

EPISODE 17 • PART I

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Hank Smith:	<u>00:01</u>	Welcome to followHIM, a weekly podcast, dedicated to helping individuals and families with their Come Follow Me study. I'm Hank Smith.
John Bytheway:	<u>00:09</u>	And I'm John Bytheway.
Hank Smith:	<u>00:10</u>	We love to learn.
John Bytheway:	<u>00:11</u>	We love to laugh.
Hank Smith:	<u>00:13</u>	We want to learn and laugh with you as together, we followHIM. My friends, welcome to another episode of followHIM. My name is Hank Smith. I am here with my illustrious co-host John Bytheway. Welcome John.
John Bytheway:	<u>00:28</u>	Always excited to hear which adjective I am today.
Hank Smith:	<u>00:31</u>	Yes. Illustrious.
John Bytheway:	<u>00:31</u>	And I have to look it up.
Hank Smith:	<u>00:35</u>	Hey, we just want to remind everyone that you can rate and review our podcast. We would love it if you would do that. And you can follow us on social media, find us on Instagram and Facebook. John, we have the incredible opportunity each week to meet with a great mind in the church. And we have that opportunity again this week. Tell us who's here with us.
John Bytheway:	<u>00:59</u>	Oh, we are here today with, Barbara Morgan Gardner. Barbara thoroughly enjoys teaching religion at BYU. She's teaching the Doctrine and Covenants, The Eternal Family, and The Teachings of Living Prophets. Her research interest focus primarily on women in religious leadership, international education, most specifically Latin America, and religious pedagogy. That's another word, Hank, maybe you could define for us, pedagogy.
Hank Smith:	<u>01:23</u>	Yes.
John Bytheway:	<u>01:23</u>	I think it's about bicycling. She's the author of the book, The Priesthood Power of Women: In the Temple, Church, and

Family. Barbara received her PhD in Instructional Psychology. Her master's degree is in Educational Leadership and Foundations with an emphasis on International Education Development. She completed post-doctoral work at Harvard university. She served as Institute director in Boston, which included her assignment as, I love this, the chaplain at both Harvard and MIT.

Hank Smith: 01:54

Wow.

John Bytheway: 01:54

She continues to serve as the chaplain-at-large in higher education for the LDS Church. She also serves on the BYU Interfaith Outreach Council. Before teaching at BYU, she worked as a seminary and institute teacher, as well as a researcher for the church educational system. She was born and raised in Salem, Oregon, served a Spanish speaking mission in the Los Angeles Temple Visitor's Center, and resides in Highland, Utah.

John Bytheway: 02:19

Barbara is married to Dustin Gardner, where they are the parents of two children. She enjoys her wonderful family, learning, teaching, traveling, people, the great outdoors and life. And I was excited to meet her, Hank, because her chapter... For those of you watching in video, look at the bookmarks in this war of women's conference in 2017. Her talk called, Why Do You Stay, is so good and so I've marked it all up. And so I was excited to meet her. I wanted to tell her that was a great talk. I've read it again and again. And I'm going to, with your permission, photocopy it and give it to my students.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 02:57

Feel free. It's meant for them.

Hank Smith: 03:00

Hey, Barbara. Welcome to followHIM.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 03:02

Thank you. It's nice to be here and following Him with you.

Hank Smith: 03:06

I've known Barb for quite a long time. It feels like, at least Barb, probably, I don't know, 15, 16 years maybe, back when you were a seminary teacher. I was a brand new teacher, I think you had pretty brand new teacher. And they always used Barb as the example. They always said, "This is what we want." And they'd show videos.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 03:26

This is the one woman for women.

Hank Smith: 03:27

Yeah. That's true. That's true.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 03:31 That's the reality. Not really. I wasn't the only woman, but in that area I probably... In the school, I was.

Hank Smith: 03:36 You are making frequent trips to South America, because I will text you occasionally and say, "Hey Barb, can you do this or can you do this?" And you'll say, "I would love to, but I'm going to Mexico city this weekend." How often do you fly to South America?

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 03:49 With COVID, I don't.

Hank Smith: 03:51 Okay, before the-

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 03:52 Previous to COVID, two to five times a year, depending on the situation. South America, for different conferences, for students, members of the church, they have young adult conferences down there that I'm a part of, helping with that. And then doing research down in Mexico and hopefully helping out with the needs of the citizens in that part of the hemisphere. Wonderful, wonderful members of the church there.

Hank Smith: 04:11 Barb, you do just so much good. As John was reading your bio, I thought, "How can she be this young? She's done all this." It reminds me of Joseph Smith. So much done in such a young age.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 04:26 That's hilarious. Thanks to both of you. I'll right back at you. I appreciate the love.

Hank Smith: 04:30 We are very excited to have you. So let's jump into the Come Follow Me lesson for this week. It's Sections 41 through 44. Let's start with 41 and 42. These, I think Barb, you can correct me if I'm wrong, but I think these are the first sections given in Ohio. Can you give us a little background here? What brought Joseph Smith and the church to Ohio? And what have these first few weeks been like?

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 04:54 I love that they got to Ohio. In Section 38, It's one of my... I get so giddy about these sections because I love anything to do with the temple. And in these sections, we see the Lord, previous to this, telling the saints, Section 36, "I'm going to be building my temple." And then you get to section 38, and he basically explains. Not very often in our life does the Lord actually say, "I'm going to tell you why I'm sending you to Ohio." But he does, he tells us why. "You're going to the Ohio so that you can be endowed with power and so I can give to you my law." Which to me is just temple, temple, temple, temple, and its

power and authority and its exaltation, eternal life, salvation of souls, it's salvation, all coming to a forefront.

- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 05:33 So, not only has the Lord told them that, now they're saying, "Okay, we're coming." And it feels like these saints have given up so much already in trying to get themselves to Ohio, and translating everything else that's going on. Now they have arrived. Emma was pregnant third trimester with twins, no idea how she was handling that. That would be extremely difficult. The saints had already given up, as I said. The willingness to give up land, money, property, etc, etc, etc. They are now there and a lot is going to be expected of them. I'm confident more than they realize.
- Hank Smith: 06:07 Yeah. I wonder if those new converts in Ohio had any idea that as they get baptized, they're going to become the headquarters of the church. Joseph Smith is in New York, the beginnings of the church are in New York. All of a sudden here comes Parley Pratt, a member of their congregation back through, baptizes what, a hundred and something of them. What did Susan tell us last week, John? Baptized I think 120 or something.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 06:35 [crosstalk 00:06:35]. Yeah.
- John Bytheway: 06:35 Yeah. It was like you said, practically doubled the membership of the church at once.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 06:35 Yeah. It's true.
- Hank Smith: 06:39 And then all of a sudden, Hey, guess what? You're not only the new members of the church, you now are the headquarters of the church because Joseph Smith is coming to you.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 06:47 I almost wonder how many people we know that aren't baptized in Ohio. At this early, obviously we're not talking about the Whitmers and Oliver Cowdery, but these major names are going to start coming forward, John Murdock. Major leaders of the church are going to be baptized here. This is a substantial membership of the church right here.
- Hank Smith: 07:04 It feels to me that this group of Ohio converts have been prepared for this moment with Sydney's teaching before as a Campbell light, was he a Baptist minister? As all this is coming, it just feels like this group is prepared and here comes, all you got to do is add the missing ingredient, which is Joseph Smith and the members from New York, and things are going to work out

well. So they moved in the middle of winter, and I can't imagine that's a great trip.

- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 07:36 Especially from New York to Ohio.
- Hank Smith: 07:38 Yeah. From New York to Ohio, in the middle of winter. I think Joseph Smith travels by sleigh.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 07:45 I think it's important to understand that these members of the church were trying to find truth, that when the missionaries that you're talking about, Parley P. Pratt, Albert, when these missionaries came there, they were searching for truth. They were trying to understand God's will for them. These were people that were already in the process of sacrificing. Many of them have already considered themselves a family. They were living, not the law of consecration, but they were sharing a lot of things already together as well, as well as those who were coming from New York.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 08:08 So we do have a group of people that seemingly have a humble heart. Like you said, they're prepared to have the gospel, but they're also prepared to be selfless, they're prepared to change their ways, they're prepared to involve other people. We're going to have major struggles with that as well. Some of it is a little bit too fanatic, and we're going to find some major spiritualism that's going on that is not necessarily in line with the way God would have his church be. But it seems that their motivation and their intention was to do the will of God. And God's going to use them for those purposes.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 08:37 So I think that there's a reason, like you said, they were prepared. There's a substantial group of people here who truly are trying to do the best thing. And I think we see that right at the beginning. We see the Lord in Section 41 is just saying, harken and hear. And I think that they were ready to do that. I think that they were ready to harken, they were ready to hear, they were ready to be obedient to the Lord at this point.
- Hank Smith: 08:54 I love way we're doing this here, because it seems to me that you have this group of saints in Ohio that are prepared and ready. You have this group of saints in New York who are sacrificing so much to move. And they're going to come together and it's going to be a powerful group when those two groups come together. It just feels like good things are going to happen. Yes, there's going to be struggles, but it feels like, Wow, you're going to have a lot of power there in this little town.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 09:21 Yeah. I just think specifically Joseph Knight, Polly Knight, coming from New York, their willingness to sacrifice, the whole group that comes with them and the callings that the Lord is going to give them. You have shortly after this, we have our first Bishop being called, Edward Partridge. He's only been a member for two months, and he's the Bishop. No handbook of instruction, but... The Lord has high expectations for these people. But I think he can for a reason. I think that they are prepared like you said. There's going to be a lot that's going to be required here.

Hank Smith: 09:46 John, you've been to Kirtland as I have. Barb, I know you have. There's just a power that is in that little area. They got the Temple up on the hill, and then if you go down to the Visitor's Center where the Whitney Store is. And there is just, I don't know, to me it's something that's blossomed. I don't think I understood much as a young seminary teacher, how important Kirtland is to the history of the church, because I guess we focus on Nauvoo and in New York, and maybe we lose a little bit of Kirtland. But, I don't know, There's a power and a spirit there that just connects me with these early saints.

John Bytheway: 10:25 Well, I like what Barbara said, going back to Section 38, go to Ohio because I have something there for you. You're going to be endowed with power and you're going to get the law. And then they finally did get there and here it comes in these sections. And I'm looking at, in the Come Follow Me manual, the first paragraph for this particular group of sections. I love this question, how do you unify a quickly expanding body of believers, especially when they are bringing with them doctrines and practices from their previous faiths? And that's, I think what Barbara was saying just there. They're all coming here and they're devout, they want to know what to do. And now they're here. Maybe this is a good time to jump into the content of these sections. What's the Lord's message in Section 41?

Hank Smith: 11:12 Yeah.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 11:12 John, I'm going to jump in there as well as we're doing this, since we are talking about at the beginning. Hank, you were saying, "What's going on in Ohio?" I pause for a moment because there are 65 revelations that are now sections of Doctrine and Covenants, that take place in Ohio. We're talking the vision, section 76. We're we're talking the Word of Wisdom. We're talking major sources of revelation where the Lord is actually going to be revealing extremely important doctrine over a long period time. We're doing 41 to 44 today, but Holy cow, section 45, too. The Lord is just pounding people in the Ohio area with these major revelations. So we're saying, what's

going on in Ohio? Well, the foundation of the church. Yes, it's New York, but the major revelations, the major doctrinal points are going to be happening. The Lord is going to reveal these to these people for the next few years. This is extremely significant.

John Bytheway: 12:05

So, Karl Anderson is, is saying, "Amen, right now."

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 12:09

Yeah. [crosstalk 00:12:10]

Hank Smith: 12:10

We've mentioned him a couple of times. We had to invite Karl on so he can tell Kirtland when the little bit more. He loves to do it. To me, I think if we lose the significance Barb, if we think of these sections as old, Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. A word of wisdom of course. I've known that my whole life. Or section 76, the Three Degrees of Glory. I've known that my whole life. If you lose the fact that this was brand new, every one of these was brand new, you're going to lose how exciting and also mind-blowing it probably was to live in Kirtland over the next eight years.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 12:45

I love to read the Doctrine and Covenants with the church history in mind, of course. It's hard to read it without the context sometimes. But I feel like because I'm reading this and I come to these sections, it's almost as the saints are saying, "Oh my goodness." I can not imagine the giddiness when they get there and they realize what is really going on. We're building the Kirtland Temple, we're going to receive the keys of Elijah. Families are going to be sealed for eternity. We're going to be able to do missionary work. We're bringing back the exaltation of eternal life. We're talking about people on both sides of the veil. It's mind boggling in reality. Every time I just keep saying this, but as I go through the Doctrine and Covenants, starting in section 41 with this, and what's going to be revealed for the next few years, it would blow any person's mind away if they actually understood what was happening here.

