preparations he made in order to defeat the robbers. Implementing his lifestyle can bring hope into our lives as well.

**He Could Not Be Frightened**

The very first description of Lachoneus in his reaction to Giddianhi’s letter was that “he could not be frightened” (3 Nephi 3:12). This is key in knowing how to fight against Satan.

Fear is one of Satan’s tools that he uses against us, because one of the greatest tools against him is faith. Boyd K. Packer tells us, “Fear is the opposite of faith. While we cannot erase wickedness, we can produce young Latter-day Saints who, spiritually nourished, are immunized against evil influences.” As long as we remain strong in our defenses, we can be prepared, and we don’t have to fear.

A significant way for me to avoid having fear is to look at things from God’s point of view. God sees the final product, and it is always happy as long as His plan was followed. Elder M Russell Ballard referred to this in a talk he gave to students at BYU, where he told about how he and his wife were blessed with seven children, none of which they could afford. And yet, God made things work out for them. Just as it is easy to see how things will work out from hindsight, when we learn to trust God, we trust that things will work out for our best. Then, we can be filled with faith, and Satan will have no power over us. When we fear, we cannot move forward.

**He Gathered His People unto One Place**

Another significant thing Lachoneus did was to bring all the people in to one place, and to gather them together. (3 Nephi 3:13) Even today, we are a gathering people. We meet together in Sacrament Meetings, as Priesthood Quorums, the sisters meet together in Relief Society, our Monday evenings are asked to be set aside so that families could gather together. As a people, we gather together so often, there must be a reason for it.

Indeed, there is. Elder David A Bednar gave a talk at BYU-Idaho during a devotional which will help add insight into why we gather. He tells us why we gather, where we gather, and the blessings of gathering together. We gather together for worshiping, for building up the church, for defense, and for guidance and instruction. We gather together in the restored church, in Holy Temples, in Stakes of Zion, and in families. And as we gather, we are blessed with edification, preservation, and strength. Many people do not think of gathering together as a principle of the gospel, but rather a necessary think to do in order to stay strong in the gospel. But it is a principle of the gospel, and it will serve us just as it served Lachoneus.

What happens to a family as it gathers together every Monday evening to meet for Family Home Evening? And what happens to the people whose names are gathered together, and whose work is done in the temples? Ammon the missionary describes what happens to those that he gathered:

> Behold, the field was ripe, and blessed are ye, for ye did thrust in the sickle, and did reap with your might, yea, all the day long did ye labor; and behold the number of your sheaves! And they shall be gathered into the garner, that they are not wasted.

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