



Do not worry

A Letter About Prayer
Philippians 4:4-6

Granny B sat on the porch sipping a glass of cold lemonade. Delbert and Lello were slowly walking toward her. Granny B knew something was not right. She set down her glass, got up, and walked down the steps toward them.

"Hello, little ones," Granny B called sweetly.

"Haw," Delbert sadly said in reply.

"Oh my, what is wrong?" Granny B asked. She had never seen the two friends so upset.

"Baa. We are so worried about Delbert's Uncle Donny," Lello began to explain.

"Haw! The weather has been very bad where Uncle Donny is helping to build a new church," Delbert finished.

Granny B asked, "Have you been praying for him?"

Delbert and Lello told Granny B that they had been too worried to pray. Granny B started to ask a few more questions when the sound of Posty's flapping wings interrupted her.

"Haw! It's Posty! I hope there is a letter with good news," Delbert said, his ears perking up. The three friends hurried to the mailbox where Posty was waiting.

"You've got mail. I deliver without fail!" Posty squawked.

"Haw. Thanks, Posty. I'm too nervous to read it. Lello, will you read it, please?" Delbert said, handing the letter to her.

"Baa. Ok," Lello said. She began to read.

Dear Delbert,
We have had some bad storms this week, but God has kept us safe. I hope you haven't been worrying. Here's another letter from the Bible for you.
Love,
Uncle Donny

Delbert jumped up and down. "Haw! He's all right! Let me read the Bible letter, please." Lello handed the letter to Delbert. He cleared his throat and read.

*Dear brothers and sisters in the family of God,
Do not be worried about anything. Instead, pray about everything!*
Love,
Paul

"What did that say? We just have to pray?" Posty asked.

"That's right, dear," Granny B replied. "Paul was writing this letter to remind people to pray instead of worrying."

"Baa. Should we be praying for Uncle Donny?" Lello asked.

"Pray, pray, pray. As the Bible does say!" Posty squawked.

"I'll pray, but I think I'll still be worried for Uncle Donny," Delbert said sadly.

Granny B smiled and thought for a moment. Then, she pulled out her Bible from her apron. She opened it and looked at Delbert and Lello.

"Do you remember what the Bible letter said about worrying?" she asked.

"Oh yeah," Lello bleated cheerfully. "It says, 'Do not worry.' We can pray instead of worrying. Delbert, let's go pray for your Uncle Donny right now."

"Haw! What a great idea! Thanks for the letter, Posty." Delbert turned to Granny B and gave her a hug. "And, thank you for teaching us not to worry."

Posty began to take off and announced, "So long and goodbye! It's time to fly!"

Granny B waved to Posty, hugged Delbert and Lello, and then slowly walked back to the farmhouse. She hoped Pops was inside so they could pray for Uncle Donny together.