



EPISODE 7

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"That You May Come Off Conqueror"

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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 Wednesday.

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Can we avoid losing the 116 pages of our lives? Despite the loss of the 116 pages, Sister Chelsea Chipman discovers that the Lord's wisdom and mercy outweigh the Adversary's wiles. Sister Chipman reminds us to "marvel not."

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Sister Chelsea Chipman continues to explore the everlasting love and support of Jesus Christ as epitomized through Hyrum Smith's life and devotion.

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That You May Come Off Conqueror PART 1

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- Hank Smith: 00:00 Coming up in this episode on followHIM.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 00:04 I'm thinking of John 9 with the blind man. Why does God let us sometimes suffer for so long, when he is going to heal us, or he's going to make something right? They said, "Who sinned, him or his parents?" That was the question posed with the blind man. And the Savior said, "Neither, but that the works of God may be made manifest in him." This story, I love it so much because it shows that the works of God prevail, they will always be made manifest, even in our mess.
- Hank Smith: 00:42 Hello, my friends. Welcome to another episode of followHIM. My name's Hank Smith. I'm your host. And I'm here with my co-host, John Bytheway. Now John, listen to this as I describe you. A man who possesses the mildness of a lamb and the integrity of Job.
- John Bytheway: 01:00 Oh, yeah.
- Hank Smith: 01:00 Now John, that's Joseph Smith's description of his brother Hyrum, and I thought, that is John Bytheway, right there.
- John Bytheway: 01:10 You've known me this well and you would still say something like that?
- Hank Smith: 01:13 Absolutely. The mildness of a lamb, the integrity of Job. He goes on to say about Hyrum, "... and in short, the meekness and humility of Christ. And I love him, with that love that is stronger than death." Isn't that a great statement from Joseph about Hyrum?
- John Bytheway: 01:32 Wow.
- Hank Smith: 01:33 John, we are joined today by Sister Chelsea Chipman. Been a teacher in the church's educational system for 15 years. She's now a teacher of teachers, John. That's how much Seminary and

Institute love Chelsea. They say, make more of you. Make more Chelseas. Chelsea, thanks for being here today.

- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 01:53 So excited to be here with you. Thank you both. I'm just excited to hang out with Hank and John.
- Hank Smith: 01:57 We are grateful that you would take the time to be with us. John, when you think of either the lost manuscript, the stolen manuscript, if you listen to Gerrit Dirkmaat, or Hyrum Smith, anything come to mind? This is Section 10 and Section 11 today.
- John Bytheway: 02:15 The word that I always put with Hyrum is integrity, because the Lord said that about him. I love the integrity of his heart. You get a compliment canonized like that, that's a good day. Right?
- Hank Smith: 02:28 We've been talking about the Lord in these canonized mistakes people have made. And then there's Hyrum saying, I didn't get that. I actually said something wonderful. Chelsea, as you've prepared this lesson, what are we looking for today? What do you want to do?
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 02:48 We're going to come back to Hyrum, so loyal to so many, but especially his brother. Can we go Section 10, a little Martin Harris. He's just so relatable, because we all lose things. I'll tell you what I've found that I have in common with [Martin Harris](#) in just a second.
- 03:03 But before we jump into Section 10, I want each of the listeners to go somewhere with me for a second. My question is, when have you lost something? When have you lost your car keys? When have you lost maybe a pair of shoes? But then it gets more serious. What's something that you've lost that's important to you? And I've been thinking about that, because I think we all deal with loss in this life.
- 03:30 Maybe for some out there, they feel like, I've lost a family member. Maybe someone has passed away, they've literally felt that loss. But perhaps they've lost a friendship, and it's eating at them, or they've lost their job. Maybe they've lost a marriage. But we all lose things in this life. As I've been studying, especially Section 10, God has a really beautiful message for us today, especially any of us who feel lost ourselves, or we feel like we've lost something that we can't bring back, and it's just like, I just have messed up and I can't make this right. So I think God has a really important message for anyone in that boat today of feeling like they've lost something important. Please be

listening for a message from heaven. He's going to talk to us today.

04:21 Yeah, I've been studying about Martin Harris a little bit and we have a lot in common. He and I were both born in '83.

Hank Smith: 04:28 Okay.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 04:29 That's true. That's true. He's just 200 years older. We've both been to Clarkston, Utah, and we both have testimonies of the Book of Mormon. I have a deep love for The Three Witnesses. So even though we're going to talk about a hard story about Martin Harris today, I don't think Joseph and the Early Saints could have done everything they did without Martin Harris, and his financial support especially. I mean, we can't be publishing, printing the Book of Mormon without Martin Harris.

04:59 He's going to struggle, and we're going to jump into that, but I love Martin Harris. He is one of the three witnesses of the Book of Mormon. He's never going to deny that testimony, even through some hard times with his faith, he's never going to deny that testimony, which strengthens my testimony, personally.

05:18 Someone steps away, or he might've said, "I didn't leave the church. The church left me," but however we want to put it, he's going to step away at one point in his life, but he's never going to deny that testimony. And he's going to come back, and on his deathbed, bear a firm witness that the Book of Mormon is true. And he's going to be buried with a Book of Mormon.

05:38 According to [Susan Easton Black](#), Book of Mormon in his right hand, being buried and a Doctrine of Covenants in his left, are a Book of Commandments. Love Martin Harris.

Hank Smith: 05:47 Chelsea, what an introduction. I guarantee there are many listeners out there who said, "That's me. That's me." And in my heart, John, I thought, what a lesson that I'd never even thought of.

John Bytheway: 06:00 Dealing with loss. Yeah.

Hank Smith: 06:02 Yeah, dealing with loss. And big loss. Like this 116 pages, these are big losses. And watch what the Lord does. Watch what the Lord does. Chelsea, what a way to start. Let me read from the [Come, Follow Me Manual](#). The lesson this week is called, That

You May Come Off Conqueror. We're in two sections of the [Doctrine of Covenants, 10 and 11](#). Here's how it starts.

06:21 "As the translation of the Book of Mormon continued, a question came up. What should Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery do about those lost pages of the translation? It might make sense to retranslate that portion, but the Lord saw something they could not. Their enemies were planning to alter the words of those pages to cast doubt on Joseph's inspired work. God had a plan to avoid that problem and keep the work moving forward. Thousands of years earlier, God inspired Nephi to write a second record that covered the same time period for a wise purpose in him." That's quoting Nephi, in 1 Nephi 9.

06:56 "My wisdom," the Lord said to Joseph, "is greater than the cunning of the devil." That's a reassuring message in a day like ours, when the adversary is intensifying his efforts to weaken faith. Like Joseph, we can be faithful and continue on in the work God has called us to do. Then we will find that he has already provided a way so that the gates of hell shall not prevail against us."

07:21 Between those two paragraphs and Chelsea's introduction, I think we are off to an amazing start. Chelsea, where do you want to go from here? Do we jump right in Section 10? Or do you want to give us a little bit of the story?

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 07:33 A little bit more of the story. Martin Harris, his wife Lucy, he was 25 when they got married. She was 16. They're cousins. Love Lucy. I won't need to meet her the next life, because she just gets a bad rap with us, but she really does have a lot of concerns. She's going to push her husband, who's trying to help Joseph with the Book of Mormon translation, talking about financial help, and she's getting nervous.

08:00 Martin Harris owns a lot of land, some from which he inherited from his father. But he's well-to-do. He's twice the age of Joseph Smith. He wants to believe Joseph, which is going to be huge for him, because most people aren't going to believe Joseph. About 1827, the Harris's are doing really well. They have 320 acres of farmland. Clearly, they're acquaintances with the Smiths. Lucy Mack Smith is going to come over and talk to Martin Harris, let him know that the angel has come, and that Joseph has the plates, so that there's a great work happening.

08:39 Martin, it feels like for me, he wants to be a part of this work. He's getting opposition from his wife. I'm trying to put myself in her shoes, and, "Well, show me the plates. Show me the

plates." She's going to come with Martin. We're going to head over to their house, and I'm going to go through their things. I'm looking for the plates, if I'm Lucy, and I'm not finding them. And Joseph won't show me, so she's anxious, she's nervous, she's not sure what she thinks about this.

09:04 Neighbors are mocking, "Why are you helping this weird Smith family? Don't you know, these guys are a fraud?" So Martin finds himself kind of in a tough spot. I think he's feeling that there is something here. This is God's work. But my wife is just so upset, and others, and my family members are questioning. And maybe some of us have been in a similar situation. You're trying to do the Lord's work, but there is opposition. And sometimes it's from people close to us, which makes it really, really hard.

09:33 Martin is going to go to the prophet, Joseph Smith. They've been translating, spring of 1828. "Joseph, will you please, please, please go to the Lord and ask him if I can just show the manuscript, show what we've been doing to my wife, my parents, maybe a couple others, and just put them at ease that this is legit?" Joseph's going to turn to the Lord, ask him. The Lord, as we know, is going to say, "No, you must not."

10:02 Joseph's going to come back to Martin. Martin's going to keep pushing. Even peer pressure for a prophet. Joseph's going to ask the Lord a second time. And I'm trying to understand Joseph here too. He doesn't have a lot of support. Here's someone who believes in him, twice his age, financially can help. I know it's not all about money, but I think that is a part of it. I don't know how to do this.

Hank Smith: 10:24 And he's already given him money, right, Chelsea? I feel like I owe you.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 10:28 Yeah. Asks the Lord the second time. The Lord says, "No." Goes back to Martin. This is going to go back and forth, back and forth. Martin's going to go back to Lucy, Lucy's, and others, I'm sure there are many in giving Martin a bad time. If I'm the adversary, I'm going to be attacking Martin. Martin's going to keep bugging Joseph. Joseph's going to ask the Lord the third time, and the Lord is going to come back and say, "Okay, you can give the manuscript to Martin under these conditions. He shows them only to his wife, his parents, a brother, and a sister-in-law. That's it."

11:07 I don't think that's what happened, because they are going to be lost. Some might say stolen. Nonetheless, they are lost. So

Martin Harris is like, "I've lost my soul." He's going to come find Joseph at his parents' house and it's going to be rough.

- 11:28 He's going to sit on the little fence for a while, in front of the house. He can't even step inside, with his hands on his temples, and just, "I can't." Steps inside, sits down at the table. They offer him food. He has no appetite. So just picture being Martin Harris in this moment. I've just lost 116 pages of the Book of Mormon.
- 11:51 I guess one of my questions is, did it have to be all 116? Couldn't we just send him with a page? But it was all of it, up to this point, of what they had translated. He comes in, Joseph's like, "Martin, what is going on?" He's like, "I've lost my soul." And Joseph knew what that meant. "You've lost the manuscript. Go back. Go find it." "Nope, I've ripped the pillows, I've ripped the mattress, I've ripped everything. It's gone. It's gone. I've lost my soul. It's gone."
- 12:21 I know this might sound a little dramatic, but in life, there are moments where we feel like, "I have messed up so bad I can never repair this again." Whether it's a marriage, a friendship, I've lost something and I can't make this right. As we know, Section 3 is really where we get a good chunk of the story. I think it's interesting though, that for so many years, I got my cute older scriptures, and newer scriptures, and we've learned a few things over the years.
- 12:58 One is that my old scriptures say that Section 10 was received summer of 1829, but my scriptures from 2013 on that we now have, which I'm so grateful for the good gospel scholars out there that are doing so much research and so much good work. Section 10, really, most of it was likely received around April 1829. There's going to be months of feeling this loss.
- 13:26 This isn't just an overnight Heavenly Father making things better. Joseph, for a time, will lose his ability to translate. That's going to be restored in Section 3, that the Lord is going to chastise him. Don't fear man more than me, Joseph. You kept asking, and asking, and asking. I kept telling you no.
- 13:47 So relatable. I think we've all been there. We keep pushing for something, and the Lord does honor agency. But if we can listen the first time, our lives are going to be so much easier. So Section 10, what a beautiful section, powerful section, revelation given to Joseph Smith, the prophet, at Harmony, Pennsylvania, likely around April 1829.

14:09 At this point, Joseph and Oliver are translating, and wondering, "What do we do with the lost 116 pages? Do we retranslate it? What do we do?" So here's the answer. And let's just start verse one. And feel free to jump in with verse one. "Now, behold I say unto you, that because you delivered up those writings, which you had power given unto you to translate, by the means of the Urim and Thummim, into the hands of a wicked man, you have lost them."

14:39 Those four words, they're just humbling. If the Lord said that to you, you're like, "And you have lost them." I would feel so bad. Verse two, "And you also lost your gift at the same time, and your mind became darkened." This is just a rough time for Joseph.