Hank Smith: 13:29

Yeah.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 13:30

And me included. And I understand and I seriously sometimes I read this throughout my scriptures and say, "This is too much, this is crazy." This is amazing. It is. And you said, John, get into the scriptures, I think one of the first things in there, verse two, it says in there, assemble yourselves together to agree upon my word. Just like the Lord is saying, "Okay, go to Ohio." You're not going to have a big discussion on what is right and what is not right, the Lord is going to just tell you what's right. The Lord is going to give you my law.

Hank Smith: 13:55 And you agree with it.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 13:56 And you're going to have to agree with it. And I actually love that these people want to know the truth, and the Lord is going to give it to them. And they're going to believe it and they're going to act upon it. There's going to be some falling away later. We're going to have the Kirtland Safety Society. We're going to have major problems that are going to happen financially, religiously with some of these members of the church. But there's no question at this time, that the Lord is giving his law and it is coming from God. These people believe the prophet.

Hank Smith: 14:19 Yeah. Yeah. Verse three, and by the prayer of faith, you shall receive my law. I think we talked about this last week with Susan, but it's almost as if the Lord in New York around December, puts the restoration on hold. He says, "Now you're ready to move." And once they are all there, he's like, "Okay, game on. Let's floods you now with more revelation." Barb, as you were saying that with Kirtland, the theology that comes out of Kirtland is just you're right. Even Harvard theologians today would just be blown away by this firmer, unfolding theology week after week after week. I just think if we can grasp that, it's much bigger than maybe we understand as we just look at the black and white here on the page.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 15:09 Even just the reality that we have before with Hyrum page, earlier in the Doctrine and Covenants, where the saints are being told, Joseph is my prophet, and he is going to be your profit on the earth. But then you see in verse four, I will be your ruler when I come. He's setting up the kingdom of God on the earth that has not been understood at that point. Yes, Joseph is here, he is my profit. I'm going to teach you the gospel and then I expect you to live it. And this is the law. And if you do, you will be endowed with power from on high. You'll be allowed have the blessings of the temple and that's all coming. But I am going to prepare you to be a temple people, and I'm going to prepare you to build a temple. The Lord just lays it all out here.

Hank Smith: 15:47 He mentions in verse three, you will receive my law. Says it again in verse four, see that my law is kept. He says it again in verse five, he that receiveth my law and do with it the same as my disciple. So are we talking about Section 42 there, or even more than Section 42? When I see the Lord talking about, my law, and then Section 42, the heading talks about, the law would be given in Ohio. I think the saints of that day, they saw section 42 as the law., but in your mind, do you see it as even more than Section 42?

- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 16:22 Yeah. Anytime the Lord is teaching, we as a people, we understand as members of the church that it's a line upon line, precept upon precept, revelation process with the Lord. This is significant. And these are significant laws that the members of the church are receiving, but this is the beginning of his law. That the temple hasn't been dedicated yet. There are more laws to come. And the laws will continue to come until Christ comes again and on beyond that. Laws will continue as time progresses because doctrines are unchangeable, we understand that. But laws will continue as the people progress.
- Hank Smith: 16:53 Before we get into the law. Section 42, the Lord mentions Edward Partridge by name. And you just mentioned him, about being a Bishop of the church. From my studies, Edward's a great guy. He's just a really great guy.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 17:08 Yes. I'll give you a few things on Edward that I love. First of all, verse 11 I think speaks volumes. When the Lord says, for he is likened to Nathaniel of old and whom there is no guile. I would love for the Lord to use that phrase with me personally. So I think that that's one of the things right off the bat that we understand about him. He shares a story about himself and when he was going through some major persecution, and tarred and feathered and everything, and he made the following statement, is his own journal.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 17:37 He says, "I was taken from my house by the mob, who escorted me about a half a mile to the courthouse on the public square and independence." So this is happening in Missouri later. "And then in there, I was stripped of my hat, my coat, my vest and daubed with tar, from head to foot, and then had a quantity of feathers put upon me. And all this because I would not agree to leave the County, and my home where I had lived for two years. I bore my abuse with so much resignation and meekness, that it appeared to astound the multitude who permitted me to retire in silence, many looking very solemn, their sympathies, having been touched. And as to myself, I was so filled with the spirit and love of God, that I had no hatred towards my prosecutors or anyone else."
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 18:18 To me, that's the kind of person I want to be. If you think about Edward Partridge, he's the first Bishop of the church for a reason. In a sense as a Bishop, he's receiving for the first time how he should be acting as a Bishop. He has no idea. Because of his humility, I believe he's able to say, "Joseph, if you really do believe this is a revelation for me, I will accept." I believe every Bishop who has a good heart is taking that, but there's something special about Edward Partridge, to say right off the

bat, "I'm a member of the church for two months, and I'm willing to do anything the Lord wants, and I'm willing to be persecuted at any length and feel the spirit and forgive all [crosstalk 00:18:54]." That just takes a whole different level of humanity in my book.

