

Follow Him

Episode 8: Guest: Dr. Casey Griffiths

Doctrine and Covenants 14-17

“Stand as a Witness”

Show Notes

Podcast General Description:

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

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Podcast Episode 8 Description:

Part 1:

We meet the Whitmers and follow the early Restoration Heroes as they travel and work between the Trifecta of Translation: Harmony, PA, Colesville, NY, and Palmyra, NY. Dr. Casey Griffiths explains the Whitmer family's closeness, shares a story of miraculous farming, and relates the early Saints' character. Join Hank, John, and Dr. Griffiths to discuss why repentance needs rebranding.

Part 2:

We continue Part II with Dr. Griffiths and our discussion the witnesses of the plates including: Lucy Mack, Mary Whitmer, and dozens of women who have been essential to Church History. We discuss the Nephite Interpreters, the breastplate, the plates, and how Joseph and the Lord love to share visions and experiences. The Restoration is not a one-man show.

Timecode:

Part 1

- 00:00 Welcome
- 00:30 Casey Griffiths Bio
- 03:01 Three Families of the Early Restoration
- 06:55 David Whitmer Farm Miracle (Three Nephite-type Event)
- 10:58 Whitmer Family Lifesaving Mission
- 14:30 Angel Moroni Sighting
- 18:35 David Whitmer, Oliver Cowdery, and Joseph are the Translating Trio
- 21:29 David Whitmer's Character and Later Life
- 27:17 David Whitmer Never Denies the Book of Mormon
- 31:36 Dr. Griffith Tells Personal Worthiness Story
- 33:55 We Need to Repent About Repentance
- 41:38 Endure to the End Means Stay Loyal to the Savior
- 43:17 Emma and Others Work as Scribe
- 47:27 Miraculous Translation Process and First Person Sources
- 53:26 Whitmer Family are Reliable Witnesses to The Translation

Part 2

- 00:00 Welcome
- 00:08 Begin Discussion on Doctrine and Covenants 17
- 03:38 Joseph Rejoices to Share Plates with Men and Women
- 06:42 Many See the Plates (Some Under a Cloth)
- 09:09 Mary Whitmer Visited by Moroni and the Plates
- 13:21 Elizabeth Whitmer Cowdery Testifies of Translation
- 14:52 Artifacts and Plates
- 18:02 The Lord and Joseph Share Miraculous Experiences
- 24:43 Sally Heller Story About Joseph and Oliver's Countenances
- 27:04 Mary Elizabeth Rollins Leitner Describes Transfiguration
- 28:52 The Three Witnesses Never Deny Their Testimony
- 31:38 Whitmer Farm Most Blessed Days
- 31:57 Eight Witnesses
- 34:46 These Sections like Patriarchal Blessings
- 36:54 David Whitmer in Later Life as a Witness of the Book of Mormon
- 39:34 Personal Story about Childbirth Varies with Who Tells the Story
- 44:22 Translation Required Good Relationship with Emma--Church Work Requires Home Life to be a Priority
- 47:45: Dr. Griffiths Testimony
- 50:22 Doctrine and Covenants Heroes are Imperfectly Perfect

Sources:

BIO:

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