Hank Smith: 14:59 It's a rough time.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 15:00 The Lord is reminding him, "You lost them. I didn't."

Hank Smith: 15:02 Yeah, I didn't. Just a small little reminder.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 15:09 I'm teaching you. You lost them. Verse three, "Nevertheless," the most beautiful word in scripture sometimes. "Nevertheless, it's been restored unto you." Again, I can work with you, you're still chosen. And he told him that in Section 3, "You're still my prophet, you're still chosen."

15:25 He's going to teach Joseph some really beautiful things here. But one thing I think, in Section 10 that is so noteworthy, is that the Lord really describes the nature and character of Satan, and his motives, and how he works. And he also describes the nature and character of God. And both of these influences are so real, that even Joseph Smith, a called prophet, is going to struggle. We are as well. So if we can jump into some verses, just about what we can learn about the adversary, and how we can avoid losing things in life, like they've lost 116 pages.

John Bytheway: 16:07 It gives you a settled feeling, to think that God knew this was going to happen so long ago, that he had those, for an unknown purpose, another. Nephi keeps his record, other than just Lehi's. Here, we're going to talk about the designs of Satan. But God has designs too, and they don't fail.

16:26 And it's just kind of nice to know that he probably knows what we're going to go through too, therefore. And lost, lost, but then verse three, restored. Oh, thank heavens. He is a restorer. He has a plan in all of this. I love the word you've used, Chelsea,

of relatable to Martin, because I wondered, poor guy, he probably had a different outcome. "Lucy's going to see this, and she's going to be so excited, and then we will be partners together in this great cause." Or, "Then they'll support me, and then they won't worry about how I'm devoting finances and resources to this." And we've talked about this before, Hank, his motive could have been, this will help my marriage.

- Hank Smith: 17:12 Yeah, this will help things.
- John Bytheway: 17:14 I felt the same way. And even when I read Section 19, this is relatable. Do you ever read the New Testament and feel like, when Peter's getting chewed out, you're feeling, yeah, this is relatable to me too? Right? Who do you identify with the most? Well, it's not John. It's probably Peter, right?
- Hank Smith: 17:33 Chelsea, I love what you're doing here already. You're taking a story that we all know, the loss of the pages. And we look at Martin Harris and go, "Oh, poor guy." And Joseph Smith, "Oh, you should have listened." And now you've turned the mirror on us. You're going, one, have you ever lost something very important to you? I automatically thought of our listeners, John, who write in and say, "I don't know how I'm going to save this child. What did we do wrong?"
- 18:02 And that child is much more precious than pages of scripture, even though the pages are valuable and wonderful. But that's already on my mind, Chelsea, is I'm not so much looking at Martin and Joseph anymore, I'm looking at my own life and the lives of those I love. And I think there's power in that. Let's get our eyes off of them for a second, and look at us, and our lives, and what the Lord can do for us.
- John Bytheway: 18:27 And then if we look back at God with that phrase, "I am able to do my work." The fact that, "Hey, I saw all this. I saw all this coming. I know what they're up to. I got this."
- Hank Smith: 18:40 And Chelsea, why do you think the Lord took so long to tell them that he had worked it out? And he could have automatically said, "Oh guys, don't worry about it. I actually already took care of this." But you said it's been some time weighing on. They don't know that he's worked it out. They don't know that they haven't ruined the entire restoration of the gospel.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 19:01 I actually love that question. And I'm thinking of John 9 with the blind man. Why does God let us sometimes suffer for so long

when he is going to heal us or he is going to make something right? They said, "Who sinned, him or his parents?" That was the question posed with the blind man. And the Savior said, "Neither, but that the works of God may be made manifest in him."

19:28 This story, I love it so much because it shows that the works of God prevail, they will always be made manifest, even in our mess. And look at verse 34. This is where the Lord is going to teach Joseph about his wisdom, how much more powerful he is than any mistakes we make. Huge messes. We've lost a relationship. We've lost a wedding ring. Some of these big losses, that were like, "Oh my word, I was hiking and the ring is gone, and it means everything to me." Some people might be like, "Oh, it's just a ring." But to that person, it's everything.

20:10 This is Martin. His marriage is on the rocks, and this is the Book of Mormon we're talking about that we've lost. This is a big deal. This is a really big deal. We've lost a piece of the keystone. You can't be losing that if you're going to restore the Savior's church to the earth. Verse 34, just the nature of God, "But behold, here is wisdom," Joseph, I'm going to add, "and because I show unto you wisdom, and give you commandments concerning these things, what ye shall do, show it not unto the world." I'm going to add my own words here, because this is how I feel. "Show it not the world, for the love." Like, "We have a backup plan, but don't show this one to the world." Anyway, I shouldn't. I should say how the Lord says it.

Hank Smith: 20:55 We used our backup plan, right? I love it.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 20:58 Okay, Joseph, here we go. But I love how he was just introducing, okay, I'm going to teach you about my wisdom. "Show it not unto the world until you have accomplished the work of translation." Verse 35, "Marvel not." Love those two words. I think what the Lord is saying, and he says that phrase often, which, marvel is always followed with not. Because a lot of times you think, wasn't it okay to marvel? Like, "Ah, God is so good, I just marvel."

21:27 But I think what he's saying here is, why are you guys always surprised when I perform a miracle, and when I have your backs, and when I restore something that was lost? So, Joseph, marvel not with what I'm about to tell you. Believe, come to know who I am. I am a God of miracles. So here's wisdom, show it not unto the world.

21:50 He's going to say it again. Check it out, "For I said, show it not unto the world," three times. Verse 36, I didn't say you won't show it unto the righteous. 37, But Joseph, bless your heart, you can't always judge the righteous from the wicked. And I feel like I can relate to that, that the gift and the power of discernment, that is a gift to pray for, I think especially in our day.

22:13 But he says, As you're learning how to discern, hold your peace, Joseph. Let's just keep this between us. Verse 38, and John, you mentioned this, but I have to read it because, from the Savior's voice, it's so powerful. "And now, verily I say unto you, that an account of those things that you have written, which have gone out of your hands, is engraven upon the plates of Nephi." Joseph, I have another account. I have foresight. I've talked to Nephi. I prompted him so many years ago.

John Bytheway: 22:48 2,400 years ago.

Hank Smith: 22:51 Yeah, I saw this coming. Amazing.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 22:54 I knew what was going to happen. And so in the words of Mormon, verses 3-7, 1 Nephi 9, we can go there if we want, but, "Nephi feeling prompted to make another set of records," he calls both of them Nephi, the Record of Nephi, but there's some that lean more into the ministry, the sacred things, these smaller plates, that he feels so strongly to include. But he says, "I don't know why, but for a wise purpose in the Lord."

23:27 And I think it's interesting that both Nephi and Mormon use the same line, "for a wise purpose." And throughout this Section 43, "I will not suffer that they shall destroy my work. Yea, I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil. For a wise purpose."

23:47 God is wise, he is way ahead of us. Yet, sometimes we still marvel how good he is, and that he has backup plans, and that he has long-term solutions to our immediate problems. With God, nothing is ever lost forever. He is the great restorer of all good things. I just love this story.

Hank Smith: 24:12 Chelsea, last week, Dr. Ford told us the Lord is the master of damage control, right? He can move in and start cleaning things up. Chelsea, let me ask you a question that I think might run through a student's head, especially a young person. If you knew I was going to make this mistake, why let me make it?

24:35 I can almost hear Joseph and Martin, at least in my head, going, "You knew? You knew about this? Why go through it at all then if you already knew?" There's wisdom in pondering this. Well, if the Lord knows I'm going to make a huge mistake, why doesn't he stop me?

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 24:54 Well, first thing that comes to my mind is, and we have to be so careful speaking for God, or trying to figure out what he would say, but what comes to my mind with that question is, "Well, what did you want me to say to you? And I had already told you no twice. And you keep coming to me. I've given my children agency. You came and you asked for guidance, and I gave you guidance. But you didn't want it. So I honor your agency, and I gave you very specific guidelines on what to do, and you didn't do it. So naturally, there are consequences to our choices. I will not force my children. I will not make you listen and follow my promptings. I won't make you follow him. It's a choice to follow, to follow him and to follow me."

25:47 But what's so beautiful is his mercy. Remember, the Lord is merciful. In Section 3, "I can still work with you." But yeah, the 116 are lost.

John Bytheway: 25:59 Yeah, so what have you learned? You're never going to do that again, are you? Joseph will never.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 26:08 Yep.

John Bytheway: 26:09 Because if he would've said, "Yeah, you can show it," then what's the next thing that's going to come up? I don't know. But maybe I'm thinking as a parent, that it's always, you know how much we all love learning experiences, AKA trials. But this is a, so what did you learn type moment, that maybe helps them going forward.

Hank Smith: 26:28 Chelsea, John, I've been in religious education for two and a half decades, and now I'm starting to realize the beauty of Moses Chapter 1, how valuable it is. Where the Lord tells us, "Look, here's my end goal. Here's my mission, to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." I could do this perfectly. I could make everybody not make mistakes. I could lay this out the way I want to, but that's not my end goal. My end goal is children who choose me, who used their complete agency to choose me.

27:06 I think if you can remember the Lord is mission focused, you might go, "Oh, he lets me make mistakes so I can learn, so I can

choose to become like him." John, who was it that said the Lord doesn't want children who do what is right, he wants children who want and choose to do what is right?

- John Bytheway: 27:23 Elder [Renlund](#), wasn't it? What I like too here is, I remember reading in 3 Nephi 21, which is where we get that idea about Joseph Smith. This is 3 Nephi 21:10, "The life of my servant shall be in my hand. Therefore, they shall not hurt him, although he shall be marred because of them. Yet, I will heal him." Now listen verbatim to this phrase, "For I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil." That is verbatim what's in verse 43 of Section 10, "I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil." Once again, I saw this coming. Jesus saw this coming, and even shared it with the Nephites, and used that exact phrase. I just found that to be amazing.
- Hank Smith: 28:16 That is 3 Nephi, what was that, John?
- John Bytheway: 28:18 3 Nephi 21:10, "I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil." Just another evidence, the Lord saw this coming. As you said, Hank, he has an outcome. It's to bring to pass our immortality and eternal life. And he is able to do his work.
- Hank Smith: 28:35 Chelsea, could we just pause for a second and speak to our listeners about where you started so beautifully? "My wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil," and I might even add there, or your mistakes, your foolishness, your humanness. How do we help parents and grandparents who think, "Oh, if I just would've done things differently, maybe I would've saved that child's testimony. It's my fault." That verse, my wisdom is greater than your parenting. My wisdom is greater than your mistakes. Can you speak to that?
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 29:13 My parenting is better than your parenting.
- Hank Smith: 29:17 I'm parenting you too.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 29:21 Yeah. I'm going back to Section 3, verse 1, "The works, and the designs, and the purposes of God cannot be frustrated." Verse 3, "Remember, remember that it is not the work of God that is frustrated, but the work of men." And like you said, Moses 1:39, "God's work and glory." Everything he's doing to bring to pass our immortality, eternal life. The works of God are not frustrated. Agency is where we get frustrated, which is so interesting because we fought for this gift.