- Hank Smith: 18:57 John, I've been friends with you for a while. I remember when you were called as Bishop. I remember when you were released as Bishop. And, it was hard. I know it was hard to be Bishop. We have bishops listening. Can you imagine being the first one.
- John Bytheway: 19:10 After two months. Yeah.
- Hank Smith: 19:12 Yeah. What's going through your mind as a Bishop? And get us into the mind of Edward Partridge here. Just how did you feel?
- John Bytheway: 19:18 I think I remember reading or watching a movie somewhere, where Edward Partridge actually said, "I don't know if I have a Bishop in me." Does that sound right?
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 19:28 Yeah. Yeah.
- John Bytheway: 19:29 Yeah. And that's how I felt. For me, I at least knew there was such a thing as the handbook of instructions, and having grown up in the church, I knew what bishops did. Before I sat down on the chair in the Bishop's office, I had somebody in front of me asking me for help with the big problem, before I sat down. And he wanted to call the old Bishop, "Could you come in here for a minute and help me out here?" What's he going through? And I like what Barbara said, it's one thing to say, we think he's a great guy. Here's the Lord saying he is like Nathaniel. He is a man in whom there is no guile. And what a compliment? And then backing that up with his experience and independence. I remember that story because you can find that place in Independence. I think they put something in the sidewalk there, about where that happened. And I think that's not me. I probably would have been swinging my arms and fighting back or something.
- Hank Smith: 20:29 Yeah. One of my major goals this year was to, at least for our listeners, was to come to a greater love for Edward Partridge. When you stand at his graveside there, you can see his headstone in Nauvoo dies young, right Barb? He dies-
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 20:46 Yeah. He does. I can't remember his age, but he does die young.

- Hank Smith: 20:49 Wears out his life basically. I hope that's an omen for bishops. He's not one of the names you automatically think of when you think of, Oh, history of the church, Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, Wilford Woodruff, Brigham Young, Emma Smith. A lot of people probably wouldn't list Edward Partridge. But my hope is that some of these secondary characters can become just more known and loved by members of the church. I know you probably do that in your classes, Barb, is trying to bring up some of these saints.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 21:22 Absolutely. One of the things I do in my classes too, and this is the woman in me, I often talk to the students about, if you have Edward Partridge, then you also have a wife, in this case. And what a stalwart saint she must've been. And we don't know a ton about her, but we do know that she continued to live, move to Salt Lake later. I believe she would become the mother of one of the general Relief Society president, Zina Huntington, I believe. She is obviously very strongly associated. And if I remember the story correctly, which I'm confident this is the case, I can look this up, but she was the one who actually pushes Edward to understand the gospel and to meet with the prophet Joseph Smith.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 21:57 There's a lot of times when we're teaching, we have these women that are equally yoked with these men, and we don't have their stories often as much. But I just like to remind us as humans, she probably was helping pull off that tar from him. And she was probably very involved in the pain that he was going through, and what a blessing it was for her to have a husband that was guileless. But also, what a blessing for him to have a wife that stood by his side until his death. And yeah, he dies a novel. I believe he was in his mid 40s, 45, 46.
- Hank Smith: 22:25 Right. Just young.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 22:25 So she went through quite a trial with him as well. But also I think she would say that she was very blessed in her opportunity to be by his side. And I think he would say the same.
- Hank Smith: 22:35 Yeah.
- John Bytheway: 22:36 I'm looking at verse nine, I've called my servant Edward Partridge and gave him a commandment. He should be appointed by the voice of the church, be ordained the Bishop under the church. This part, and to leave his merchandise and to spend all his time in the labors of the church. And you just don't do that unless you have your wife there saying, "You can

do this Edward." And that's tough. I put in my margin, this is like Peter, leave your nets, leave your boat. Lovest thou more than these, come on, follow me, you're going to be fisher of men. And it sounds like Edward to me, same thing.

- Hank Smith: 23:13 Her name's Lydia, right?
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 23:15 Yeah. Yeah, that's right. Yep.
- Hank Smith: 23:17 Lydia Partridge. Thank you for bringing that up Barb, because behind every leader in the church, there's a spouse who is there supporting and helping. I know John, you relied on your wife when you were Bishop.
- John Bytheway: 23:31 Could not have done it. And she would have been better than I was. But I could not have done it. When you hear somebody talk about having a calling like that and helping share that burden of all the family life and everything else, really grateful that she could not only be my wife, but a confidant of things that were appropriate and of just the support. So I think I'm glad you said that about Lydia, because I look at verse nine, and I think, you don't do that without a strong Lydia.
- Hank Smith: 24:06 And Barb, I know you do so much in the church. You've written books, you're a BYU professor. So Dustin I'm sure is a full support.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 24:15 He's a man without guile, if you want to know how I honestly feel. I would say Edward Partridge and Dustin are very similar.
- Hank Smith: 24:21 Yeah. Oh, that's just beautiful. Anything else about Section 41 before we get into Section 42? And I got to be honest, as a kid my parents would have sat down and said, "Let's read our scriptures." And section 42 would have scared me to death. I would thought, "We're never getting out of here." You just keep turning pages. It's like a Jacob 5. This is prolific.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 24:43 First off, it's two revelations that we're receiving here. And we can see that in the Section heading. So you have 1-72 as the first revelation, and then you have 73-93, that's going to be the second revelation. The Lord asks the people to continue to pray for the law. And you see right off the bat, that they did pray for the law and they received the law. They prayed with faith and they received this law. And so clearly they are being obedient. The Lord is trying to create an obedient people and they are. And so the law that we're receiving, there are various laws that are going to be discussed in this section. And we can go through

whatever we feel is most important. And hopefully those of you on your own can go through what's significant to you as well.

Hank Smith: 25:22

When I read Section 42, I thought, how do you, as a dad decide what was for the saints of 1831, and what applies to me? Because some of this is going to be for those saints. It's not going to apply to me.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 25:38

What applies to me is what the spirit typically teaches. For me, sometimes will I say well, this clearly doesn't apply to the saints here, because not everybody could move to Massachusetts. Well, until 2014, When I was asked to move to Massachusetts, and then it applied to me when it came and answered to a prayer. All of a sudden it did apply. I didn't know that it applied, but I think the Lord can often use the white on the scriptures as answers and revelation we receive as we're studying the scriptures. And sometimes he uses the black markings and the words themselves, as application for scriptures. Elder Holland says it's a conduit to the spirit. And as I go through and I look at these different laws, I say most of the time, I think they are applying to us. At least the principles and the doctrines of behind it are applying to us. Sometimes the policies, procedures, historical contexts may be a little bit different, but often they are the same.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 26:22

