

Follow Him

Episode 3

Guest: Dr. Michael Mackay

Doctrine and Covenants 2; Joseph Smith--History 1:27-65

“The Hearts of the Children Shall Turn to the Fathers”

Show Notes

Podcast General Description:

Follow Him: A *Come, Follow Me* Podcast with Hank Smith & John Bytheway

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Part 1:

Imagine Joseph Smith not as the prophet of the Restoration, but as a teenager with a cheery temperament. What was Joseph like before he was a Latter-day Saint? We get to know a teenager as he becomes a married prophet as Dr. Michael MacKay explains what it means that Joseph “has a work . . . to do.”

Part 2:

Suppose each religion and people are like a unique, indispensable fabric woven together by the golden thread of the Gospel, temple covenants, and the Savior; what is our part in the sewing? Dr. Michael MacKay reminds us that every human being has already chosen the Savior. Join us as we discuss how Joseph Smith brings forth what is to become the most inclusive religion the world has ever known.

Timecode:

Part 1:

- (00:02) *Introduction*
- (01:48) *The Story of the Restoration Can Change Lives in Minutes*
- (03:03) *Joseph Smith Ages 15-18*
- (09:57) *Seer Stones and Cultural Spirituality*
- (16:32) *Moroni Visits: JSH 1:27-49*
- (22:30) *A Work to Do*
- (26:28) *The Priesthood, the Temple, and Dispensations*
- (35:45) *Four Visits by Moroni*
- (38:26) *Latter-day Saints Sew the Quilt Through Temple Work*

Part 2:

- (00:05) *Introduction*
- (01:43) *Joseph's Probationary Period*
- (05:50) *Joseph Moves to Pennsylvania*
- (08:20) *The Lord is Raising Up Friends*
- (12:08) *Joseph Gets the Plates*
- (13:23) *The Church is Founded by Both Emma and Joseph*
- (21:28) *A Historian's Perspective*

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