

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want
is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us,
even though we cannot see it up ahead. Hebrews 11:1 (TLB)

This song is a story about two families from two different centuries, who have
learned to keep God as their main priority.

First Things First

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VERSE 1: We drove our wagons 'cross the mountains and the valleys,
And suffered so much hardship on the way.
We had come to find a better life here in God's untended land.
Here we stayed;
And we prayed;
First things first.

VERSE 2: We worked hard to plant the seeds into the soil;
And prayed to God to help those seeds to grow.
Then we built our homes to keep us warm, and began to build a church
To offer thanks
In our prayers.
First things first.

REFRAIN 1: The winter came and showed no mercy, our first year;
The cold and sickness took their toll.
But still, we made it through.
When spring had come, we built our town, our home, right here.
And we called our new town: "Glory".....
Established eighteen-forty-four.
And we prayed for peace, prosperity,
And gave thanks unto our Lord;
First things first.

VERSE 3: We drove our wagon 'cross the interstates and parkways;
And suffered so much boredom on the way.
We had come to find a better life, and to find a better town....
Leave the grind,
Far behind;
First things first.

VERSE 4: Bought a home within a little town named "Glory",
By a church, one hundred fifty nine years old;
Where they still held Sunday services, and we always planned to go....
Had no time,
Busy lives.
First things first.

REFRAIN 2: A fire came and took our home away, that year.
And ev'rything we owned was gone.

But when it seemed that things
Were at their worst, that little church next door came through.
Bringing food, and clothes and kindness,
Prayers of hope, and love, and trust;
And a lesson to remember Him
Who still remembers us.

REPEAT: As our fathers knew, before us,
It's a lesson for all time:
We should never get so busy
That we leave our Lord behind.
First things first.

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