But principles and the doctrines, in my opinion, are always applicable to us. It's our responsibility to figure out how they're applicable. But sometimes the spirit will teach us specifically, this is applicable to you and continue on. So the first group of laws is teaching. And so you can say, what are these laws apply to us? While again, I would say principles of teaching are going to apply across the board. These are specific, some of them, to the missionaries who were going out. So you could say, "There's some specific things that are here." Obviously, we're going to be going two by two as missionaries in this section, but we're not going to be doing that necessarily. As in verse six, we're not going to necessarily do that every time we teach the gospel, but we are declaring the word likened to angels of God, if we're doing so with the spirit, because angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 27:07

So, I think as we understand those principles of the gospel, we can go through with this. I think verse 14, as well has the same idea, the spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith, if you receive unto the spirit, you shall not teach. You can say, as Elder Holland talks about, you shall not teach, meaning you better not teach, or, you shall not teach, meaning you don't have [inaudible 00:27:28] because I'm not worthy. Do I have any

right to be going to that classroom? Or should I not be teaching this because of the content? There are a lot of ways you could be taking that. But the application and the care for the verse, I think is extremely important.

- Hank Smith: 27:47 Right. And then verse 12 also, when we're teaching, what am I supposed to teach? The elders, priest, teachers of this church teach the principles of my gospel, which are in the Bible and in the Book of Mormon, which to the fullness of my gospel. So if you're as a teacher, you're going, "I don't know what to teach." Go back to 42:12.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 28:06 Yeah. Amen. Amen.
- Hank Smith: 28:08 You'll be safe in the principles of the gospel found in the scriptures.
- John Bytheway: 28:12 I had a state president once tell me, he said, "You know if there's a lot in the church, we could probably get rid of. You could probably get rid of that program, you could probably get rid of that program." He said, "But if you really took the church down to things you could not get rid of, one of the last ones would be, teaching." We could not, the church cannot function without us teaching one another. And so, I like that the Lord put this very first in the law, is the importance of teaching and also teaching by the spirit.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 28:45 I think one of my favorite talks by elder Holland... We're obviously teachers, so this is a topic that we really do focus on, and I think it's extremely important. But one of the things that I love with Elder Holland talks about it, quoting John Taylor is that, we shouldn't be teaching just spiritual Twinkies. Sometimes I think we can try to entertain, or we could try to just skim through things. But God, as President Nelson says, he loves effort. And as members of the church, the Lord desires that we get into these scriptures that we really do study, that we look for what is important in here, that we're not just satisfied with a quote here or there, or a prophetic thing here and there.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 29:22 Sometimes it's nice just little soundbite, but soundbites aren't good enough. If we want to become like Christ, and be those kinds of people, we have to dive into those scriptures and know these principles. And so we need to teach them correctly, so that other people can feast on them as well.

John Bytheway: 29:33 We had Steve Harper on the podcast before, and he said, he looked at these verses particularly 12, 13, 14 as checks and balances on teachers. And I like that. So the Lord is going to help or even restrain, You shall not teach. And I put in my margin because I like what you said Barbara, it's meaning, don't teach or meaning, You might be talking, but you won't be teaching.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 29:57 Right. Yeah.

John Bytheway: 30:00 And so I put my margin, talking does not equal teaching. And that's how critical the spirit is to that. And then that implies like verse 13, You've got to be observing the covenants in church articles in order to qualify to be teaching by the spirit.

Hank Smith: 30:17 One thing that I'd like to do is flip the inverse on this sometimes, because some people say, "I'm not a gifted teacher. I don't have charisma, I can't be funny." And I'll say, go back to verse 14. If you receive the spirit, you shall teach, you'll be okay.

John Bytheway: 30:33 That's a good way to-

Hank Smith: 30:35 So if you will invest whatever your choices you need to make to get your heart and mind full of the spirit, you'll teach. You'll teach, don't worry about being entertaining. Don't worry about being funny. You don't have to be John Bytheway. In fact, John, I got to tell you-

John Bytheway: 30:50 Please don't.

Hank Smith: 30:51 John, one time I told the woman who was really struggling with her Sunday school class, I told her something that you told me once when you and I were chatting. And you were like, "I just can't get my Sunday school students to come to class." And I said, "Everyone in the church needs to hear that, that John Bytheway, even has a hard time getting his Sunday school, 14 year olds to come to class.

John Bytheway: 31:12 Those couches in the foyer are way too comfortable. We need to speak to purchasing about that. All of us here have observed folks without great gifts get up in a testimony, meaning of something and teach with power. We have all seen it. And, we can all say, Amen to, it's about having the spirit.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 31:33 I for sure that this is random, but I have this thing that I keep in my desk, I just pulled out from this conversation. And it's my handwriting in a black pen that says, "Was that the most boring lesson or what? And then the response of my friend, and I

actually don't even remember who wrote it. It was whoever I was sitting by. I cannot believe that I actually wrote that down and passed it to somebody. It makes me sick at my own stupidity.

- Hank Smith: 31:56 You were a student in the class?
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 31:57 Yes.
- Hank Smith: 31:58 Okay.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 31:59 How bad is that? And this is the response of my friend that I was sitting next to, "That was one of the best lessons I've ever heard in my entire life. I'm not just saying that, it's a life changer." I missed the boat on that one. I think the teacher, for whatever reason, I wasn't prepared enough to be learning from that teacher, but that teacher nailed it for my friend sitting next to me.
- John Bytheway: 32:21 I love when... Is it section 50? Why is it ye cannot understand and know, the Lord starts out, that he teaches by the spirit and he that receiveth by the spirit and both are edified and rejoice together. And there's a responsibility for both. And the fact that two people be sitting next to each other and get something different, is not about the teacher. It's about the spirit and the teacher and the listener. And that's a great lesson here. And did I get that right out in section 50?
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 32:52 Yeah, it is. And it fits of what you were saying before with this next verse, talking about keeping covenants and keeping the commandments of God. Sometimes we overlook that and say, "Well, that's obvious. You need to be worthy." Well, it's not so obvious sometimes. We, as teachers, as learners, the more we keep our covenants the more we're on the path of the Lord, the more likely we are to feel recognized and understand, and therefore, both are edified together. We'll talk about later in section 88. So, I don't think we can overlook what the Lord is trying to teach, which I think is partially why he goes from there into that moral law. Not to say what the Lord is thinking, but I think it's significant that the Lord is now going to talk about basically the 10 commandments, and the law of chastity and adultery. And all of that comes right after that. In order to really learn, in order to really teach, we have to be worthy participants in God's kingdom.
- Hank Smith: 33:43 One thing before we move on from this teaching aspect, I know that there are a lot of people listening are teachers. And so I

want to hear what you too would say, and I'll start. It's easy to get discouraged as a teacher in the church, especially when all your seminary classes on zoom or your Sunday school classes on zoom and everybody's screen is just their name, and you're going, "Am I making any difference here?" I would say two things, you always can't see the difference that you're making just right then. Sometimes you can, sometimes you can see it and it's awesome to see, but other times you don't know till long later that someone was listening, that your student was actually listening even though it didn't seem like they were at the time.

