



“Anxiously Engaged in a Good Cause”

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 22 Description:

Part 1:

What happens to the Saints as they arrive in Missouri and expect Zion? Do we come to Zion or build it? Dr. Alexander Baugh is the consummate Missouri historian and helps set the stage for the Saints' arrival and eventual expulsion from the state. This episode will remind us what the Lord teaches us when our expectations don't meet reality and what happens after "much tribulation."

Part 2:

Dr. Alexander Baugh continues our discussion about the cultural disparity between the Saints and the local population in Missouri as we discuss Doctrine and Covenants 58-59. The Lord is gathering Saints from the United States, Canada, and England to create an organization that

will have Saints in every corner of the world. The Lord is calling them and us to bring what little we have, and He will multiply our efforts.

Timecode:

Part 1

- 01:49 Introduction of Dr. Alexander Baugh
- 06:39 Beginning of Doctrine and Covenants 58
- 09:21 Hiram Page is Producing Revelations
- 12:32 Review of Four Missionaries Mission to Borders of the United States
- 18:25 Introduction to Sidney Gilbert
- 19:22 Introduction to W. W. Phelps
- 23:57 The Lord has 29 People and Commands Them to Go to Missouri for a Conference
- 27:16 Temple Lot Announced in Independence, Missouri
- 29:07 Description of Independence, Missouri by David McCullough
- 32:36 Edward Partridge Describes Being Chastened About His Thoughts on the Temple Site.
- 36:09 The Names of the Church
- 43:00 Introduction to Lilburn Boggs
- 44:51 The Colesville Saints Arrive Work on Lehman Copley's Land
- 48:24 Edward Partridge is Struggling with Too Many Saints Coming to Missouri Without Being Called
- 51:07 End of Part I

Part 2

- 00:00 Discussion of D&C Section 58
- 01:40 The Lord Warns of Tribulations and Blessings to Come
- 03:49 John Bytheway Relates Throwing Out First Pitch at KC Royals Baseball Game
- 05:21 The Lord Tells Joseph in Section 124 That the Saints Will Leave Missouri but They Will Return, One Day
- 11:14 The Gospel Will Be Spread to the Entire World
- 16:40 Bishop Partridge is Given Counselors
- 20:01 Saints Told to Show Initiative to Be a Zion People
- 22:43 Dr. Baugh Relates Story of Showing Initiative, Following Inspiration, and Making Dinner Rolls

- 26:47 The Lord Blesses the Saints for Being Obedient but Not Always the Expected Blessing
- 32:12 Sidney Rigdon is Commanded to Write Description of Zion to Encourage Members
- 34:33 The Law of Consecration Required Patience and Charity And the Saints Were to Move to Missouri Gradually
- 41:52 Joseph and Others Dedicate Land to Commence the Gathering of Israel and then the Temple
- 48:42 Who Owns the Temple Site Area in Independence, Missouri
- 52:05 Polly Knight Dies
- 58:31 The Members are Reminded to Be Obedient, Faithful, and to Have a Broken Heart and Contrite Spirit
- 1:02:51 COVID and the Sabbath Day
- 1:17:59 Dr. Alexander Baugh's Testimony

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Biographical Information:



Alexander L. Baugh was born in 1957 to parents who were devout members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and who encouraged him from a young age to develop his

own personal testimony. His devotion to religion has shaped not only his family life and personal relationships, but also his academic and professional career.

A native of Logan, Utah, Dr. Baugh served in the Virginia Roanoke Mission from 1976 to 1978. He received a bachelor's degree from Utah State University in 1981, and shortly thereafter began working as a seminary instructor for the LDS Church Educational System at Bountiful Viewmont Seminary. During this time, he was not only a seminary teacher, but also a student, working to complete a master's degree in history with an emphasis in Western American and Mormon History from Brigham Young University. From 1987 until 1991, he taught in BYU's Department of Religious Education while pursuing his doctorate degree.

Remaining with the Church Educational System, Dr. Baugh moved to South Carolina, where he coordinated the Church's seminary program and served as director of the LDS Institute of Religion. In 1995, he returned to BYU's Religious Education Department, this time as a full-time employee. The following year, upon completion of his PhD in American history, Dr. Baugh became an assistant professor in BYU's Church History and Doctrine Department. In 2002 he attained the status of associate professor.

Dr. Baugh is the author, editor, and co-editor of ten books and has published over 80 articles, essays, and chapters in volumes such as *The Joseph Smith Papers*, *The Encyclopedia of Mormonism*, *Regional Studies in Latter-day Saint Church History*, *Encyclopedia of Latter-day Saints*, and *Joseph Smith: The Prophet, the Man*. He is a former editor of *Mormon Historical Studies* and a past co-director of research for BYU's Religious Studies Center. He is a former member of the Mormon History Association, and from 2006 to 2007, he served as president of the John Whitmer Historical Association.

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