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Episode 111: Dr. Lisa Tait
Doctrine and Covenants 23-26
“Strengthen the Church”

Show Notes

Podcast General Description:

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

Do you ever feel that preparing for your weekly *Come, Follow Me* lesson falls short? Join hosts Hank Smith and John Bytheway as they interview experts to make your study for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' *Come, Follow Me* course not only enjoyable but original and educational. If you are looking for resources to make your study fresh, faithful, and fun--no matter your age--then join us every Sunday.

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Part 1:

Discover why Samuel Smith is as stalwart as William Smith is reticent with our guest Dr. Lisa Olsen Tait. Hank, John, and Dr. Tait introduce us to the first three branches of the Church and these early Saints' efforts to carry their crosses, learn the will of the Lord, and begin to weary and wear out their lives in service. They examine the concept of common consent and the rights of women and voting in the early Church.

Part 2:

Part II is a deep dive into Emma Hale Smith's personality, abilities, and role in establishing the early Church. Emma is educated, adept, and gifted. She completes Joseph and enables him to accomplish the Lord's work. We learn how Emma was consistently supported and encouraged

by Lucy Mack Smith, who reminds us that Emma constantly and consistently served those around her. See a new side of Emma Hale Smith with our expert, Dr. Lisa Olsen Tait, as well as reviewing her better-known accomplishments of creating a hymnal, acting as scribe, and lending her abilities to establishing the Church in this dispensation

Timecode:

Part 1

- *00:00* Introduction
- *01:10* Dr. Lisa Olsen Tait Bio
- *04:44* Samuel Smith's Conversion Story
- *07:15* Samuel Smith's Death Mentioned
- *09:40* Joseph Knight Encouraged to Pray Vocally by the Lord
- *12:39* Joseph Knights Asks to Have His Own Visionary Experience
- *14:59* The Church is Like an Infant--Needing Lots of Assistance
- *16:50* Baptisms Occur and is Perceived as Disruption of the Peace by Locals
- *20:57* The Adversary Perceives Joseph and Early Saints as Disturbers
- *24:03* The Lord Tells Them They Shall Have Many Afflictions
- *28:43* Emma and Joseph Told They They Will Have to Rely on Others
- *34:27* Section 24 Like Jacob 5
- *40:31* The Bible is the Lens Through Which the Early Saints Consider Revelation
- *45:49* Women Vote in Councils
- *48:59* Sustaining Someone is in the Future

Part 2

- *00:00* Part II Begins
- *00:35* Emma Hale Smith Introduction
- *06:21* Joseph Smith Courts Emma Hale
- *10:27* Emma's Baptism
- *12:25* The Lord Reminds Emma She is His Daughter
- *16:27* Emma's Unflinching Strength and Service in Illinois
- *17:09* The Lord's Message Applies to All of Us
- *19:09* Emma is Called an Elect Lady
- *22:59* Joseph Mentions Emma's Ordination
- *29:29* The Lord Doesn't Promise Emma Wealth
- *32:49* The Deceitfulness of Riches
- *35:42* A Book of Hymns is Begun by Emma Hale Smith and W.W. Phelps

- 39:48 Emma's Love of the Savior Expressed by Her Choice of Hymns
- 42:37 Cleave Unto the Covenants
- 44:05 Joseph Asks Emma About Walls in Jerusalem
- 49:03 Dr. Lisa Olsen Tait Shares Her Testimony and Why She Studied History

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