- Hank Smith: 34:26 And then second, one of the ways that I get full of the spirit is by thinking about the needs of my students. That instead of focusing on, okay, how am I going to impress this class? It's more about, how can I bless this class? So if I'm thinking about, okay, what do their lives like, what problems do they have and how can the material that I am teaching here be relevant to those problems? To me personally, that fills me with the spirit. Because I'm not concerned so much about me and my performance, but I'm concerned about the lives of my students.
- Hank Smith: 35:04 What would you two say helps you overcome that discouragement sometime in teaching? And then we can move on. But, I don't know, I'm feeling like it can be tough to teach, especially if you don't do it for a living. You're called to teach these teenagers or these primary kids, or even adult Sunday school, and it's, Arh, you feel like you're not getting anywhere.
- John Bytheway: 35:27 Well, let me answer next because Barbara probably has a better answer than I do.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 35:32 I don't think so.
- John Bytheway: 35:34 But, I think that one of the really nice little just semantic way of putting it, is you don't teach lessons, you teach students. And that's what you're saying, Hey, can every one of them come there with their own thing. And when we realize our dependence on the spirit to carry words, what is it that elder Bednar says? What you heard me say was for everyone, but what did you hear that I did not say, that was for you. And that's why it comes down to the same thing, if you've got the spirit with you, there's a bit of relaxing you can do to say the spirit is going to help my listeners with whatever they need, even if it's not even the topic of the lesson. And there's the obligation that we feel, is being in a place where the spirit can give life to our words or give them words that we weren't even saying.

Hank Smith: 36:22 Yeah. That's beautiful. Barb, what do you say? You're such a good teacher. And what do you say to those who are a little discouraged in their teaching?

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 36:31 I have so many thoughts, Hank, on this. It's dear to my heart because I do love teaching. And it's not that I love teaching, I love watching people coming to Christ. And it's like, what John says too. It sounds so cliché sometimes, and I know that some people are bothered when I say this, but people will say to me, even now as a professor, "What are you teaching this semester?" And I-

Hank Smith: 36:56 Say students.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 36:57 I do. I say students. And it's not just for them, and I'm not trying to be obnoxious, but it's a reminder for me to like, "Yes, I teach Doctrines and Covenants, I teach these, but these are the subjects I teach." But I teach my students hopefully, and sometimes it is really hard. And sometimes as teachers, we can pray and fast and study and not feel like we're going to the classroom prepared to know what to say, but I've come to recognize that as I try my best to do my part, God does take over.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 37:24 And as you were saying, John, the spirit is the teacher. When I am most frustrated with my teaching, it's not when I have had a boring class or anything. When I am most frustrated it's when, as elder Maxwell says, I have become a spiritual eclipse in the lives of my students between God and them. That's when I'm a sage on the stage and I have so much to share, and so many things that I think are important, and I'm just saying it because I think it's important for me. And not even listening to the spirit and not paying attention to my students. That's when I walk away thinking, "I am so bad." But then I get on my knees and I repent, and I say, "Heavenly father, I'm so sorry. Please help me to be a better teacher tomorrow."

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 38:04 Because no one's perfect, and I cannot tell you the number of times I have absolutely felt like I have failed in the classroom. And sometimes even in those days where I feel like I failed the most, years later I'll get a letter from a student or something saying, "Thank you so much." But sometimes you just don't, and you just have to know that you're doing your best. No, one's perfect, Christ was, and the Lord will still help those students. We're not the only ones in their path, but boy, we share an important part. We can't overload ourselves sometimes, it goes both ways, I think.

Hank Smith:	<u>38:34</u>	Yeah. Absolutely.
John Bytheway:	<u>38:35</u>	I've walked out of the classroom before thinking that Alma's angel was going to appear and say, "Seek no more to destroy the church of God." I'm like, "I'm trying. I'm trying, it's just that I'm not very good at this."
Dr. Barbara Gar...:	<u>38:48</u>	And not only sometimes do we feel like we didn't do well as far as what we were teaching, but there are times when I have left and felt badly for how I responded to a student's question, or a sarcastic comment that I made. And I have to go back to even the next day and say, "Hi guys, I am so sorry." I'm trying to get sarcasm out of my teaching because I feel like it drives people away. But honestly, sarcasm comes very naturally to me and I'm trying to get rid of it. But I don't want to aim it at you, I'll aim it at the wall instead next time. There's a huge difference between humor and sarcasm sometimes like that. I just thinking of times in my life where I just feel like, "Yes, I agree with you, Hank, teaching is extremely difficult, but it's a price worth paying."
John Bytheway:	<u>39:29</u>	Can add one more thing? I liked what you said about the Twinkies or the fried froth, as Elder Holland called it. Sometimes I have left teaching... Okay, that totally bombed. But then I can go back and I can say, "What did I teach?" And even if I can just say my content was solid, I was in the scriptures. It gives me a little bit of solace, and I don't really know what happened. But if I did just tell funny stories, then I probably ought to feel like I didn't teach. But if I can go back and say, I had some good content in there, I know I did, I can at least find some peace in that. And maybe I could have done it better. But I was relying on verse 12, The principles of the gospel in the Bible, the Book of Mormon.
Dr. Barbara Gar...:	<u>40:17</u>	Absolutely. I was just going to say, this is one of the laws in here too that talks about revelation, not to push us forward to that point, but it's in here as one of the laws. And I think one of the ways that we know that we're teaching and the way that we want to, or in the way that we would like to, is to just simply get on our knees and ask Heavenly Father. Or not even on our knees, just while we're driving and just say, "Heavenly Father, how am I doing? Am I doing okay? Can you guide me here? What can I improve?" Or as Elder Klark says, "What can I do better that I am not doing? Or what can I do that I'm not currently doing? What do I need to stop doing that I'm that I am doing?" And I think we have that conversation with the Lord as well.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 40:51 And if you ask me personally about my teaching, I really do believe, I want to teach with an eyes single to the glory of God. And if I am pleasing, God, I'm doing okay. I may make a fool of everything else, and my students may walk away and it may not seem that great. But if I can go to the Lord and say, "I'm doing my best with my eyes single to his glory and trying to help him and people coming to him." I'm okay. Even if I am so boring or whatever it is that I'm doing.

