



“That Which Cometh From Above is Sacred”

Show Notes

Podcast General Description:

Follow Him: A *Come, Follow Me* Podcast with Hank Smith & John Bytheway

Do you ever feel that preparing for your weekly *Come, Follow Me* lesson falls short? Join hosts Hank Smith and John Bytheway as they interview experts to make your study for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' *Come, Follow Me* course not only enjoyable but original and educational. If you are looking for resources to make your study fresh, faithful, and fun--no matter your age--then join us every Sunday.

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The Lord judges not by appearance, but by potential. This is true for Missouri and Zion as well. Dr. Lynne Wilson teaches how our observance of the Sabbath is important for not only building Zion but for our preparations for the Second Coming. The Saints (and us) in Kirtland and Missouri are taught by the Lord how to prepare for the Temple, Zion, and the Second Coming.

Part 2:

What does it mean, “This is a day of warning and not a day of many words?” How do we learn from the early Saints and choose the Kingdom of God? We continue with Dr. Wilson and learn how spiritual 72-hour kits are more critical than temporal ones to prepare the world for the Second Coming. Join us for Part II of Section 63 of the Doctrine and Covenants.

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EPISODE 24 • PART I

Dr. Lynne Hilton Wilson



D&C 63

Hank Smith:	<u>00:01</u>	Welcome to Follow Him. A weekly podcast dedicated to helping individuals and families with their Come Follow Me study. I'm Hank Smith.
John Bytheway:	<u>00:09</u>	And I'm John Bytheway.
Hank Smith:	<u>00:10</u>	We love to learn.
John Bytheway:	<u>00:11</u>	We love to laugh.
Hank Smith:	<u>00:13</u>	We want to learn and laugh with you.
John Bytheway:	<u>00:15</u>	As together, we Follow Him.
Hank Smith:	<u>00:18</u>	Hello everyone. Welcome to another episode of Follow Him. My name is Hank Smith. I am the host of Follow Him with my cohost, the charming John Bytheway. Hi John.
John Bytheway:	<u>00:28</u>	Charming.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>00:29</u>	Oh wow.
Hank Smith:	<u>00:32</u>	Prince charming is what we call you. We are excited to be here. We want to let you know that you can follow us on social media. We have Instagram and Facebook. You can rate and review the podcast. You can find show notes at followhim.co and feel free to engage with us. Ask us some questions, anything you want to see happen on the podcast. Please let us know. We are all ears, right John? We're just grateful to be here.
John Bytheway:	<u>00:57</u>	Oh, so excited, yeah.
Hank Smith:	<u>00:59</u>	Yeah. So, every week we talk with a great mind in the church and this week is no different. John who's with us today?
John Bytheway:	<u>01:07</u>	We have Dr. Lynne Hilton Wilson with us, and I'm just excited ... I read this bio and I just think, wow. She's a co-founder of Book of

Mormon Central, which if you have not seen that site, you have got to go there. Just set aside a few hours because the videos they've got, the scholarship there, I steer my students to this all the time. I show videos in class. Anyway, so if you haven't heard of Book of Mormon Central, and now isn't there a Doctrine and Covenants Central?

- Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 01:39 And the [inaudible 00:01:40] price. Although we're completely independent from the church. We were happy to prepare [crosstalk 00:01:45].
- John Bytheway: 01:44 Yes. Dr. Wilson earned her PhD in theology and American religious history from Marquette University. Her doctoral dissertation compared Joseph Smith's understanding of the Spirit with his contemporaries. Her master's degree focused on New Testament studies and it just keeps going. An accomplished cellist. Lynne played with the BYU Philharmonic and Chamber Orchestra.
- Hank Smith: 02:08 My goodness.
- John Bytheway: 02:09 She returned to BYU and taught religion as an adjunct professor. She served in the church educational system for the past 33 years with assignments in France, Belgium, Wisconsin, have you heard those three groups together before? And most recently California-
- Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 02:27 It all has to do with where the best cheeses are. Wisconsin has excellent cheese. And so going from Paris to Wisconsin was very natural.
- John Bytheway: 02:35 This makes total sense now. She's a popular presenter at BYU Education Week, the Society of Biblical Literature, Mormon History Association, F.A.I.R, Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology, BYU Sperry Symposium, Silicon Valley Educational Conference, and Stanford Friday Forums. And I don't think this is in here, but you teach Institute at Stanford, right?
- Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 02:58 Yeah. For the Stanford wards, yes.
- John Bytheway: 03:01 Yeah. Yeah. Ooh, those are smart people. Her publications include Christ's Emancipation of New Testament Women, Nativity Narratives, Learning the Language of the Lord: A Guide Book to Personal Revelation. And she's got articles and BYU studies, The Interpreter, Religious Educator and BYU Religious Study Center. She and her husband Dow R. Wilson live in Palo

