



HOW WOULD WE GET HOME?

ONE DAY MY FRIEND Viviana and I heard about an important fireside from our Young Women leaders. They encouraged us to go, even though it was far away from where we lived.

We were not familiar with how to get there by bus, and we couldn't afford a taxi. However, we trusted in the Lord and went on the bus. On the ride, my friend saw someone she knew, and the woman suggested that we catch the metro at the next stop. So we did. When we got off, we were already quite close to the

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 “Some people say, ‘I can’t afford to pay tithing.’ Those who place their faith in the Lord’s promises say, ‘I can’t afford not to pay tithing.’”

Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Apr. 1994 general conference.

stake center. And since the metro ride happened to be free because of its recent grand opening, we were able to use that money to pay for a taxi to our destination.

After we got to the fireside, we had a problem: we were out of money! We didn't tell anyone, but when the fireside ended, our bishop came and gave each of us a tithing envelope with money in it. He said, “I'm afraid you put more money into your envelopes than you had recorded on the donation slip, and here is what you overpaid.”

At that moment, Viviana and I embraced each other. We knew that because of our diligence in following our leaders and paying our tithing, our Heavenly Father was blessing us. That experience reminds me how much He is aware of me and loves me. I know that when we obey His commandments in faith, He will bless us.

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Why Do We Pay Tithing?

1. It's a commandment (see Leviticus 27:30-34). While paying tithing may be a sacrifice, obedience will help strengthen our faith.
2. Tithing funds are used to help further the Lord's work (see D&C 120).
3. We're promised spiritual and temporal blessings when we pay our tithing (see Malachi 3:10-11; 3 Nephi 24:10).
4. Tithing is a privilege and a way to show gratitude to God (see “Tithing,” Gospel Topics, topics.lds.org).