- 29:54 We fight and we fought for agency, and we don't like people to tell us what to do. But sometimes, we want to tell our kids what to do. And I know there's a balance with that, but sometimes our kids, and for me, students, or whatever our lives look like, sometimes our kids are just not going to do what we would hope they would do.
- 30:17 It's the same with Heavenly Father. Martin Harris, I don't believe that God wanted Martin Harris to lose these pages. Some might say, "Oh, well, it was meant to be. Everything happens for a reason. Everything's meant to be." I don't think the Lord wanted it, but in his omniscience, he had a plan, because he's always a step ahead of the devil.
- 30:40 For parents, and for me, a teacher, worrying about kids. If you're a parent or a grandparent and you're worried about a grandchild that's maybe left the church, knowing that the Lord's wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil, and he is cunning. And maybe our kiddos are struggling with some things right now, but we're not to the end. And the perfect parent is parenting. He's patient, he's teaching, he's guiding. Why would we put limits on an infinite atonement? We have a Savior.
- Hank Smith: 31:11 Chelsea, I love that. It goes back to what you said earlier, verse 35, "Why are you always so surprised that I am here?"
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 31:18 I'm a God of miracles and I've got you. I'm in relentless pursuit of you, and your children, and your grandchildren. Everything's going to be okay. Put your faith in me. Put more faith in me. Yeah.
- Hank Smith: 31:33 [Dr. Anthony Sweat](#) was here a couple of weeks ago, John, do you remember? And he had his students close their eyes and say, "How many of you think you're going to be exalted celestial kingdom?" And, oh, some hands are kind of, I don't know. And he said, "How do you think the Lord feels about that?" That we're almost saying, "Oh, I believe in you, but I don't know if you can actually exalt me." I get it. Both of you would say, "Yeah, it's not that my faith in him is weak, and it's my faith in myself." But this section shows you that he understands you. The Lord says, "Yes, yes, you are faulty. Yes, you make mistakes. And yes, I want you to learn. No, it's not okay to do these things. But above it all, overshadowing it all is, I'm in control. I've got this."
- John Bytheway: 32:26 I'm really glad that you brought up Moses 1:39 because I feel like some parents might retranslate it as if someone's pointing the finger at them, as a mom, as a dad, and saying, "This is your

job and your glory to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of your children. And the Lord didn't say, "No, actually, that's my work. And I am able to do my work." So the game's not played out yet. Just hang on.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 32:57

I want to read verse 45 and share a quick story that was from General Conference. But verse 45, just in what you were saying, "Behold, there are many things engraven upon the plates of Nephi, which do throw greater views upon my gospel. Therefore, it is wisdom in me that you should translate this first part of the engravings of Nephi, and send forth in this work."

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I love the greater views. Because of this entire experience you've been through, you're going to have greater views. And I think that's life. Through the hard times we go through, we're like, "Why didn't I listen to the prompting? It came clear." In this case, the answer to Joseph came pretty clear, "Nope. Okay, but this is what it needs to look like." He was clear.

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Many times in our lives we just have a feeling, just, oh, I shouldn't do that. Sometimes we still do. And then we go through this really rough experience. But if in the end we find repentance, we find the Savior, we tend to have a greater view of things. For those of us who have lost loved ones, I have a few in my immediate family and it's been hard. But I have greater views now of God, and of the next life even.

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I know there is a life beyond this one. And I'm grateful for those greater views that come. And I just want to share a quick story from General Conference. It was October 2024, the Joy Of Our Redemption, [Sister Yee](#), Second Counselor in the Relief Society General Presidency. If you remember, she shares that story about receiving a prompting to paint a picture of the Savior, and how intimidated she was to do that. This story just reminded me of everything Section 10, of losing the 116 pages, and what a mess we have, and how God is so redemptive, and gives even greater views, and brings an additional account.

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So Sister Yee said this, "About 10 years ago, I felt impressed to paint a portrait of the Savior. Though I'm an artist, this felt a bit overwhelming. How was I to paint a portrait of Jesus Christ that captured his spirit? Where was I to begin? And where would I even find the time? Even with my questions, I decided to move forward and trust that the Lord would help me. But I had to keep moving and leave the possibilities to him. I prayed, pondered, researched, and sketched, and was blessed to find help and resources. And what was a white canvas, started to become something more. The process wasn't easy. Sometimes

it didn't look as I had hoped. Sometimes there were moments of inspired strokes and ideas. And many times, I just had to try again and again. When I thought the oil painting was finally complete and dry, I began to apply a transparent varnish to protect it from dirt and dust."

35:52 "As I did, I noticed the hair in the painting start to change, smear, and dissolve. I quickly realized that I had applied the varnish too soon. That part of the painting was still wet." She literally ruins a part of this gorgeous painting of the Savior. I'm looking at the picture right now. She's put so much time into this, even felt prompted to do this.

36:20 Sometimes we feel prompted to do things, and we do our best and we make a mess. And we think, why do I even try? Here she is, she's got a mess on her hands. She said, "I had literally wiped away a portion of my painting with the varnish. My heart sank. I felt as though I had just destroyed what God had helped me to do. I cried. I felt sick inside. In despair, I did what anyone would typically do in a situation like this, I called my mother."

36:47 "She wisely and calmly said, 'You won't get back what you had, but do the very best you can with what you've got.' So I prayed and I pled for help, and painted through the night to repair things. And I remember looking at the painting in the morning. It looked better than it did before. How was that possible? What I thought was a mistake without mend was an opportunity for his merciful hand to be manifest."

37:17 And she just shares the most beautiful testimony, about how God can mend broken things, how he can fix a messy painting. If he cares enough to help her with her painting, then he cares to help us with our pictures of life. He's going to help us with the mistakes we've made, the losses maybe we've created, and the result for her was just a deep gratitude for her Savior. As she was probably marveling, he might be saying, "Hey, marvel not. You know I've got this." Her painting became even more beautiful after she messed it up.

Hank Smith: 37:54 Wow, what a great tie in. It's difficult to put into words, but I hope everyone listening feels what I feel, which is, what does that tell you about him? The master teacher, and so loving, and so kind, and so good. And I keep coming back to what you said earlier, Chelsea. "Guys, why are you so surprised when I do this every single time? Why do you marvel every time?" This is beautiful. John, can you put it into words for me, because I just can't seem to find the words?

John Bytheway: 38:27 You can look at the actual text of what it's talking about, but the wonderful thing is you can apply that so much bigger, which is what you've done beautifully, Chelsea. I have it in my margin, "You try to thwart the work of God and it turns out better anyway." So you try to kick the word downstairs and you end up kicking it upstairs.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 38:49 That's right.

John Bytheway: 38:51 But what you just did, Chelsea, was apply that beautifully. Trials give us greater views of everything. One more reason to say, "Don't marvel, I do this all the time."

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 39:06 Ether 12:6, "You receive no witness until after the trial of your faith." If we want to gain testimonies, I teach my seminary kids, even my institute students, that first four letters of the word testimony, what comes before the testimony is a test. There will be tests. There's going to be tests of faith. Some of those just may naturally come, because an omniscient Lord sees you're ready to learn. Others are going to come because of our stupidity, the way we use agency. Others come because of others' agency.

39:39 But either way, the Lord is there to guide, to bless. If we lose ourselves, he can help us find who we are. If we lose something along the way, he has long-term solutions. He has the small plates ready for us as well. When we're losing our 116 pages, I think we need to trust the Lord more.

40:01 The adversary is real. If we just go throughout our lives thinking, oh, Satan's not real. And Satan wants us to believe he's not, but he's a great deceiver. And a good portion of this chapter talks about how he tries to get into our people's hearts. So we need to learn how to protect our hearts.

40:21 It wouldn't be okay if I skipped the Doctrinal Mastery Verse in this section, so we got to go verse five. He's going to tell Joseph, Hey Joseph, you pray always. Pray always, Joseph, that you may come off conqueror, that you may conquer Satan, and that you may escape the hands of the servants of Satan that do uphold his work. I don't think we can underestimate the power of daily prayer, and praying for power over temptation. Of course, coupling that with a good scripture study, but this praying always concept is crucial in having power over the adversary.

40:57 Because like you said earlier, Satan does have his cunning plans, but God has plans also. Which plans are we going to follow? I

really do love the name of your podcast. It's so simple, but it's a beautiful invitation. Follow Him. It really is up to us whom we choose to follow. Pray always.

- John Bytheway: 41:18 Could I follow that up with verse 33? "Thus, Satan thinketh to overpower your testimony in this generation." What, the testimony of The Three Witnesses, what they've already written, the testimony, the restoration, but broaden that to all of us. Job one for him is to try to overpower your testimony in this generation. And when you guys think of the Parable of the Sower, the first thing the sower does, behold, the sower went forth to sow. And some fell upon hard ground and the fowls came and devoured them up. And that's what I always put right next to this.
- 41:56 If you are going to try to plant the word of God in your heart, you're going to get opposition. The fowls will be right there to devour them up. Lets you know, you're going to get opposition if you're trying to plant a testimony in your heart, because Satan wants to overpower your testimony in this generation. And the testimony was our weapon in the war in heaven. I mean, I don't think we had spiritual F-16s, although I love the idea. I think our testimony was the weapon. Now we're in a different venue and what's he going to try to overpower? Our testimony.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 42:30 I think that's interesting that it specifically says testimony. Right? In the Book of Revelation, how did we overcome Satan the first time? By the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. Naturally, in this life, it's a continuation. Verse 33, where you're at, that Satan thinketh. He's thinking, if I can get rid of these 116 pages, then I can mess with everybody's testimony, we can just be done with this whole thing.
- 42:56 And so what is he coming at us with? Satan's thinking, if I can just get this kid off course for a few years, then it's over. But with the Savior, it's never over. He has foresight, he knows what his children need, and he knows where his lost sheep are. We're never truly lost with him.
- Hank Smith: 43:16 If someone reads verse 5 and thinks, how do you pray always? There's stuff I've got to do.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 43:23 Yeah.
- Hank Smith: 43:24 [Elder Bednar](#) gave, I bet you both remember, October 2008, Pray Always, where he talks about how the Lord created the Earth, in Moses Chapter 3. And those who have been through

the Temple might think of this as well. He said, "There's a spiritual creation and then there's a temporal creation." He said, "A meaningful morning prayer can be a spiritual creation of your day."

43:52 So you spiritually create your day in your morning prayer. Then you go and live. And then in the evening, you return and report back on that spiritual creation. Did I do all that I had planned to do? He says, "Then during the course of the days, we keep that prayer in our heart. Thus, our evening prayer builds upon and is a continuation of our morning prayer. And our evening prayer also is a preparation for meaningful morning prayer." And then he said all of that, "Morning to evening, morning to evening becomes pray always." I loved that. I don't know about either of you, evening prayers are more natural for me. Morning prayers are a little more difficult, until I listened to that talk, and I thought, that's a key. I'll spiritually create my day.

John Bytheway: 44:45 When I was pretty young, my parents took me to the movie [Fiddler on the Roof](#). And I think that character, Tevye, he talked with God all day long. When he was walking around with his milk cart, he'd look up and say things. And he always had a conversation going. I thought that was very interesting. And sometimes the things he said were kind of funny. I realize we're a chosen people, but once in a while, couldn't you choose someone else? That kind of helped me to think, I'm constantly in touch.

Hank Smith: 45:20 In the scriptures, you don't hear a lot about Satan. We don't get chapters, and chapters, and chapters. But this section, this one, it's kind of a standout, where the Lord says, "Look, this is who you are up against. This isn't something to look over. This isn't something to not be worried about."

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 45:40 Yeah, that's one thing that definitely stood out to me. It's not that we love the sections about the adversary. However, on a lighter note, I coached high school girls basketball for a few years, and one thing we would do is watch game film. And we're going to watch the opposing team, and we're going to pick it apart, and we're looking for, okay, I think this strategy is going to work really well against this team. And if we can see what Satan's up to, then we can recognize it. What are his motives? Who is this guy?

Hank Smith: 46:12 One of the major purposes of the Book of Mormon?

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 46:14 Yes.

Hank Smith:	46:14	Korihor, Sherem, Amalickiah.
Sis. Chelsea Chipman:	46:14	Yes.
Hank Smith:	46:21	That's game film.
Sis. Chelsea Chipman:	46:23	Yeah. So Section 10 is, it's kind of a cool game film that exposes Satan, which I love it. So that when he shows his ugly face, we'd be like, "Mm." And at first it doesn't look ugly. We can discern and be like, this is kind of ugly. But something that he does is he tries to mess with our hearts. I'm going to quickly go over a couple verses, but 10, "Satan hath put it into their hearts to alter the words." It wasn't necessarily them that came up with this idea. Satan's always behind evil ideas. It's just his influence.
	47:00	Verse 13, "For he hath put it into their hearts." Again. Even going back a verse, "On this wise, the devil has sought to lay a cunning plan, that he may destroy this work." Let's go 20, "Verily, verily I say unto you, Satan has great hold upon their hearts. He stirreth them up to iniquity against that which is good."
	47:21	So let's talk about the conspirators for just a second. Verse 21, their hearts are corrupt and full of wickedness and abominations, but I don't think it started that way for them. I think Satan just starts on their hearts. He's just starting on their minds. But by verse 21, their hearts, they're fully corrupt. They're full of wickedness and abominations. And they love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil. Therefore, they will not ask of me. 22, "Satan stirreth them up, that he may lead their souls to destruction."
	47:59	I think that's really interesting, because those who are under the influence of the adversary, I don't know what he tells them, but maybe he feels like they're buddy buddies with him. But verse 22 is saying, no, not only is Satan trying to destroy Joseph and these guys over here seeking to do the Lord's work, he's going to lead their souls to destruction as well, the conspirators. So verse 27, "And thus he, Satan, goeth up and down, to and fro in the earth seeking to destroy the souls of men."
	48:36	He's all about destroying souls. That's sad. It's like, dude, what is your deal? But, we need to know that that's the character of the adversary, that it's real. And I think it's interesting that the verse 21, these people love darkness rather than light. And then Jesus Christ, in verse 57, introduces himself, "Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God." And in verse 58, he says, "I am the light

which shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not."