Alto, California. They have seven children all with red hair, five grandchildren with blonde, ginger and brown.

Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>03:33</u>	Yeah.
Hank Smith:	<u>03:33</u>	Did we hit the important stuff?
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>03:35</u>	Except for the fact that there's been two more born-
Hank Smith:	<u>03:37</u>	That's what I wondered. I should have asked you.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>03:39</u>	One on Easter morning.
Hank Smith:	<u>03:41</u>	Oh, beautiful.
John Bytheway:	<u>03:42</u>	Congratulations.
Hank Smith:	<u>03:43</u>	So seven grandchildren then?
John Bytheway:	<u>03:45</u>	Yeah.
Hank Smith:	<u>03:45</u>	John, I've heard that grandchildren are the best part of life. I have yet to experience it. And so have you, but Lynne, is that true? Are grandchildren the best part of life? Because that's what I've heard
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>03:54</u>	Second only to scripture study.
Hank Smith:	<u>03:56</u>	Okay.
John Bytheway:	<u>03:59</u>	There you go. And Lynne combines the two, right?
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>04:01</u>	Yeah.
John Bytheway:	<u>04:03</u>	Thank you. Welcome to our program today.
Hank Smith:	<u>04:05</u>	Yeah. Today we get this study, the scriptures with, Dr. Wilson, this is going to be fantastic. Let's jump right into the lesson. This is an interesting week Lynne, because we only have one section of the Doctrine and Covenants, which sometimes in our lessons we're flipping through eight or nine sections or at least seven sections. And this one, we're just going to kind of set it up and then go through it and allow you to teach. So, let me just give a little bit of background then you can fill in.
Hank Smith:	<u>04:34</u>	So it's August 1831. It says that they just returned to Kirtland from Missouri. So why don't we back up a little bit and you tell

us, give us the background you think we need to have in order to approach this section.

Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 04:51

You know, I'm fascinated with American religious history's understanding in the second grade awakening of the millennialism. It was such a happy, exciting time. All these new states have a Zionsville or Eden you know, Jerusalem, the new Jerusalem. So many places across as the Appalachian mountains opened for population after 1791. You just start springing up this really enthusiastic interest in the millennium. And it did not shy away from those who are also joining the restoration under Joseph's prophetic leadership. And the saints were so eager to learn every morsel they could about building a Zion society. And Joseph moves to Kirtland in February, that first week in February, he arrives. And the first thing that happens is he gets the law of consecration. And within a few months he's told "The land of Zion is going to be done in Missouri."

Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 05:55

And they have that conference there so that he and Edward Partridge and several other of the leaders go down to meet with a small branch. And they are as devastated when they arrive I think, as the British saints were when they arrived in Salt Lake. I just think. It had nothing to do with their Yankee background. They no longer have their strong Puritan Calvinistic roots where going to church was important, where education was important. Instead it's a very different mentality. Land was so important in the South. They had very different religious feelings in the South. The blue laws in Connecticut said you have to go to church every two weeks. In the South you only have to go once every two months. A whole different view of religion and the reason why Jackson County was so horrific, I feel like it's not only the wild, wild west of the west, but right when Mexico was breaking off and we were getting that change between the Missouri compromise just 10 years before Joseph arrives, they begin a company called the Santa Fe Trade Company.

Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 07:07

And it reminds me of the California gold rush. Everybody comes to get rich. So the people that came specifically to independence were working with the Santa Fe marketing, and they're going down into the Mexican Spanish territories to get their coins because we had such a deficiency of metal money in the United States that they would bring them back. And you were making 150% on your money every month. They were just becoming millionaires in a day and age when you earned a \$1.25 a day/ I mean this was just an amazing get rich quick location. And as a place where of landing between it's the board of United States. And a couple of years before, the president said we'd like all the native Americans just right over the border.

And so you're getting this horrendous, deportation of all the refugees of our native Americans.

Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 08:04

And you have all this money pouring in and also like a port town, you have a lot of adultery going on because the men have been out on these get rich quick schemes, and then they come home. And the first place they have to check in, is in independence again. And so you have a lot of problems with prostitution and a lot of supplies. So it is not just a Southern state where there's a problem with feelings on Africans and slavery and feelings on native Americans. It is a really materialistic place and Joseph arrives there and he is so disheartened and that's when he gives that beautiful prophecy that we studied about last week in Come Follow Me, that beautiful prayer, to the Lord, when is the desert going to ... When are we going to see the blossoming of erodes?

Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 08:58

When is Zion going to be able to be built up? But he knew the voice of the Lord. And Joseph learned to trust the voice of the Lord way before July of 1831. So even though he and Emma have just made that huge move to Kirtland, he picks up his bags and because they're using the mail route, they're not using the missionaries when they went down there to preach to the native Americans, they use the mail route and it wasn't just a 900 route. So if you go on Google maps, it's 800 miles that they were going 900 miles. But when the missionaries did it, it was 1500 because they're going the long way.

John Bytheway: 09:40

It was a long way.

Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 09:41

And also they're preaching and then they make their little stops off, of course in Kirtland and other places. But it is really a disheartening experience. And I think that's why there was so much tension at this time. So Joseph arrives and he feels the spirit say, "Nope, this is the right place." Even though, don't judge me by what I look like. Even though you're looking at a house of disrepute, this is the right place. And it's one reason why we didn't get along with our neighbors. But we could have improved. There was faults on both sides but that small branch, Joseph dedicates the land for the Zion on July 20th, 1830. And then we have this sweetness of Pauli Night passing away there as the first one buried at age 55. And then he leaves Sydney with the task of dedicating the land, dedicating the temple spot. And Joseph goes back home, but there was so much contention amongst the brethren that were going back with him.

Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 10:42

And I feel like a lot of the messages in section 63 relate specifically to that journey back and forth. You remember that

Edward Partridge is just writes that beautiful letter to his wife, where he says, "Pray for me that I can be humble and be able to accept this assignment. I do not want to be here. I do not want to be away from you. I don't want to take this calling, but God has called me. I've got to do it. We've promised ourselves that we're going to serve the Lord with all of our might." And unfortunately Brother booth did not have that much humility. And in his journal, he writes, "I cannot believe that Joseph is a prophet if he is saying that we have to build in here." And he drives enough anxiety amongst the other people that are traveling with Joseph, that there's a lot of contention.

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| Dr. Lynne Hilto...: | <u>11:34</u> | And I don't know if you remember the story about when they're on the river and all of her choose everybody out saying, "Stop yelling at Joseph. And if we're going to have such contention, we're going to have an accident." And Sidney and Joseph get everybody off the water because they say, "You're a wimp. You don't even know how to canoe." I mean it reminded me sometimes of family reunions- |
| John Bytheway: | <u>11:53</u> | Things go well until everybody gets tired and hungry. |
| Dr. Lynne Hilto...: | <u>12:00</u> | Of course they're tired and hungry. And I love the report when we read in some of the people that traveled with them of their bloodied and blistered feet. And then one of them says, I just love this, "And Joseph of course had as many as everyone else and yet he bore it because he knew he was on the Lord's errand." He was the servant of the Lord and the others just, it's hard when you feel pain to not become a pain. And it's fascinating to me as I look at how the members of my community, my faith community in the San Francisco Bay area approach challenges. And if we are not meek, we will fall into that same pattern. And as I look at section 63, so Joseph gets back finally to see Emma and rejoice in that reunion with their sweet little Joanna. |
| Dr. Lynne Hilto...: | <u>12:53</u> | They are living at that point up in Kirtland I mean, and it is August and the twins were born in May. So the twins are just a few months old, the Murdoch twins- |
| John Bytheway: | <u>13:08</u> | These are the adopted twins? |
| Dr. Lynne Hilto...: | <u>13:08</u> | Yeah, the Murdoch twins. And he gets to come home and see these little toddlers and so happy with that reunion. And yet when he gets there, everyone wants to know more about Zion. And there's other people who are saying, "Joseph is not a prophet of God if he's calling this Zion." And so you've got the whole spectrum of feelings going on that people ask Joseph the |