Hank Smith: 41:16 Yeah.

John Bytheway: 41:16 I was on a plane once going down... Do you remember airplanes we used to get on them and they're really loud, and they take you above the ground.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 41:23 I remember those days.

John Bytheway: 41:24 Yeah.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 41:25 Yeah.

John Bytheway: 41:25 I think I was on a way to a [timeout 00:41:27] for women in Southern Cal or something. And I was sitting with a rather prominent sister, and I was telling her... It was just, I don't know, what I can say to these wonderful sisters who are coming and everything. And she said, "Well, I asked my dad that once." And her dad was rather prominent. And she said, "Well, don't worry about pleasing them, just please the Lord."

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 41:54 Amen.

John Bytheway: 41:55 That helped me so much in every class, every teaching. I'm going to try to please the Lord today in teaching students. So, that too is one of my mental note cards. Please the Lord with what you're going to teach today.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 42:11 If we really are trying to receive that revelation of the Lord, the Lord is not going to say, "Are you kidding me right now?" He recognizes our effort as well and he will bless us for it. The Lord, as it says in the book of Mormon, and he'll concentrate our efforts unto us and to others as well.

Hank Smith: 42:25 Yeah.

John Bytheway: 42:25 I won't do it perfectly but He knows my intent, that I'm trying to please Him and not be a spiritual eclipse.

Hank Smith: 42:31 I love that. I love that. Because I like to tell a good funny story, and I hope the Lord has a sense of humor.

John Bytheway: 42:37 Yeah.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 42:38 Oh, he does.

John Bytheway: 42:39 I think he does. I think he does. He created us, Hank. He's got to have a sense of humor.

Hank Smith: 42:43 Yeah. That's true. And he lets us do this podcast. Now we move on to what looks to me like The 10 Commandments, Barb.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 42:50 Okay. But wait, before we go onto that, can I just say something about the Lord's humor too?

Hank Smith: 42:53 Yes.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 42:54 Humor is so important in teaching when we can. And there've been times in my teaching where I have... This sounds a little extreme, but it's almost as if I can feel the spirit laughing right along with us. And I just hope that we recognize. Sometimes in our teaching we do tend to sometimes, because it's a spiritual thing, we try to be serious. There's a difference between a light levity and really mockery or something like that. And this is simple, pleasurable laugh. I do, I'm a firm believer that that God really enjoys humor and has a very good sense of one himself.

Hank Smith: 43:29 Thank you.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 43:29 It's fun to teach. It's fun, right?

John Bytheway: 43:31 Yeah. I think a Truman Madsen saying, there's a difference between light mindedness and light-heartedness. And he also said that... I think it was Parley P. Pratt that said Joseph Smith instructed and edified and he would have his audience laughing one minute and crying the next. And none whoever heard him or not... What does it say? Affected by his discourse if only they'd give him their ears or something. I think it was Parley P. Pratt that said something like that, while Joseph Smith even had them laughing one minute, crying the next and they were edified if they would just listen.

Hank Smith: 44:07 Yeah. You quoted earlier, John, you said the teacher and the student are both edified and rejoice-

John Bytheway: 44:13 Rejoice-

Hank Smith:	<u>44:14</u>	... together.
John Bytheway:	<u>44:14</u>	... together.
Hank Smith:	<u>44:15</u>	That seems to me to be a happy thing, rejoicing. I don't know about either of you, but it seems to be a good feeling in the room.
John Bytheway:	<u>44:22</u>	Well, and I find that in these sections. Notice how often they're telling him to go declare my gospel and to do it with joy. And I've seen that and I mark it because I like joy. And I feel like when I study church history, I look at all their hardship and I'm glad that at least, it sounds like they were also having some joy.
Hank Smith:	<u>44:43</u>	Barb, let's jump into this next section here, the Lord kind of just reiterate The 10 Commandments, how crucial they are. Walk us through this.
Dr. Barbara Gar...:	<u>44:54</u>	I don't know if we necessarily have all the 10 commandments or we don't. First of all, he's talking about some of the gifts, and he who has faith to see shall see, he who have faith to hear shall hear. They are not necessarily The 10 Commandments. But he does start jumping into where we start seeing this moral law. And he's talking about repenting, and he's talking about loving thy wife and cleaving unto her and not committing adultery, not speaking evil of the neighbor. These are some serious moral laws.
Dr. Barbara Gar...:	<u>45:21</u>	I love and verse 29, if thou loves me thou shall serve me and keep all of my commandments. Basically these are all these laws, but really when it comes down to it, if you love me, then you will keep these commandments. Clearly, I think there are a lot of us who love the Lord and are not perfect. I don't think that's what he's saying. But he's saying, "If you love me, these things will become more and more natural."
Dr. Barbara Gar...:	<u>45:39</u>	But if they're not, we have this law right here. Verse 21. Thou shalt not lie. He that lieth and will not repent shall be cast out. But before that, he's talking about stealing, if they shall not repent. But then we see clearly, you can repent. And I think that that's one of the most important things of these moral laws, especially in our day, is this reality that we can repent. And we are doing our best. Yes, it's extremely important to keep these laws and to be as righteous and pure as we can, but if we do fall, there is the atonement of Jesus Christ, who made this... Christ himself making this possible. And we can repent and come unto him.

