

## **KEEP ON KICKING!**

Two frogs fell into a bucket of cream, and found it exceedingly difficult to keep their heads above the surface of the cold, thick liquid. The first frog, fatigued, slowed by the cold temperature, and bereft of hope, rapidly succumbed and was drowned. The second frog, however, pushed herself to keep swimming despite all the odds. It was not long before she realized that she was being bouyed up, and eventually was able to leap out of the bucket from a large island of butter churned by her kicking.

One of the most important elements of faith is perseverance, especially in the face of apparent disaster. We hold on to hope and keep trying, when we believe that God will not abandon us, solutions emerge that never would have occurred to us.

God rarely reaches down to directly intervene in the natural world to rescue us. What Jesus taught us, and the Spirit offers us today, is the transformation of soul that enables us to make the best of every situation, to persevere until we discover the solution or die trying. Remarkably, when we live in faith, solutions emerge in the natural order of things that were not apparent before.