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Upon joining the Internship, I honestly had no idea what to expect. I barely knew anything about it other than the fact that there would be classes and a trip to Palmyra and Kirtland. The first class we had was about the power of prayer. We were taught that we must be diligent in prayer. The most prominent point to me was the fact that God always answers prayers. He may not answer them right away or how you want, He may even say, "no" but He always answers prayers.

As we were going to be sharing with evangelical protestors outside of the Hill Cumorah pageant when we went on the trip, I knew I was going to have to find my testimony of The Book of Mormon. My only problem was I didn't know how I was going to do that. Then, I remembered the class on prayer and how God always answers our prayers, so I took it to God in prayer. I asked Him for guidance, that He would tell me what I needed to do to find my testimony.

The next week we had a class on the signs of the times. Before we got into the class, our teacher, Marlin Guin, was going to give a bit of information on finding a testimony. My mind instantly perked up, and I was thinking, "Is this your answer, God?" and Marlin shared with us a passage of scripture from Alma 12:3-5. From that scripture, Marlin developed a formula of sorts: Prayer + Study + Fasting = Personal Revelation. I thought that was wonderful, but I felt I needed a little more, so I prayed again asking for more specifics.

The following Sunday Jim Noland taught a class about study. Every single bit was study. The verse in Alma was even brought up again, and I believe God wants me to be more diligent in my study of the scriptures. With this experience, I can testify that God always answers prayers.