Hank Smith: 46:10 He does mention that quite a few times-

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 46:11 I think that's why we're saying this.

Hank Smith: 46:12 Yeah. Verse 20. It's about repentance. 23, repentance 24, 25.

John Bytheway: 46:17 And repentance is, it's a way of life. It's not a one time I repented and I sinned again, so it's all over. It's a way of life. Come back to the sacrament table again next week.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 46:30 I love this statement but it's a quote by president [Parker 00:46:33]. It's one of my favorites on this. He says, "Repent, and if necessary, repent again, and again, and again, and again until you, not the enemy, are in charge of you."

Hank Smith: 46:42 Wow.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 46:43 This idea of repenting ones, sometimes we skew some of the teachings about repentance. If you repent and do it again, then you're suffering. Repent and repent and repent and repent. This idea of have I repented, I've done it again, and then I repented and I'm doing it again. I think the Lord is trying to help us to see, the key is we're not intentionally trying to do bad things. But if we are in any way sinning or transgressing, we should be repenting. I love how you said, come back to that sacrament table. Renew those covenants with the Lord.

John Bytheway: 47:11 I was watching this recently just preparing for Easter, the church made that movie called, Because of Him, and it shows this picture because of him, we can change again. And then it says, "And again." And then it says, "And again." And they're like, "Yes, just get back on the covenant path. There are a lot of off-ramps on the covenant path. But keep getting back on the covenant path." And if you have to repent, again and again, and again. Thank you.

Hank Smith: 47:38 I don't mean to focus too much on one verse, but, I'm going to.

Dr. Barbara Gar...: 47:42 But you're going to.

Hank Smith: 47:43 Yeah. Verse 27, to me is so important in our words and communities. Thou shall not speak evil of thy neighbor nor do him or her, any harm. For me, we could probably add, And don't argue with your neighbors on social media. Sometimes I think, John, you talked about this a couple of episodes ago, that there's evil coming in from the outside, but evil can come in from the inside. And so we could do, I know I could do much

better at making sure I just am not talking any evil about my neighbor, even if it's true or interesting, or did you hear? Did you hear this? The by the ways where I saw them. We could do better there.

- John Bytheway: 48:34 I liked that you brought this up because I actually put a note in my margin, because here he is going through The 10 Commandments, and we all know, do not bear false witness against thy neighbor. But this seems to elaborate on that. Very false witness sounds like, "Well, no, I'm not going to perjure myself at a trial." But this is, don't even speak evil nor do him any harm. So I put my margin here, different than bearing false witness. The idea of last podcast of Section 38, be one, if you're not one, you're not mine. And being one with our ward members, that's where Satan will try to get us gossiping about each... Well, he always has this gossiping about you. But actually the topical guide footnote there, says gossip, on that verse.
- Hank Smith: 49:18 I got to tell you guys a story. Both of you have met my wife. I think I was talking about one of our neighbors once and I was saying something, did you hear dah, dah, dah? And she said, "You know what's worse? I heard he talks about people behind his back." And I was like-
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 49:38 That's awesome.
- Hank Smith: 49:38 I think you pointed that at me, didn't you? She said, "Yep." And it was just a reminder of don't. That's what she was saying to me is, there's no reason for us to speak evil of our neighbor.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 49:52 Just like prodigal son movie, "I've been the good guy here."
- John Bytheway: 49:55 I've been the good guy. I've been the good guy.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 49:58 What do you mean you've been the good guy?
- John Bytheway: 49:59 What does that mean the good guy? There's another one of those Awesome wives. So let them know.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 50:04 Yeah.
- Hank Smith: 50:05 Do I send sarcasm coming from a church video here?
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 50:09 It was an aim at the video and not at the people though. It's all good.
- Hank Smith: 50:11 Yes. That was at the wall, as you said.

- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 50:14 Hey, hank, before you go on beyond that, verse 88 continues on with that. I know that's way at the end here, but the idea continues, If thy brother or sister offend thee, thou shall take him or her between him or her and thee alone. I just, Boy, can we do a lot of things before we even get to the person, tell every brother and sister about one sister, or tell every neighbor about one neighbor. Tell the whole world about how you feel about it. And then even-
- Hank Smith: 50:38 Accept for that.
- Dr. Barbara Gar...: 50:40 Accept that person. But this is, go to that person one-on-one but don't make a big deal of it. And frankly, since we're talking about women again, we brought that up. That's one of the teachings of Joseph Smith to the Relief Society in the 1840s. He actually speaks to the woman and says, "Don't speak negatively of each." And I think it happens with men too, this is not meant to be a sexist comment by any means. But I think as women, I'll be that woman, we need to be extremely careful. We're social people. We love people often, and we need to be careful that we are building each other, helping each other, raising each other and not putting each other down. If we're offended with another woman or individual, as women let's talk to the other woman, not to every other woman.
- John Bytheway: 51:21 Do you know what I love on this page? First of all, I going to show you, I print these out because my eyes are bad. But look at the footnotes on this page. And I'm funny about this, because I always notice the doctrinally rich pages. And if you're using digital, you won't see it. 27 lines of three column footnotes on page 71. But I think two things, they went to go get the law, people are coming from all different backgrounds like the Come Follow Me manual said, and the Lord is reiterating. No, those 10 commandments still matter. And I'm going to give you three or four extra verses about thou shalt not commit adultery. I'm going to talk about intent. I'm going to give you a thou shalt, in verse 22, love thy wife with all thy heart.
- John Bytheway: 52:09 And I love that one because when Jesus was asked, "What's the great commandment in the law." He narrowed it down to two that both begin, thou shalt love. And here's another one, thou shalt love thy wife with all thy heart. And Matt Richardson pointed out once this, he thought it was the only time that we love something other than God with all of our heart. And it's our spouse here. I thought, "Oh, that's really nice."
- Hank Smith: 52:34 I love that John. And he also making it a commandment makes loving a choice.

John Bytheway: 52:39 Yeah.

Hank Smith: 52:40 Sometimes we say, "Oh, we fell out of love. Oh, we fell in love." Like I didn't mean to, I just stepped in it. And instead, this is a choice. To love your spouse is a choice. That's beautiful.

John Bytheway: 53:00 Please join us for part two of this podcast.