question, and then he receives the answer. And I just feel like the more questions we ask, the more revelation we'll receive. And that's what happened here with section 63.

- John Bytheway: 13:45 I love how often, Hank isn't this true? That we have seen people's expectations be incorrect. And here's another case where, "Oh well, we thought it was this, and now the Lord's saying it's this." And that seems to be a pattern not just here, but all the time. Hey, can I talk with somebody about, on the road to Emmaus? Well we had hoped that this would be yeah ... Thank you for that. I didn't know other towns they were naming their towns Zionville and stuff?
- Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 14:20 Yeah. Indiana. Well, think of the Millwrights, they're gathering that this whole community that became later on the Seventh Day Adventists is expecting Christ return in 1844. And they gather thousands of people together for this experience that they think is coming. And the Millwrights are just one of the many faiths who were just combing through the old Testament and the Book of Revelation to pinpoint the second coming of our savior.
- Hank Smith: 14:50 Yeah. I've taught the Book of revelation numerous times and right at the end those last four chapters, Zion, here comes the Lord. And so that's available to everyone in the Bible. John, I think it was Dr. Harper, who said, "If you base your faith," He's like Ezra Booth here, "If you base your faith on false assumptions, it will be easily overturned." And that seems to be what happened with Ezra Booth. He has some assumptions about what prophets should be able to do and shouldn't do. And those assumptions aren't met. And he's like-
- Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 15:23 Yeah, that's why in section 63, the Lord says, "Faith has to precede the miracle here guys. You've got your cart before the horse here." You get to turn this around because Ezra Booth of course was converted with a miracle of Elsa Johnson's arm being healed, her rheumatism, her rheumatic arm or whatever they called it at that time.
- Hank Smith: 15:42 I was going to ask about the Elsa Johnson story.
- Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 15:45 Yeah. So John and Elsa lived 30 miles south of Kirtland and beautiful, beautiful farm. And so when Alexander Campbell's group comes through with the disciples of Christ, they hear about it and are interested. And then of course, when the four missionaries come, I thought 30 miles was a long way in that age, but because they were religious seekers, they became interested in the message of the restoration as well. And then

when Joseph moved there, they haven't joined the church. They're just hearing and listening and pondering more like Brigham's two years is a little different here, but the Johnson's actually come up to meet the prophet to Kirtland. And they're in a room and as far as I'm recalling and I haven't reviewed this recently, but Joseph just notices the need across the room. And I believe they're at the Whitney's or something like that.

Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 16:41

They're at a member's home. And Joseph stands up and walks over to Elsa. He's aware of a need and he reaches out and heals her. And it just reminded me so much of the Savior's healings. He sees a need, faith is extended. And Ezra Booth was in the room at that time as were others. And he saw it and said, "This must be a man of God." And unfortunately, I don't know if his testimony was based on the restoration and the Book of Mormon, but-

Hank Smith: 17:19

The spirit.

Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 17:20

Yeah. The foundation was not quite right. So he didn't quite remain but he did feel the light of Christ and feel the witness of the spirit and did be converted. And the Johnsons said, "Of course," and then the Johnsons will invite Joseph. In section 63, the Lord says, "You're going to have to move off the land where you're living Joseph and Emma, and you're going to have to find and just listen to the spirit and you'll be directed." And the spirit tells them you're going to go down and live with, the Johnsons in their beautiful farm. And they also make room for Sydney. So Joseph moves into the house with the Johnsons and Sydney moves outside in another of their log cabins on the property.

