

## EPISODE 16

Dr. Susan Easton Black



*D&C 37-40*

### 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.

#### Podcast Episode 116 Description:

##### Part 1:

Imagine growing up hearing the stories of Emma Hale Smith, Phoebe Carter, the Whitmers, Brigham Young, and Brother Joseph. This week's guest, Dr. Susan Easton Black, didn't grow up hearing fairy tales but true stories of bravery, faithfulness, betrayal, and courage. Dr. Black teaches us how the Lord taught His People that Zion and the Church were more than a place they visited on Sundays, how they received the command to "gather to the Ohio," and how Joseph continued his New Translation of the Bible. Do we sacrifice as willingly for the Lord as our earliest Saints as we study Doctrine and Covenants 37-40?

##### Part 2:

In Part II, John Bytheway asks us if we have ever had the nightmare where we wake up rich. The Saints, as they move to "the Ohio," are called to be separate, like leaving Babylon, and many Saints leave farms and, more importantly, family members. They build a thriving area for Saints, including a temple, in five short years, and we learn to follow their example in building a "great work." We also hear Dr. Black's testimony of the Restoration and the Savior.

## Timecode:

### Part 1

- *00:00* Welcome
- *01:10* Introduction of Dr. Susan Easton Black
- *03:35* Dr. Black Great Up Hearing Church History Stories Instead of Fairy Tales
- *05:14* The Fantastic Four (Parley P. Pratt, Oliver Cowdery, Ziba Peterson, Peter Whitmer, Jr, Receive Call to the Border of the Lamanites
- *07:04* Parley P. Pratt's Conversion
- *08:01* Sidney Rigdon is Baptized
- *09:17* Biographical Information about Ziba Peterson
- *11:11* Biographical Information about Peter Whitmer and Ziba Peterson
- *12:28* Edward Partridge Joins the Church
- *14:36* Edward Partridge is the Bishop without Guile and Hero
- *15:48* The Mission to the Border of the Lamanites is Successful but the Lord's Plans Don't Always Fit Our Expectations
- *17:29* The Scattering and Gathering of Israel
- *19:44* Gather or Lift Where You Stand?
- *21:11* The Sacrifice of the Early Saints to Move to Ohio
- *23:46* Why the Church in New York Faces Persecution
- *26:05* The First, Second, and Third Conferences of the Church
- *31:21* The Saints Will Be Endowed with Power and in Section 38 They are Told to Move to the Ohio--Inspiration is Often Meant for Immediate Action
- *34:27* The Whitmers Leave Their Farm Where So Many Revelations and Miracles Occured
- *36:08* The Saints are Told to Be One in Order to Travel to Ohio
- *38:59* The Lord Tells Them to Sell or Simply Leave Property
- *40:59* Story of Phoebe Carter Having to Leave Family Behind
- *43:34* Newel and Elizabeth Whitney Pray the Prophet Joseph to Kirtland, Ohio
- *44:46* The Fighting Parson, Willard Bean, Regains the Smith Farm 100 Years After the Smiths Leave
- *45:12* The Lord Tells His People to Beware of Pride
- *48:38* The Fear That the Saints Will Struggle With Wealth
- *51:09* The Saints are Promised to Be Endowed With Power in Kirtland
- *52:40* Part I Ends

### Part 2

- *00:00* Welcome to Part II
- *00:06* What We Know of James Coville/Covel
- *04:53* The Great What Might Have Been: James Coville
- *05:40* Len Bias Could Have Been as Great as Michael Jordan

- 07:39 Dr. Black Shares Why She Chose Serving Missions
- 10:06 President Nelson Says Greatest Work is Gathering the House of Israel
- 11:42 James Colville Called and Rejected Call in Two Days
- 17:15 We Have Our Indiana Jones Walk of Faith Moments
- 18:25 Elder Eyring Quote Regarding Not Always Seeing the Good We Do
- 21:59 We Conclude Our Time in New York
- 24:09 How to Stay on the Covenant Path--the Difference Between Questions and Doubt
- 26:09 The Power in Sharing the Covenant Path and Testimony

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