- Hank Smith: 49:13 That he may lead their souls to destruction. Their souls are precious.
- John Bytheway: 49:21 I love verse 25, "Thus he flattereth them and telleth them, it is no sin to lie, that they may catch a man in a lie, that they may destroy him." And I put up in my margin, now they're setting up a gotcha. But they're lying so that they can say you lied. Verse 21, "He loved darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil; therefore, they will not ask of me." Yeah, why not ask?
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 49:51 That's so beautiful. What are some ways we can avoid losing the 116 pages in our lives? One way is to, when we ask God for guidance, and I think we should, that we may save ourselves some great heartache by following his promptings the first time. I love that his wisdom is greater than the adversary and that the story gives me great hope when I do lose things that I should have kept sacred and taken care of. I'm so grateful for the mercy of God.
- 50:26 I'm also grateful for the promptings from him, that he will help me avoid a lot of heartache and pain, if I'll follow promptings the first time, is one thing that I take from this. Another is, okay, well the adversary is real. We know that we're all going to be tempted. It's not a sin to be tempted. But we need to be careful.
- 50:47 So how can I guard myself against the temptations of the adversary? He's clever. He's seeking to destroy me. Let's not even pretend this isn't happening. And so it's like, okay, yes, I'm going to keep my faith in Jesus Christ, but how do I strengthen that faith? And how do I put on armor daily? I know we talk about this, but how many people truly are in the Word of God every day? This is something that we are just begging our seminary kiddos, we set a daily scripture reading goal. How's your daily scripture study going? How's it going?
- 51:18 And maybe because this is something we've talked about for so long, we want another answer. Well, yeah, yeah, I know that one. Yeah, I know, read my scriptures, say my prayers. But there is so much power in praying always, and studying the scriptures daily. October 2013, [President Packer](#), he gave a talk called The Key to Spiritual Protection.
- 51:43 And yes, I feel very strongly about this, partially, perhaps because I have been a Seminary Institute teacher for a long

time, but I also have a testimony of this. Some days I'm like, "Chelsea, you haven't had a great study. You nibbled kind of on a verse, yet you're feeling weaker, and the temptations are stronger." So I have a testimony of this and sometimes it's still hard for me to just have a really good scripture study.

52:14 And so I just want to share a couple of things from what President Packer said in his talk, The Key to Spiritual Protection. He said, "The scriptures hold the keys to spiritual protection. They contain the doctrine, and laws, and ordinances that will bring each child of God to a testimony of Jesus Christ as the Savior and Redeemer." And then he shares a story. Years ago, Elder S. Dilworth Young of the Seventy taught me a lesson about reading the scriptures.

52:40 "A stake was struggling with tensions, and difficulties among the members, and counsel needed to be given. I asked President Young, 'What should I say?' He answered simply, 'Tell them to read the scriptures.' I asked, 'Which scriptures?' He said, 'It really doesn't matter. Tell them to open up the Book of Mormon, for instance, and begin to read. Soon the feeling of peace and inspiration will come and a solution will present itself.'"

53:13 And then President Packer said, "Make scripture reading a part of your regular routine and the blessings will follow. There is in the scriptures a voice of warning," and that's something right here in Section 10, this voice of warning I'm so grateful for. "There is in the scriptures a voice of warning, but there is also great nourishment."

53:33 And we need to nourish our spirits. We need to put on armor daily. It's my words. And then President Packer ends with this, "If the language of the scriptures at first seems strange to you, keep reading. Soon you will come to recognize the beauty and power found on those pages." We pray always, we study the scriptures daily, and we will have power over temptation. We can and we will conquer the adversary as we tap into the power of Jesus Christ daily, through praying always, and being in His words. There is so much power in the words of Jesus Christ. I'm grateful for the scriptures.

Hank Smith: 54:09 Yeah, I'm going to give you a second witness here. This is [President Benson](#), 1986, "Often, we spend great effort in trying to increase the activity levels in our stakes. We work diligently to raise the percentages of those attending sacrament meeting. We labor to get a higher percentage of young people on missions. We strive to improve the numbers of those marrying

in the temple. All of these are commendable efforts and important to the growth of the kingdom. But when individual members and families immerse themselves in the scriptures regularly and consistently, these other areas of activity will automatically come.”

- John Bytheway: 54:46 It took me longer than I'm embarrassed to admit to learn that lesson. I found that, interestingly, the prescription for so many problems, even family problems, employment problems, health problems, it's amazing how often the prescription was the same. Are you reading the scriptures? I heard someone say once that criticism doesn't change people, people either change themselves or they're changed by the Holy Ghost.
- 55:18 Getting us all to connect to God is where so many answers are, because then we have the Holy Ghost with us to help us. And so I love those quotations. It's amazing, because for some people that's, "Wait, that's not my problem." No, actually read the scriptures. Not because you'll find the answer in the exact words, perhaps, but because you'll be connecting to God and you'll have a greater measure of the Holy Ghost.
- Hank Smith: 55:45 We've had listeners with us for years, John. We hear from people who say, "I was with you from episode one four years ago." And we love those people. John, you and I both, along with Chelsea, and I think every guest we have, would say, "Thank you for listening. Please go read yourself. Go get in it yourself."
- 56:07 We're grateful that you listen, and we hope that this is a wonderful benefit to you, and you feel like, wow, I'm getting a lot out of the scriptures now. We would encourage everyone, what does Moroni say, John? Exhort. We would exhort everyone to get into those scriptures yourself. You can start small. You'll get the vocabulary down. It'll happen. Pretty soon it becomes a part of you.
- John Bytheway: 56:28 Like President Packer said, yeah.
- Hank Smith: 56:30 Yeah.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 56:30 The Lord, as [President Nelson](#) has reminded us, he loves effort. So even if something is hard at first, just put in that effort and God will bless you. He will magnify your efforts and you'll start to fall in love with the scriptures. President Hinckley, it will become a love affair. You'll just want to read the scriptures. But it takes time to fall in love with the scriptures.

- 56:54 And for me, I do have a testimony that the earlier I can get in the word of God, the better my whole day goes. So if someone is needing a boost, and it's noon, and it's already been a rough day, just pause. Go read the scriptures, 10, 15 minutes. Say a prayer, read some verses, and just see if that can help change your day. Invite the Holy Ghost and start bringing in the blessings of the atonement of Jesus Christ through the power of his word.
- 57:23 This is [Elder Richard G. Scott](#), powerful talk, the power of scripture. And this is October 2011, we're throwing it back today a little bit. He tells us, listen carefully, because it's amazing the power in the word of God. He says, "If we ponder, pondering a passage of scripture can be a key to unlock revelation and the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Scriptures can calm an agitated soul, giving peace, hope, and a restoration of confidence in one's ability to overcome the challenges of life. They have potent power to heal emotional challenges when there is faith in the Savior. They can accelerate physical healing."
- 58:10 So I don't even know if I fully comprehend how this all works, but I know it's the power of Jesus Christ and his words.
- Hank Smith: 58:21 Since we're on the topic, I want to address something, John, we haven't really addressed here on the podcast before, and Chelsea, you can help us out. And that is someone who says, "Well, I like listening to the followHIM podcast, or Unshaken, or Don't Miss This, or even general conference talks, are you telling me that I'm not doing the right thing if I'm not sitting with my book open?" So what would you say to that?
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 58:45 My experience has been, and when I watch your podcast, or if I watch Don't Miss This, I find that it gets me excited to go into the word and have a scripture study for myself, especially Come, Follow Me, I tend to watch more of the Come, Follow Me podcast. If I want to study the scriptures, I'm going to go to the Come, Follow Me podcast and I find motivation in watching podcasts. Sometimes it's just the multitasker in me. I can mow the lawn. Just today, I've gained great insights with this discussion with both of you, and I'm grateful for that. But I do think there's a balance there. That if we only watch podcasts, we never open up the Word of God for our own personal revelation, and I think we're missing some of the greater views that God could give in our own personal studies.
- Hank Smith: 59:38 I love it. I love it. A podcast like ours, it's a supplement, not a substitute. Isn't there a story in the Book of Acts about a man

who's trying to read the scriptures and can't understand them? Which one is that, Chelsea? I know you know it.

- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 59:54 Well, let's try Acts 8 and see if that's what you're looking for. Philip 30, tell me if that's your verse, and Philip ran thither to him and heard him read the prophet Isaiah and said, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" I'm like, do any of us the first time or 500th time understand? And he said, "How can I except some man should guide me?" And he desired Philip, that he would come and sit with him. So this is true for me, reading scriptures, sometimes I appreciate something, a supplement to help me understand the Word of God. And of course, our prophets, seers and leaders are number one in helping us understand the scriptures and a podcast that's going to quote the prophets, I think, is really important.
- Hank Smith: 01:00:45 Absolutely. Doesn't the Lord say, John, teach one another? Where is that? Is that section 80?
- John Bytheway: 88, maybe.
- Hank Smith: 88?
- John Bytheway: Teach one another.
- Hank Smith: Teach one another.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: Words of wisdom.
- Hank Smith: 01:00:56 Right? Moroni 6. Speak to one another concerning the welfare of your souls. The last thing I want is for someone to listen to our show and go, "Oh, you're right. I'm not doing enough." No, we love you and we're encouraging you to get into your scriptures yourself. Start small and see what you can do. Do what you can.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 01:01:18 Amen. And I would never want a listener today to feel guilty based on what we've talked about with the power of the Word. I have a strong testimony of daily scripture study, I teach the gospel, and I have days that I have a really hard time having a good study.
- Hank Smith: 01:01:35 One of the reasons that the show even started, John, is you and I both love hearing people teach scripture. I could sit and listen to Chelsea Chipman teach scripture for hours. I feel the spirit and I'm getting insights, and I'm going to my own book, writing that down saying, "I've got to remember that." I don't want

anyone out there to feel like, ah, I'm doing this wrong. Just keep doing things. Just keep trying. And when you make mistakes, didn't we just learn in Section 10, the Lord says, "My wisdom is greater than your mistakes."

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 01:02:12

If we have an effort to study the Word of God and were sincere in our motivation there and our desires, is there a wrong way? If I'm starting by myself in the Word of God, I don't think that's wrong. If I'm starting with a general conference talk, I don't think that's wrong. If I'm starting with a podcast, I don't think that's wrong. I think the Lord has blessed us with many resources today to help us study the Word of God and get the word in us and have more power. That power we've been talking about today, just having the Holy Ghost as our guide.

Hank Smith: 01:02:48

I love it. Just the other day, I was on Instagram and there's Elder Holland and he says, "Let show you something I've been reading in the scriptures," and I thought, where do I live? How do I live in a time where I can just be standing somewhere and I can study the scriptures for a few minutes with the President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles? What would anyone even just 30 years ago say, and a hundred years ago, 200 years ago?

Chelsea, section 10 has been fantastic. What else do we need to see here? Because we do want to talk about Section 11.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 01:03:19

We cannot study Section 10 without loving the Savior more, so grateful that when we lose things in our lives, or we think we've messed something up forever, we haven't. God has plans. He has foresight. He will save his children. If we are the ones who are lost, eventually we can make it back to him. Have to know that God's wisdom will always be greater than the cunning of the devil, always. And that brings me a lot of comfort. I don't have to live life scared. Well, what if I choose wrong? What if I don't do this right? What if I... It's okay to just live, and even when you make a mistake, God's got you. It's going to be okay. So we also don't need to fear to make decisions in life, we can move forward.

If you're like, "I don't know if I should take this job or if I..." Well, go ahead and take it. If it logically makes sense, it feels good, move forward. "What if I mess up in my dating? What if... I hear this at BYU. How do I know? How do I..." And that is for them to decide, of course. But I think sometimes we're so paralyzed by fear of making a mistake that we don't make decisions. And God will guide you as the promptings come if you listen the first time, I think that will save you some pain. But if and when we make mistakes, the Lord's wisdom is greater than the cunning of

the devil, and it's going to be okay, as long as we keep coming back to him. God is a God of mercy and miracles.

