

Katy First Ward Spiritual Message #46

## THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO IN LIFE IS SHOW UP

Years ago when I was the Priest Quorum Advisor, every Sunday I started the lesson with the exact same message. I hoped that in years to come if the boys did not remember anything else, they would remember that one thing. The lesson always started with, "**The most important thing you can do in life is simply to show up**". I guess that was significant to me because most of the boys were less active. With a lot of effort and visiting them at home, eventually each one of them started to show up. That was important to me because it did not matter how effective my lessons were, if they were not there it had no impact on their life. With a lot of effort on the part of all the ward leaders every one of those boys except one eventually went on missions.

Now I am starting to see a second important thing that is necessary in our life spiritually. Especially for youth. When we show up then it is important that we "BE THERE WHILE WE ARE THERE". When I was young, I grew up in a very small town where most of the people were members. Many of them were active in that they came to church but I realized even as a child that many of them just "SHOWED UP" for social reasons. They were in the church but not a part of the church spiritually. They just showed up but as I watched them during the week it was obvious to me that the church was a social event to them not a spiritual event. In this day and age it is very easy for us to stay connected to the outside world during church with our social media devices. So again some are showing up but are not really there part of the time. Now my lessons will always start with, "The most important thing you can do in life is just show up. The second most important thing you can do in life is be there while you are there"

Brother Vail

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