ladder in learning to read. It's the same as what the scripture says! We learn things one step at a time. And the more we learn, the more Heavenly Father can teach us. What was the first thing you learned about in church?"

"Probably Jesus." Auggie guessed.

"I think you're right. And line upon line, you learned more! You learned that Jesus loves you. Then you learned about the stories of Jesus. One step at a time. That's how we all learn."

"Thanks, Dad!" Auggie smiled. "That makes a lot more sense now. Thanks for teaching me line upon line. I would have been really confused if you would have taught everything all at once!

"Just following the example of the scriptures!" Dad winked.