Hank Smith:	01:04:55	And you pointed out even greater views. I can throw greater views.
Sis. Chelsea Chipman:	01:05:01	I will teach you through this, like John beautifully said earlier, what is the lesson you're learning? That's it. You're getting it. Now we'll move on and you're better for it.
Hank Smith:	01:05:10	What a grand Lord. I can see why... What does Jacob say? "Oh, the goodness of our God!" Right?
John Bytheway:		Mm-hmm.
Sis. Chelsea Chipman:		Yeah.
Hank Smith:		The exclamation point.



That You May Come Off Conqueror PART 2

GUEST: SIS. CHELSEA CHIPMAN



- John Bytheway: 00:00 Keep listening for part two with Chelsea Chipman, Doctrine and Covenants Sections 10 through 11.
- Hank Smith: 00:07 Chelsea, tell us about [Section 11](#) of the Doctrine and Covenants. This name comes up for the first time in scripture, I believe, Hyrum Smith.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 00:18 This last summer I had the privilege of going on a church history tour with our friend Anthony Sweat and his group, and it was just fabulous. And I have been to all the church history sites a few times, but I'd never done the trip from the beginnings. And it would've been even better if it started Vermont, maybe, but we were starting right in New York, Sacred Grove, and then we just went the whole tour, even took a couple plane rides, and we are going to end at Carthage. Not only do you more fully fall in love with the Prophet Joseph Smith, but his whole family and all these families at this foundational period of the restoration of the Savior's Church.
- 01:01 And Carthage Jail was one of the most sacred moments for me in just recognizing not only the gift that Joseph gave of his life for the truth, but his brother Hyrum, who was always by his side. Always. Literally to the end. Joseph's going to have friends come and go. He's going to have members of the Quorum of the Twelve leave, he's going to see some pretty significant people in church history not be by his side when he could have used them. Hyrum is not only Mr. Integrity, he is loyal. I can't think of a better brother, an older brother that believes in you. He believed him from day one and he's with him to the end, and I love Hyrum. He's such a good man.
- 01:57 And here's the end of Hyrum's life. We're in the upstairs in Carthage Jail, and here comes the mob, and Willard Richards, John Taylor, Hyrum, and Joseph are there, and were pushing against the door, and shots are fired. It's going to be Hyrum that gets hit first, right in the face. Picturing that scene, sweet Joseph seeing his brother falling to the ground and, "My brother

Hyrum! Oh, Hyrum!" So, Hyrum's going to fall first. He's going to seal his testimony with his blood. I'm just really grateful for Hyrum, and who he was, and being that older brother to Joseph. It didn't feel like he was ever jealous that the little brother's the prophet, it felt like he was honored to be a part.

02:47 Going into Section 11 is the first section where we see Hyrum. He's just excited to get involved with the work. This is May 1829. Priesthood has just been restored. He wants to know, "Okay, this is true. What do I need to do? Will you ask the Lord what is His will?" But we can go more. Hyrum, just as far as what he did, different positions he held in the church. He's one of the Eight Witnesses to the Book of Mormon.

Hank Smith: 03:16 One of my favorite stories of Hyrum comes from [his mother](#), as you might expect. [Joseph's leg surgery](#), back when he was a little boy, she wrote this. "Hyrum, who was rather remarkable for his tenderness and sympathy, now desired that he might take my place." And what she's talking about is tending to Joseph after the surgery. "As he was a good, trusty boy, we let him do so. And in order to make the task as easy for him as possible, we laid Joseph upon a low bed, and Hyrum sat beside him almost day and night, for some considerable length of time, holding the affected part of his leg in his hands and pressing it" the leg "between them, so that his afflicted brother might be enabled to endure the pain, which was so excruciating that he was scarcely able to bear it."

04:10 Here's two little boys, and I have four boys. Here's a little brother in so much pain, and here's his older brother, just a few years older than him, squeezing that part of his leg just to give him a little bit of relief. That picture right there, taken all the way to where you just took us, Chelsea, to Carthage Jail. Here's Hyrum holding Joseph, and then you took us to Carthage Jail, where Joseph is holding Hyrum. This is a story of loyalty and goodness.

John Bytheway: 04:45 It's kind of fun to talk about Hyrum, because we've had Oliver, and Joseph, and Joseph Smith Sr. in Section 4. Some more Oliver Cowdery in what, Hank? 6, 8, 9. I love that we get to talk about Hyrum, because he's been there all this time.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 05:04 Well, if I can add to what you were saying, Hank, that visual of Hyrum holding Joseph as a child, and then Joseph holding Hyrum when he's taking his last breath, Section 135:3: "Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world than any other

man that ever lived in it." And we are so grateful for the prophet.

05:30 And then it goes on to tell what he did in 20 years. "In the short space of 20 years, he has brought forth the Book of Mormon, which he translated by the gift and power of God, and has been the means of publishing it on two continents; sent the fullness of the everlasting gospel, which it contained, to the four quarters of the earth." And goes on and on and on and on, built "a great city", gathered "thousands of Latter-day Saints", founded a city, "left a fame, a name that cannot be slain. He lived great, and he died great in the eyes of God and His people; and like most of the Lord's anointed in ancient times, has sealed his mission and his works with his own blood." That is quite the tribute. And then the next line: "and so has his brother Hyrum."

06:16 He's the only one with Joseph in that verse, save Jesus. That colon and that "and so has his brother Hyrum." In life, they were not divided, and in death, they were not separated. What a tribute also to Hyrum, that he's right there, with the prophet, testifying, giving his life for what he believed in, in the truthfulness of the gospel. So, Hyrum is just incredible. He's going to be one of the Eight Witnesses of the Book of Mormon. He's going to be a patriarch of the church at one point after his father.

06:54 And something fun about that actually is I have this little book I brought, my sister and a niece put this together. These are patriarchal blessings from many of our ancestors. And I was going through this book a few months ago, and I have two ancestors, their last name's Stuart, husband and wife, and they received their patriarchal blessings from Patriarch Hyrum.

Hank Smith: 07:20 Wow.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 07:21 I got to read those blessings that were given by Hyrum Smith, and sweet little connection there of the Patriarch Hyrum Smith. Grateful for everything Hyrum did, not just for the church, but even for my family. He literally blessed my family.

Hank Smith: 07:42 Literally.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 07:43 Just love Hyrum. We can go back to Section 11. Priesthood has recently been restored, so powerful, a really big moment in church history. The Smith brothers are hearing about it. Again, Section 4, John, you mentioned was to Joseph's dad. Joseph's had a tender moment with even his brother Samuel, and

Samuel's in... Hyrum, it just seems like Hyrum's in from day one. I don't know how much we know about Hyrum's conversion, but we can see the fruits of his conversion in Section 11 as he comes to Joseph. And I almost picture this like Jared and the brother of Jared. Jared goes to his brother and says, "Will you cry unto the Lord and ask Him to not confound our language?" And he does, and he comes back and he said, "The Lord, He won't confound our language." "Awesome, will you..."

08:37 And it seems like Jared keeps going to the brother of Jared to inquire of the Lord. What humility does it take an older brother to come to a younger brother? But he knows the mission of his little brother. "Will you inquire of the Lord of what my part is? I'm so excited about what's going on." And I just wonder, for those of us listening, how much we've wondered, is there more that the Lord wants me to do? "Have ye inquired of the Lord?" Joseph's probably pleased that his family members are coming.

09:12 But also something that this section is going to teach us is that we can receive our own revelation. We can go to God and ask Him to teach us, and to lead, and guide us. And we don't have to go to President Nelson for a revelation. I think it's so beautiful that they are going to the prophet, and that we have these sections as answers. But for anyone out there wondering, "Is there more for my life? What does the Lord want me to do?" "Have ye inquired of the Lord?" And so Joseph Smith inquires of the Lord on behalf of his brother, and this is a revelation given in Harmony, Pennsylvania, May 1829. It's for Hyrum. There's a few really beautiful principles in this section, and so we can kind of start wherever you want, Hank and John, but let me know if there's a certain place you want to go, or if you want me to just-

Hank Smith: 10:06 Yeah, take us through it, Chelsea.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 10:07 Cool.

Hank Smith: 10:07 We're ready to go.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 10:11 Just for fun, we're going to start verse eight.

Hank Smith: 10:14 Okay.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 10:15 Because in my scriptures, you're going to be like, "She's so cheesy." But I wrote "Hank and John" next to verse eight. I actually did, I have it right here. Verse eight. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, even as you desire of me so it shall be done unto you; and, if you desire, you shall be the means of doing much good in

this generation." These two are probably embarrassed. You clearly have desired your whole lives to do good, and you do a lot of good, and you are the means of doing much good in this generation. We live in 2025. It's an interesting time. But for those of us out there who have desires to do good, we are called to the work, just like Hyrum. You can "be the means of doing much good in this generation." And so I'm starting with my Hank and John verse, which is verse eight.

- Hank Smith: 11:04 It's very kind of you, very kind of you.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 11:09 I'm going to connect it to 27. The Lord says, "Behold, I speak unto all who have good desires, and have thrust in their sickle to reap." So, this section is for every single person who desires to do good. This section is for you, whomever is listening, because clearly you're just a great soul, turning on followHIM.
- Hank Smith: 11:28 Clearly. We have the best listeners.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 11:31 So, keep that in mind as we go through this section that yes, it was initially given to Hyrum, but today in 2025, it's for all of us.
- Hank Smith: 11:41 I see the word "desire" come up quite a bit in this section.
- John Bytheway: 11:45 Yeah.
- Hank Smith: 11:46 Not your capability, but what do you want? What's in your heart?
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 11:50 Yeah. It feels like Hyrum is desiring to get out there and preach the word, and the Lord told his father in Section 4 that "a marvelous work is about to come forth" and it's ready for the harvest, and are you ready to get out there? So, Section 11 starts in a similar way. "A great and marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men." I love how these sections begin, because I just get excited. And I would think that Hyrum would've been excited, receiving this answer, that "a great and marvelous work" is out there. It's "about to come forth".
- 12:30 Verse two, "Behold, I am God; give heed to my word," Hyrum. So, He introduces Himself at the beginning. "My word is quick, it's powerful. It's sharper than a two-edged sword." And, "Behold, the field is white already to harvest." Verse four, "whosoever will thrust in his sickle and reap, the same is called of God." If I was Hyrum and I'm Joseph, if he's letting me know or reading this first part, if it's been written down, I think I'm

just getting so excited, I'm so excited, I'm so excited. And then verse 15, Hyrum, "Behold, I command you that you need not suppose that you are called to preach until you are called. Wait a little longer." And I'm like, "What? Why did you just tell me how cool everything is right now, but I can't go preach yet? I want to be a missionary."

Hank Smith: 13:23

Now slow down, slow down.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 13:25

"Wait a little longer," Hyrum, "until you shall have my word, my rock, my church, and my gospel, that you may know of a surety my doctrine." Verse 21, "Seek not to declare my word, but first seek to obtain my word." And if I'm Hyrum, I'm like, "Wait, I'm not ready, I'm not prepared? What is the Lord saying?" Maybe sometimes we want to go out and do something great, and it's not happening. But perhaps we're lacking in the preparation phase. And I know this has been a lesson I've had to learn a lot in my life. I'm just like, "Well, I want to go do something great." But perhaps the Lord is saying, "Well wait, hang on, wait a little bit, Chelsea. You are actually not ready. You think you're ready." I'm learning that I need to ask Heavenly Father to teach me what the next step is. What do I need to start preparing right now for what's to come?

14:18

And for Hyrum, Hyrum, hang on. "Seek not to declare my word, but first seek to obtain my word, and then shall your tongue be loosed; then, if you desire, you shall have my power and my word, yea, the power of God unto the convincing of men. But now hold your peace; study my word which hath gone forth among the children of men, and also study my word which shall come forth among the children of men, or that which is now translating". The Book of Mormon's not even complete yet.

Hank Smith: 14:49

Right. You can't get out in front of the book, yeah.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 14:53

Can't get out in front of the prophet, which is just a good lesson for all of us. We can't get ahead of the prophet, can't get ahead of the book.

Hank Smith: 15:02

I bet the Lord loves this problem, don't you think? Easy.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 15:05

"I'm ready to go! I'm ready to go!" He's like, "Nope, actually, you're not."

Hank Smith: 15:09

So Chelsea, John, doesn't the Lord say later in Section 57, 58, He gets a little frustrated with those who are "compelled in all

things", they won't move. It seems like He has the opposite problem here.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 15:22

Right? We could all be a little more Hyrum-like. Here's your verse, Hank. "For behold, it is not" in verse 26, "it is not meet that I should command in all things; for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward. Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged" like Hyrum.

