

## Follow Him

### Episode 5: Guest: Dr. Janiece Johnson

#### Doctrine and Covenants 6-9

*“This is the Spirit of Revelation”*

## 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 Description:

Do you know how many times the word “desire” is in D&C Sections 6-7? What does it tell us about the Lord and agency? Join us with Dr. Janiece Johnson as she shares her thoughts about Oliver Cowdery, the myth of a prosperity gospel, and how the Lord will preserve His people. The reality of spectacles, Urim and Thummim, and how the translation of a human being and the translation of the plates are discussed. Miracles are happening in D&C 6-9 and in our lives today.

## Timecode

- 00:00 Show Intro
- 00:22 Welcome and Guest Introduction
- 02:47 We meet Oliver Cowdery
- 05:17 Joseph and Oliver Finish the Translation
- 08:48 Everyone Wants Their Own Personalized Revelation
- 09:30 How Many Times does the Word “Desire” Appear in D&C 6-7
- 11:44 The Importance of Remembering

- 13:34 President Eyring Reminds Us to Keep a Record of the Lord's Hand in our Lives
- 15:58 Chase Money or Wisdom but You Can't Chase Them Both
- 16:01 "Doubt Not, Fear Not."
- 21:31 Seer Stones, Spectacles, or Urim and Thummim
- 27:05 Oliver and Joseph Ask About John the Beloved and We Understand How Translation of a Person and a Record are Similar
- 29:58 The Translation/Transformation of the Book of Abraham, John, Peter, and the Three Nephites
- 32:09 We can Desire Different Things That are Righteous (Translation, Mission, Marriage, Remain with Jesus, etc.)
- 36:55 The Spirit and "Burning in the Bosom"
- 38:23 Elder Oaks Has Never Felt a Burning in the Bosom
- 40:23 Sister Beck Quote Regarding Learning to Receive Revelation
- 41:24 Oliver Attempts to Translate
- 43:23 Elder Holland Reference
- 49:52 Richard G. Scott Quote Regarding Patterns of Personal Revelation
- 55:51 Revelation Involves Action
- 58:19 Missed Opportunities are Opportunities to Repent
- 1:00:46 God Raises Up Friends
- 1:03:53 God Requires Effort on Our Part for Revelation and Miracles
- 1:08:54 Church History is Full of Glory, Human Mistakes, and Light
- 1:12:00 The Lord Transforms Everything for Our Good
- 1:13:11 Thanks to Producers Steve and Shannon Sorensen

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