Hank Smith: 15:44

Like Hyrum.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 15:46

I added that part. But "men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness." I think Hyrum is aware of the power in him, he is an agent unto himself, and he wants to get out there and preach the gospel, and start saving souls, being a part of that great work of salvation. You got to love Hyrum and his desire to serve. The Savior's going to teach him, though, there is a time, it's not time yet.

16:15

I think it's important to know that in 22, "study my word which hath gone forth among the children of men". Hyrum, I also want you to be studying the Bible and other good books, but the Bible that I have already given you; "and also study my word, which shall come forth, that which is now translating". And so Hyrum, study, prepare, the time will come, but right now is the time to prepare.

16:42

And verse 23, "Behold thou art Hyrum, my son". I love that line. You are Hyrum, and you're my son. 24. I love you for "the integrity of your heart", and you just always want to do what's right. That's Hyrum. I want to be like Hyrum, because I'll be more like my Savior if I am. Yeah, the Lord, He's just going to guide him, He's so kind. Let's go 17. Hyrum, "behold, according to your desires, yea, even according to your faith shall it be done unto you." 18. Right now Hyrum, "keep my commandments; hold your peace; appeal unto my Spirit." At 19, "cleave unto me with all your heart, that you may assist in bringing to light those things of which has been spoken, yea, the translation of my work; be patient until you shall accomplish it." There's these one-liners, "appeal unto my Spirit", "cleave unto me with all your heart", "be patient".

17:44

You mentioned Moses 1:39 earlier today, where God says, "this is my work and my glory; to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." Verse 20, "Behold, this is your work, to keep my commandments, yea, with all your might, mind and

strength." I just think that's a great verse for all of us; that I have my work, your work is to do your very best. We all make mistakes, like we've talked about earlier, but your work is "to keep my commandments" the very best that you can, and good things are going to happen. Love Hyrum, his desires to get out there. And the Lord's going to teach, train, and tutor him about patience and obtaining the word of God, so that when it's time, he's ready.

Hank Smith: 18:28

Chelsea, what a great connection to Moses 1:39. If we go back to the discussion we were having, what is a parent to do? And John said, "Look, this isn't your work and your glory to exalt your children." And then Chelsea, you've just said, "Well, what is my work?" Doctrine and Covenants 11:20, your work is "to keep my commandments with all your might, mind and strength." Let's each do our jobs.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 18:52

I just love how He says "this is your work". I noticed this verse in my study coming into today, and [President Nelson](#) has such a beautiful talk, We Can Do Better and Be Better, April 2019. I love that you brought this up, because I've read this before, "Say nothing but repentance unto this generation." And what does that mean? What does that look like?

19:15

He said, "Recently I have found myself drawn to the Lord's instruction given through the Prophet Joseph Smith: 'Say nothing but repentance unto this generation.' This declaration is often repeated throughout scripture. It prompts an obvious question: 'Does everyone need to repent?'" And then he said, "The answer is yes." So, it's humbling. It's like, okay, well, do I have the right view of what repentance is? Our sweet prophet today helps us.

19:43

He says, "Too many people consider repentance as punishment-something to be avoided except in the most serious circumstances. But this feeling of being penalized is engendered by Satan. He tries to block us from looking to Jesus Christ, who stands with open arms, hoping and willing to heal, forgive, cleanse, strengthen, purify, and sanctify us. The word for repentance in the Greek New Testament is *metanoeo*. The prefix *meta-* means change. The suffix *-noeo* is related to Greek words that mean mind, knowledge, spirit, and breath." I remember when he gave this talk, and I've heard some similar things from him, and invitations about finding the joy of daily repentance. I've kind of wrestled with that. But when he broke down the word *metanoeo*, and it means we "change our mind, we change our knowledge, we change even our spirit." He even said and "the way we breathe", and I'm like, what in the world

does that mean? Preach nothing but repentance, and maybe even the way I breathe?

20:51 So, I'll read this part. "Thus, when Jesus asks you and me to 'repent', He is inviting us to change our mind, our knowledge, our spirit, even the way we breathe. He is asking us to change the way we love, think, serve, spend our time, treat our wives, teach our children, and even care for our bodies." And I thought about what does that even mean, to change the way I breathe? I did a little study on that, nothing too crazy, but what I took from it was I can breathe out in gratitude. My breath, is it positive? Is it negative? Are the words coming out, the thoughts coming in? I can breathe in gratitude more. I can use my breath praising God, strengthening those around me instead of tearing others down, right? I think that's part of repentance, is even how I use my breath, how I breathe, how I speak.

21:46 "Nothing is more liberating, more ennobling, or more crucial to our individual progression than is a regular, daily focus on repentance. Repentance is not an event; it is a process. It is the key to happiness and peace of mind. When coupled with faith, repentance opens our access to the power of the Atonement of Jesus Christ." He's preaching repentance here. He's fulfilling this verse that the Lord is revealing to the Prophet Joseph Smith and Hyrum. But we do need to repent, but repentance just means change. And for many listening out there, these are just small changes. Small and simple things, 1% better. These are incremental changes to become more sanctified in Christ. I love the talk, We Can Do Better and Be Better, by [President Nelson](#).

Hank Smith: 22:41 That's great. John, did you get right?

John Bytheway: 22:44 No. Not even close, but I think-

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 22:48 What are your thoughts, John?

John Bytheway: 22:50 I think we're on the right track, is what does it mean to repent? Normal and natural, to stay on course. We've talked about this before, Hank. Hank introduced me to something often known as the Sealed Portion called the Bible Dictionary. Bible Dictionary has some beautiful writing in it, and one of them is the definition of repentance, and I think it might be the second paragraph, but it says "a fresh view about God, about oneself, and about the world." And that doesn't sound like a scolding tone, but a joyful tone, doesn't it? Have a new view about who you are, about who God is, about what's going on here in the world.

- 23:30 I also thought about [President Nelson's](#) if you were to go to an 11-year-old and say you need to gather Israel, they might not know what you mean. But if you said, quote, "Anytime you do anything that helps anyone, even take a step toward making sacred covenants with the Lord, you are helping to gather Israel." "Oh, that's wonderful. That's being nice to somebody. That's even taking a step towards learning more about the gospel." Then I think you're saying nothing but repentance. But maybe am I looking at it too broadly that way? Because I know it doesn't mean just repeat this word over and over again. I appreciate the discussion.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 24:08 I love that. I think another meaning for repentance is to come back, or to turn, or return. So, often sin, we turn away from God, or repentance, we return or turn back towards God. If we're being kind to someone, or if we help anyone take one step closer to Jesus Christ, they are returning, but we also have to be going, I would think, that direction with them. Perhaps we're repenting together as we take steps closer to the Savior. I think that's really beautiful.
- John Bytheway: 24:43 I also had a note in my margin that Doctrine and Covenants is not just a book of revelations but a book about revelation. And I love verses 12 and 13, "put your trust in that Spirit which leadeth to do good, to do justly, to walk humbly, to judge righteously; and this is my Spirit. Verily, verily, I say unto you, I will impart unto you of my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy." So, it's a book about revelation too, and I'm sure Hyrum loved that advice. I hope we do too. That's a joyful way to think of it.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 25:25 Honestly, those are two or three of my favorite scriptures about how God speaks to us. Teaching seminary and institute for years, I've had many students over the years just confused about thoughts that come to our minds. I'm sure we've all been there. "Is this my thought? Is this the Holy Ghost? Should I do this?" We wrestle, wrestle, wrestle, and sometimes can frankly drive ourselves crazy with our own thoughts, or just with thoughts that come to our minds, and the wrestle of, "Is this a prompting? What if I don't act on it? How do I know?" I think verses 12 and 13 are some of the most helpful guidelines, when it comes to our thoughts. So, this is often where I go, is Section 11:12-13.
- 26:10 And if you have a thought, you'll just kind of go through this exercise with the student. Let's say you have a thought to text your friend, Sarah. Sarah was an old friend you knew from middle school, she's great, you were friends then, but you've

gone to different high schools now. Since we're younger, we have cell phones and you have each other's numbers, but now we're in high school, and this thought just comes to your mind: text Sarah. So, we just kind of go through, is this a bad thought? It doesn't come with a strong feeling, it's just a thought. Text Sarah. You're just thinking, maybe check on her? Is that bad? No. So, verse 12, "I say unto thee, put your trust in that Spirit, which leadeth to do good." You can trust the good thoughts that come, even if at first they don't always make sense, but you have a thought: text an old friend.

27:02 This actually did happen to me. This is my true story. I'll use this scenario with my kids, maybe middle school, but this happened a few years ago, to text an old friend. And I'll just call her Sarah, that's not her name. But I had a thought: text Sarah. And like many times, I kind of pushed it to the side. It was a random thought to me, but it was there. And I wasn't thinking about it, that old friend. It didn't come with a strong feeling, just a thought. I pushed it to the side, I kept going on my day, it came again: text Sarah. I'm grateful I recognized it. It was there, it was coming. Sometimes logically, we push some of these thoughts out. So, we do need to pay attention to also recurring thoughts.

27:44 But gratefully, after it was the second time, I thought, "Well, I don't know why, but maybe I should just text Sarah." So I did, and it was just a, "Hey, Sarah, I know it's been a long time. I just want to say hi, how are you?" I don't have these experiences very often, but that day it was one of these experiences. Sarah texted back and said, "How did you know?" And I said, "How did I know what?" And, "How did you know I was having a horrible day, and I just needed to know someone cared?" Well, I didn't know, but a loving Heavenly Father knows.

28:17 So, it's been really helpful for me that I don't need to sit here and try to wrestle with all my thoughts and, "Is this from the Lord? Is this from me?" And "put your trust in that Spirit, which leadeth to do good, to do justly, to walk humbly, to judge righteously". Don't you love it that He says "this is my Spirit"? He's trying to help us. "Verily, I say unto you, I will impart unto you my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy." But yeah, if we have a thought that comes and it's good, follow it. It's okay. If you're not sure and you need to go on your day, go on your day. But if that thought comes again, pay attention. If it's something good, we can just put our trust in good thoughts.

Hank Smith: 29:04 I would make Section 11:12-13 kind of our standard for, "Hey, Brother Smith, what does the Holy Ghost feel like? How do I

know if I'm feeling the Holy Ghost?" The Lord identifies the Holy Ghost at the beginning and at the end: "put your trust in that Spirit, which leadeth to do good, to do justly, to walk humbly, to judge righteously... This is my Spirit." Occasionally, I'll talk to a young adult, who's been in the church their whole life, and they'll say something, "Brother Smith, I don't know if I've ever felt the Spirit." And I think what they mean is I-

- John Bytheway: 29:41 Haven't felt the burning in the bosom.
- Hank Smith: 29:42 Yeah.
- John Bytheway: 29:43 As if that's the only way, because that's my soapbox, because it's not the only way.
- Hank Smith: 29:48 Yeah. I think they, very likely, have the wrong idea of what it means to feel the Spirit. So, if we went to Section 11:12-13 and say, "Have you ever really wanted to do good, be good?" "Yeah." "Have you ever wanted to be honest, and to be humble, and be teachable?" "Yeah, I feel that all the time." "Have you ever wanted to not judge people harshly?" "Well, yeah, I feel that all the time." "This is my Spirit," right? It's so clear, right there.
- John Bytheway: 30:22 We have attached ourselves to that phrase of "burning in the bosom", as if that's the Spirit, and that's the only way the Spirit talks, and it isn't. The Doctrine and Covenants says that once to Oliver Cowdery in Section 9. It says "enlighten your mind" over and over again, lots of different sections, of you'll have clarity. And then that thing about to do good, to do justly. This reminds me of... Is it Moroni 7? Mormon talking to Moroni about "the Spirit of Christ is given to every man"? It's going to lead you to do good things, "to do justly, to walk humbly, judge righteously". And so you have felt the Spirit, as a matter of fact.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 30:58 Yeah, and wasn't it our good Brother Brad Wilcox that said sometimes for those of us who grew up in the church, we've been really blessed, and maybe even a little bit spoiled. I've been immersed in the gospel my whole life and the Holy Ghost that it's sometimes easier to know when the Spirit's not with you, because you're like, "Oh, I don't feel good here. I just usually feel pretty good." And like a fish in water, so they don't think about it, that they're surrounded by water until they're out of the water and suffocating. And I think a lot of times that's us with the Holy Ghost.

31:36 I'm grateful I've just been really blessed of the gospel. From a very young age, the Holy Ghost has been a part of my life, and it has taken time for me to recognize that, oh my goodness, the Spirit has been with me a lot more than I realized. He's with us. We make those covenants, we partake of the sacrament, and most days we go on our day and we think our normal, good feeling is how everyone's feeling. But I think a lot of that good feeling is the power of the Holy Ghost that is with us, it's the Spirit. I'm really grateful for that.

32:11 I have a quote that I just love from [Parley P. Pratt](#) describing the effects of the gift of the Holy Ghost. Speaking of Hyrum, he played a little part in helping Parley P. join the church. But this is what Brother Pratt said. He said, "The gift of the Holy Spirit adapts itself to all these organs or attributes. It quickens all the intellectual faculties, increases, enlarges, expands, and purifies all the natural passions and affections; and adapts them, by the gift of wisdom, to their lawful use. It inspires, develops, cultivates, and matures all the fine-toned sympathies, joys, tastes, kindred feelings and affections of our nature. It inspires virtue, kindness, goodness, tenderness, gentleness, and charity. It develops beauty of person, form and features. It tends to health, vigor, animation, and social feeling. It develops and invigorates all the faculties of the physical and intellectual man. It strengthens, invigorates, and gives tone to the nerves. In short, it is, as it were, marrow to the bone, joy to the heart, light to the eyes, music to the ears, and life to the whole being." The gifts of the Holy Ghost and the Spirit. I love that.

John Bytheway: 33:35 Boy, that guy could write.

Hank Smith: 33:37 Yeah, he did okay.

John Bytheway: 33:39 I remember my father telling me that he was 24 years old when he was investigating the church, and people told him, "Read scripture." He said it was all gibberish, couldn't understand it. And they said, "Well, you have to pray." He said eventually things started to open up. It just reminds me of that, where he'd said to me that, "The trees were more green, the sky was more blue. I felt like I was a couple of feet off the ground." And that sounds like Parley P. Pratt there.

Hank Smith: 34:09 Yeah. John, our friend, [Al Carraway](#), she taught this lesson really well. I heard her speak. She was trying to explain to the youth that she was speaking to what life was like before she was baptized and given the gift of the Holy Ghost. And she said, "I had good days. I was happy before." She said, "But a good day

was like a good job and a pizza." She's like, "And that was good. I felt good."

- John Bytheway: 34:38 It's a good day.
- Hank Smith: 34:39 "I felt happy. I felt it was a good day." And she said, "And now that I've experienced the Holy Ghost and the gift of the Holy Ghost, it's expanded my view of what happiness actually feels like." And I think it was eye-opening for the kids to go, "Oh, so I do feel I almost always have the Holy Ghost with me." Do you remember this talk from [Elder Bednar](#), that we may always have His Spirit to be with us? He said that we sometimes talk about the Holy Ghost as if it's an occasional thing. "I felt the Holy Ghost so strongly at girls' camp, or FSY, or testimony meeting." He said actually, because the promised blessing is that we may always have His Spirit to be with us, we should attend to and learn from the choices and influences that actually separate us from the Holy Ghost. So, the question isn't when do you feel the Spirit? It's when do you not? Does that make sense?
- John Bytheway: 35:38 Yeah.
- Hank Smith: 35:38 He goes on to say "the Holy Ghost can tarry with us much, if not most, of the time. And certainly the Spirit can be with us more than it is not with us. As we become ever more immersed in the Spirit of the Lord, we should strive to recognize impressions when they come and the influences or events that cause us to withdraw ourselves from the Holy Ghost. Sometimes as Latter-day Saints we talk and act as though recognizing the influence of the Holy Ghost in our lives is a rare or exceptional event." No, "the covenant promise is that we may always have His Spirit to be with us."
- 36:14 Our language is sometimes funny. "The Holy Ghost was so strong" or "the Spirit was so strong", as if the Holy Ghost gets stronger at girls' camp, or gets stronger at FSY. He's, "I love these places. This is where I'm really strong." We could speak of it as, "At girls' camp, I became more in tune with the Holy Ghost." "Yeah, at FSY, at testimony meeting, I got in tune with the Holy Ghost." Rather than the Holy Ghost occasionally, once every couple months, wants to show up in our lives.
- John Bytheway: 36:48 I like that. We hear the advice to stand in holy places and be not moved, but sometimes with our young people, it's like, "Was invited to a party, is that a holy place or not?" And it could be neutral. I think of the story that [Elder Gary E. Stevenson](#) told about the young man who wanted to get in that study abroad in

Japan, and learned Japanese, and they invited to a party. "Well, is this standing in a holy place? I don't know."

37:15 So, they go, and then you remember the story, somebody starts passing out marijuana, they're on top of a building or something, and the guy gets the feeling, "I shouldn't be here." Oh, what a great moment that is, that you're getting revelation. "I shouldn't be here." And you remember the whole story, one says, "No, we'll just stay, we'll pass it along, it's no big deal." Which is hard to imagine. He gets that feeling, "I shouldn't be here", and decides to leave. One friend goes with him, one stays, and you remember the consequences of that. They made a seminary video about it, it was such a great story, called [Leave the Party](#).

37:51 Now, contrast that with here's Peter, in the understatement of all time; there's Jesus, there's Moses, there's Elias on the Mount of Transfiguration. And Peter says, "It's good for us to be here." So, I'm glad you're saying that, that it can be that subtle, even. You've been in a meeting and thought, "I'm glad I came. It was good for me to be here." Maybe like you said, Hank, you're more in tune to a Spirit that is always with us. But you know what? It was good for me to be here.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 38:24 Just as we're talking about the gift of the Holy Ghost, and feeling the Spirit, and working with teens and young adults who are seeking to feel the Holy Ghost, they want the Holy Ghost in their lives, and I think you're spot on, that sometimes we need to be careful if we're teaching a lesson and we pause and say, "Okay, students, do you feel that? That's the Holy Ghost." And you have a kiddo in there that's just the best kid ever, but maybe isn't feeling something. And I had an experience with a student at Timpanogos Seminary years ago, that came up to me after class and shared that she deals with really severe depression, and has a very hard time feeling the Spirit, she feels like. And I know that that's real.

39:13 Section 8, just a few sections before, God teaches that "I will speak to your mind and your heart." So, we need to keep that in mind also, that not only does He speak to us in our heart or through feelings, but He speaks to our mind, and He is going to speak to each of us in a way, if we're seeking that, that we will understand. And I really believe that, that He wants to speak to all of His children.

39:39 And so something we may consider asking Heavenly Father, if we're having a hard time recognizing spiritual promptings or different things in our lives, is to ask Heavenly Father to teach

us how He speaks to us personally. Because maybe for some, it's to their heart a lot more than their mind. It's wonderful if and when it can be both. The thoughts that are coming, we've established today that you can trust those good thoughts that come. But also how do you discern the feelings that come? What if you're a huge feeler? How can you discern? Are they good? Are the feelings you're having leading you to do good? And we also need to discern our emotions and our feelings.

40:24 For this sweet girl, she had a harder time feeling. She said, "The Lord speaks to me a lot through music, and sacred music has just been huge for me." She said, "And sometimes music that others might not think is so sacred, but just a good song." She said, "I know the Lord has talked to me through music, and that music has led me to do good." Just as we are doing our very best to discover the Spirit, how God speaks to us. Yes, let's make sure we put our trust in those things that lead to do good. I think it's one of the most beautiful parts of this section. But also, find comfort in knowing that God is speaking to you. I believe He's always seeking to talk to His children.

41:12 Ask Him to teach you how He speaks to you. If you feel like you're having a hard time discerning, "Is God even there? Is He hearing my prayers?" I do have a strong testimony that there is a loving Heavenly Father who hears and answers prayers, and that He cares about all of His children. And it just broke my heart when that student opened up, that, "I can't feel the Spirit, I can't feel the Spirit." And we had a really good discussion about, "Well, maybe you don't need to feel something like, perhaps, I do. What is He saying to you? Are you paying attention to your thoughts?" And, "I don't know, I don't know. I thought it was always a feeling." Not necessarily. And so, anyway, God is good, and He will speak to His children.

Hank Smith: 42:00 Chelsea, I want to ask you something about Section 11. You're a teacher of teachers, so your role in seminaries and institutes in the organization is to take potential teachers and train them. I notice a lot of that type of language in Section 11: "obtain my word", "treasure up in your heart", "study my word". So, let's say there's someone listening who wants to be a teacher, a great gospel teacher, like unto Chelsea Chipman. "I want to teach like you!" What did you see in this section that could help someone who wants to be a great declarer of the word?

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 42:42 Well, that's a cool question, and super humbling. In our profession, the Savior is the master teacher. It's always humbling to teach His gospel and to teach His word. And for me, in my first year as a pre-service trainer, would be my title, a

teacher of teachers and a trainer of teachers, it's been really humbling for me to try to step into that role a little bit more, of how do I now help teach, train, guide, and develop a good gospel teacher that teaches in the Savior's way?

- 43:20 And so we talk a lot about how important it is to be Christ-centered in every lesson that we teach at Jesus Christ. No matter what we're talking about, how important that is, we talk about how important it is. I just feel like it goes right along with what the Lord is telling Hyrum: we need to be scripture-based. Not just our lessons, but we need to be, ourselves. We need to get the word in us. And that's what I see the Lord telling Hyrum.
- 43:49 The word "seek" keeps jumping off the page to me in verse 21. What are we seeking? Hyrum, "Seek not to declare my word" yet. Seek not to go just jump in a seminary classroom. We got to go through some training. "But first, seek to obtain my word". There is something to be said about the amount of time we individually spend in the scriptures as gospel teachers correlates with the power in our classroom. We've got to pay the price. You have to pay the price. The Lord is saying, "Study, study, study." Verse 22, again, "hold your peace", Hyrum. I love that line. The Lord probably says to me a lot, "Hold your peace."
- 44:32 Then He says, "study". "Study my word", study. So, if someone wants to be a great gospel teacher, and all of us are working on this, we need to be studying, we need to study the word. It is part of the preparation of teaching His gospel; we study. We "first seek to obtain His word" and then our tongues may "be loosed". And something that the Lord does so masterfully, it's part of our preaching if we're using that word, Christ-centered, scripture-based, we've got to be learner-focused. The Savior is always about the learner. Everything is about the learner. And He teaches the learner through His words. He teaches the learner about Himself. For us, we want all three of those together all the time. And when that happens, we find that students are learning, by the power of the Holy Ghost, that deepens their conversion to the Savior and His restored gospel. And that is what S&I is all about. We want to deepen conversion to Jesus Christ and His restored gospel. That's it. That is why we exist.
- 45:39 And what a beautiful section to Hyrum. In fact, if we can look at Section 23, just really quickly, there's evidence that Hyrum got there. D&C 23:3, just real quick, we can go back to 11. This is just a cool little section that is actually given to five different individuals, but Hyrum is one, a series of five revelations. Section 23:3. Let's look at our date. So, we're April 1830. This is

right after the organization of the Savior's Church, which Hyrum was one of those original six members of the church, which is pretty fun to note. D&C 23:3. The Lord says, "Behold, I speak unto you, Hyrum, a few words; for thou also art under no condemnation, and thy heart is opened, and thy tongue loosed; and thy calling is to exhortation, and to strengthen the church continually. Wherefore thy duty is unto the church forever, and this because of thy family. Amen."

46:47 In Section 11, "Seek not to declare my word," Hyrum, "but first seek to obtain my word, and then shall your tongue be loosed; then, if you desire, you shall have my Spirit and my power, yea, the power of God unto the convincing of men." That fun Section 23:3, Hyrum, "thy heart is opened, and thy tongue loosed". Go get them. You're ready now. You obtained the word, you have my Spirit, you've learned how to trust the Spirit. I'm going to lead you to do good, Hyrum; I'm going to need you to trust that. Your work is to keep my commandments, obtain the word, and I'm going to loose your tongue."

47:26 Hyrum is known to have preached the restored gospel in the Book of Mormon as early as October 1830 at his father's home in Manchester, New York. His Sabbath sermon on that occasion pricked the heart of [Ezra Thayer](#), leading to his conversion. Thayer later recalled, "Every word touched me to the inmost soul. I thought every word was pointed to me... The tears rolled down my cheeks." So, Hyrum Smith pays the price to obtain the word of God. It is in him, he has the Holy Ghost with him, and he is a powerful missionary. He's going to go on multiple missions and share the gospel like he really, really wanted to, May 1829.

48:11 But the preparation for him, and I think for each of us, is just as important as the mission, as the preaching, as the knocking on doors or whatever this looks like. How many of us want to do much good in this generation, but we don't know where to start? Perhaps the Lord is going to ask us, "Well, are you prepared?" What are some ways we could more fully prepare ourselves if we want to be greater instruments in the Lord's hands? What can you do today to prepare yourself, so that the Lord can use you as a powerful instrument in His hands?

48:48 And Hyrum is just such a great example of obtaining the word. As we teach and train our awesome students, we have 13 pre-service programs. I just happen to be at BYU, but all over the church, we have just fabulous people coming through who have such great desires, like Hyrum, to teach the gospel, they just want to more than anything. And whether it's in seminaries and

institutes or somewhere else, God is going to use that desire and utilize your gifts, through the power of the Holy Ghost, to bless lives. And the more we can be prepared, the more He can use us. So yes, that scripture-based portion of what we teach and train, it's crucial.

- Hank Smith: 49:35 Yeah. I spent 12 years of my career in seminaries and institutes and oh, I miss those days. Those kids, those teachers. Chelsea, I know that you'll push this compliment off, and I don't know if it'll come across in the recording, so John, you'll have to bear witness here. How many times have we been talking today, and we mentioned a verse, and Chelsea finishes that verse and tells us where it was?
- John Bytheway: 49:58 Right. She has treasured up the word, I think you could say.
- Hank Smith: 50:02 We'll say something and she'll say, "Well, that's like Revelation this. That's like-"
- John Bytheway: 50:06 "That's Acts 8."
- Hank Smith: 50:07 Yeah, Acts 8. "Oh, I remember that verse over here in the..." So Chelsea, you live what you preach. And again, I know you're going to say, "Well, not so much." But it's worked for you, hasn't it? The scriptures come to mind naturally, they're part of your walk, part of your talk.
- Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 50:24 I love the scriptures. I went to Snow College out of high school, and I had early morning weight training that got us up way too early. So, I was up about 5:30, we're up, lifting weights every morning, and I walked on the basketball team at Snow, so I was nothing too crazy, but I was blessed enough to walk on the team. And we would lift weights every morning, I'd get home about 6:30, maybe 7:00, and then my first class started, I believe, about 8:30. I was so tired, I was very tempted to just go back to sleep for an hour before class. But I'm grateful, I think it must have been my mother instilling, at a young age, the power of getting the scriptures in in the morning. She did her best to just get us up and read the scriptures, but for some reason that continued. I'm grateful for that.
- 51:18 At Snow College I'd go lift weights... So cheesy, but John, you'll appreciate this. I would lift the iron rod and then I'd pick up the iron rod. But I would, I would. But it made all the difference. Looking back, there was a power that I had in my day. And later when I went to basketball practice, I had extra strength. I thought it was just me being me. But looking back, I don't think

so. Sincerely, I think it was my morning scripture study and prayer. And I purposely would put institute classes right before basketball practice, because it would kind of pump me up. That's part of the enlightening of the soul in verse 13, putting myself in places where God could strengthen me, lift me up, speak to me. And scripture study, it was sacred.

52:08 My freshman year in college was like most people's; people are just up late. And so those quiet morning hours became really sacred to me at Snow College, and I had some really beautiful studies as I sought to obtain the word before being called to the Czech Republic and doing my best, praying that my tongue would be loose. That language, it was hard. I needed to obtain not only the word of God but the Czech language before my tongue could be loosed. And we do our best, but I have so many moments of the Lord loosening my tongue, speaking that language, enlightening my mind, understanding what someone on the street was saying to me when, in any other situation, I would have no business understanding or speaking that language. But that's the power of Jesus Christ and His work.

53:05 I love Hyrum and his example to us, of wanting to just get out there and share the message of Jesus Christ and the good news of the gospel. And then choosing to be humble and patient, be like, "You're right. I need to prepare. I'm not quite ready." But then when the time was right, Hyrum just went out there, preached the gospel, and he is going to stay true to Jesus Christ, his brother, Joseph, through the end. I think his testimony and his legacy just lives on through so many of us, and so grateful for his example of obtaining the word.

Hank Smith: 53:43 I love it. I love it. Chelsea, didn't you tell us that your mom occasionally listens to the show? And you just talked about her getting you up early. So, we need to thank her right now, if she's listening.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 53:56 She won't miss it. She's a great one to thank, for me personally. No one is born with a testimony. Looking back, where did my faith come from? I do believe the Lord has been really good to me. He's blessed me with faith. But it's my mama, getting me out of bed or to pray and read my scriptures. And my dad's a really, really good man as well. But my mom would make some hot cocoa, the minty, chocolatey, frothy one, and bribe me. Like in middle school, probably even younger, bribe me to get out of bed with mint chocolate. And I think initially that's kind of what would get me out of bed to read the Book of Mormon with my mom. But that pattern of seeking... We weren't perfect, not at all. But she tried. She did her best.

54:45 And I'm so grateful for her efforts, because my testimony was growing as a little kid and I didn't know it. We don't know what's going on inside. But those small and simple things from Mama Chipman, now Mama Cordner, she's a good mama. And if we can just get our kids into the word, good things can happen. The Lord will speak to our children and our grandchildren as we study the scriptures together. So yeah, I have a very strong testimony of the scriptures, and the power that they can bring into our daily lives, and the blessings, the great blessing we have, to even have the scriptures.

John Bytheway: 55:23 And the sacrifice to get them here.

Hank Smith: 55:27 Well Chelsea, thanks for spending your day with us.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 55:31 Thank you. Can we end on just the last three verses?

Hank Smith: 55:35 Let's do it.

Sis. Chelsea Chipman: 55:36 D&C 11, these last three verses at the end. One reason I love the Doctrine and Covenants, just how personal the Savior is, speaking in the first person to us in our dispensation. 28, "Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I am the life and the light of the world. I am the same who came unto mine own and mine own received me not; but verily, verily, I say unto you, that as many as receive me, to them will I give power to become the sons," and daughters, of course, "the sons of God, even to them that believe on my name. Amen." So powerful. I love the Doctrine and Covenants. I love how much the Savior introduces Himself to us, to Hyrum. "Hyrum, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Verse 23, "Behold thou art Hyrum, my son", and this is who you are, this is who I am.

56:34 It's the same for every listener. Everyone out there watching or listening, you are children of a loving God. He knows you by name. He is Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God. And I'm just so grateful for His goodness to us that, when we mess up, He has backup plans. He's got us. When we have desires to serve... A student right now at BYU comes to mind, he wants to serve a mission so badly. He has the heart of Hyrum, but has some medical issues that are just making that difficult. He can't serve yet.

57:17 But I think the Lord would tell him, "Hey, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I have a plan for you. I'm so proud of you. Stay patient." Like in verse 19, "Seek not to declare my word" yet. "Obtain my word". "Be open to my Spirit of what I'm teaching

you about your life, your circumstance, and you will be the means of doing much good in this generation." I love our Savior and everything about Him. He builds people up, He lives, He will continue to be with us to the end of our lives, as He was with Hyrum and Joseph. And it's all true, and it's really beautiful to me. So, thanks for having me today.

- Hank Smith: 57:59 Thank you, Chelsea. [Harold B. Lee](#) said, "You cannot light a fire in another soul unless it is burning in your own." And we could tell that is happening with you. With that, we want to thank Professor Chelsea Chipman for being with us today. We want to thank our executive producer, Shannon Sorensen, our sponsors, David and Verla Sorensen. And John, every episode we remember our founder, Steve Sorensen.
- John Bytheway: 58:26 Thank you, Steve.
- Hank Smith: 58:27 We hope you'll join us next week. We are going to continue on in the Doctrine and Covenants on followHIM. Today's show notes and transcripts are on our website, [followhim.co](#). That's [followhim.co](#). Of course, none of this could happen without our production team: David Perry, Lisa Spice, Jamie Neilson, Will Stoughton, Krystal Roberts, Ariel Cuadra, Amelia Kabwika, and Annabelle Sorensen.

I CAN'T SEE THAT MOVIE



- Hank Smith: 00:02 Hello everyone. Welcome to followHIM Favorites. This is where John and I are sharing a single story to go with each week's lesson. John, I have a story for you. Section 11, verses 12 and 13, talk about the Holy Ghost. It's a great description of the Holy Ghost. It'll lead you to do good, to be honest, to be humble, to not judge people unfairly. And then it says in verse 13 that the Spirit can enlighten your mind.
- 00:30 I like to think of that as give you ideas, give you a prompting. Something comes to mind. All right, so I have a story for you. I have a wonderful, wonderful wife who has always tried to live the gospel. I can't say the same for her husband when he was younger, but I can say that for her. There was this one point where a boy that she really liked... Now John, I have to tell you, this is before me. And I got to tell you, I do not like this boy. Not because of anything he's done, but because my wife liked him. So she really liked him. And we'll call him... John, pick a name.
- John Bytheway: 01:10 Bill.
- Hank Smith: 01:11 Bill. Really? Bill, that's what you-
- John Bytheway: 01:13 No, let's come up with another one. Brandon.
- Hank Smith: 01:15 Brandon. All right. I loved Bill. All right, so Brandon, she was trying to flirt with hoping that he would ask her out. And he did, asked her out. She was so excited. She was a little bit younger. She's, I think, a junior in high school and he was a senior, or maybe she was a sophomore and he was a junior. Anyway, he was older than her and she was very excited. She got ready. My wife is someone like your wife John. She doesn't have to get ready, she looks great any second of any day. But she really wanted every hair in place. She wanted this to be a great night. This boy Brandon shows up to get her and she's very excited. And this was going to be like a triple date or even maybe more than that. Maybe there was eight people. She gets in the car, Brandon is driving and she's there in the passenger seat. It's a

big vehicle, like a Suburban. And she sees in the back that there are, I think it was six more people, three more couples. And they were all older than her.

02:18 She's a junior. There're seniors. She was nervous as any high school kid is trying to fit in, trying to make sure she says all the right things and does all the right things. And I think she asked Brandon at one point, "What movie are we going to go see?" And he responded with a movie that my wife was not going to go see. It wasn't that she was trying to teach anyone, it was just her standard. I've made this choice. She said, "I knew I wasn't going to go see it, but I was surprised at how nervous I got to tell him." So she said, "Hey, I don't think I can see that movie." Well, he didn't quite hear her. And so he said, "What was that?" And he turned the music off in the car. Now John, I don't know if you've ever been with a group of teenagers and they're talking, they're having fun with the music playing. And then you turn the music off, everyone goes quiet.

John Bytheway: 03:15 They all stop.

Hank Smith: 03:15 And they're all listening. He said, "What was that?" And she said, "I don't think I can see that movie." Now, John, what is this young man supposed to do? Something like, "I am so sorry I put you in that situation. I..." Something.

John Bytheway: 03:37 Brandon, Brandon, Brandon.

Hank Smith: 03:39 He doesn't say anything. He just gets quiet and it's pretty awkward.

John Bytheway: 03:43 Ugh.

Hank Smith: 03:44 And she said, from the back, one of these boys was back there, you know these kind who are like, "I got muscles. I don't need the gospel." He says, "So what do you want to do, Miss Righteous?" And she thought... That's not what I was going for. Miss Righteous. She said at that moment, a picture came into her head of a church cultural hall. It was a flash of memory that when she had met Brandon months ago, they had talked about how they both liked indoor soccer. She said, "Well, I know my family has keys to the church. What if we went and played indoor soccer?" Her date said, "Let's do it. That sounds so great." And the other kids in car said, "Yeah, that sounds really fun. Let's go do that." And they went and played indoor soccer. Sadly for Brandon, they never went out again. So sorry Brandon,

I bet... It was a moment where she felt the Spirit enlightened her mind, gave her a little flash of, "Here's what you can do."

John Bytheway:	04:54	Yeah, and I love that the word light is in enlightened and it's like the light bulb going on above your head. Boop, here comes the idea.
Hank Smith:	05:03	Yeah.
John Bytheway:	05:04	Just in time.
Hank Smith:	05:05	Yeah, just in time. It's often the Lord's timing, isn't it?
John Bytheway:	05:08	You can say.
Hank Smith:	05:09	Oh, that was so helpful.
John Bytheway:	05:11	Yeah. Thank you.
Hank Smith:	05:13	So to my wife, Sara. You're amazing. You've always been amazing.
John Bytheway:	05:18	Good job.
Hank Smith:	05:19	Yeah. Good job, Sara. We hope you'll join us on our full podcast. It's called followHIM. You can get it wherever you get your podcasts, including YouTube. We're in sections 10 and 11 with Sister Chelsea Chipman. She is quite a teacher. You're going to love what she shows us in these sections. But then come back here next week, we'll share another, followHIM Favorites.