Hank Smith: 18:01

And two have their bullies become members of the original 12, right? That's Luke and Lyman, Luke and Lyman Johnson both become members of the Original 12. And that home, I've been to that home, I think you all have. It is something else-

John Bytheway: 18:14

It's beautiful.

Hank Smith: 18:15

Even for 1830, you're going, "Wow, this is really nice."

John Bytheway: 18:19

I wanted to show for those on video. This is in the Come Follow Me manual. This is the beautiful painting of Joseph healing Elsa Johnson's arm. So if you have your manual, you can see that. But yeah, you can stand in that place, they say it was right in here somewhere. And that's kind of sets up Hank too, doesn't that set up the fact that Joseph and Sydney were there? That sets up section 76, which is coming.

Hank Smith:	<u>18:44</u>	Right. There's going to be a lot of revelations received in the John Johnson farm.
John Bytheway:	<u>18:49</u>	In the Johnson farm. Yes. The section 63. What are some of the verses that we could go through and point out what's in this revelation? And what's the question? It's about Zion, right? What's happening?
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>19:02</u>	Yeah. That's exactly what they were asking. "Tell us, tell us what's happening? What happened. You've been gone two and a half months Joseph. We've missed you. Tell us more." And of course this group of saints in Kirtland, were very interested in the gifts of the spirit. And he speaks about those. I don't know if you've guys have talked about the challenges that the early Kirtland saints had with the gifts of the spirit, but when the missionaries left them, I believe it was John Whitmer who was told to come back and take care of the Kirtland saints when the four missionaries left before Joseph arrived a few months later. I think Joseph was gone. There was just a four month hiatus. And John Whitmer was there for two of those months. And then Joseph came, but when Joseph arrived, they were experimenting with gifts of the spirit that were completely counterfeits.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>19:49</u>	They were barking and jerking and acting like baboons. Some of the records in the journal say. And so Joseph addresses some of these issues that they had challenges with. And remember as soon as Joseph gets to Kirtland, he gives section 46 on the gifts of spirit and he says five times in that section. You only have the gifts of the spirit to bless other people, not to and grand dice, your own self. You're given them if you want to build the kingdom, if you're my servant and you're willing to bless others. So I feel like section 63 addresses some of the issues there. He does the miracle. You have to have faith first. He addresses the gifts of the spirit. He addresses Zion. He addresses the second coming. In fact, I did a little counting and 40% of the verses address this, some sort of eschatology, some sort of either the second coming or millennialism.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>20:41</u>	And one of my favorite things is that there is a parable in this, and in the Doctrine and Covenants we actually have 12 parables. Some of them are new. Some of them are old, but seven of the 12 refer to the 10 virgins. And this is one of them. So it's been in Section 35, Section 33, section 45. And so seven times through we get references to this. And I just say to myself, what more does the Lord wants us to learn? Obviously, if he's mentioned it in seven different sections, he really wants the restoration, the saints to understand that parable and to apply it in our lives.

This to me is a section that says, "I want you to get ready for Zion to be built, but you have to do it my way. And it'll come when it comes." But you already mentioned teaching the Book of Revelation.

- Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 21:36 And I just have to jump ahead to chapter 19 in revelation where the savior says "We can cut the calamity short as soon as the bride is ready for the bride groom." And in section 65, Christ is introduced as the bridegroom as he is in the New Testament, in the Book of Revelation. But I feel like Joseph is laying out the platform of how we as members of the restoration of this great and marvelous work that has been brought forth starting with the translation of the Book of Mormon, how we can build a Zion Society and then Christ can come. But until we're ready to live the law of consecration, which was restorative, of course in section 42. As soon as Joseph arrives in Kirtland, he receives the law and all of these sections in this next year address how to become a Zion Society. Actually clear up through section one oh five, isn't it? When the Zion's camp that you mentioned earlier talks about how to become a Zion Society. And I think section 63 is a beautiful, gives lots of ideas on how to do that.
- Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 22:43 In fact, I also noticed that five of the 10 commandments are listed in this section, because if we're going to live as on society, we not only have to keep following the living prophet, but we also need to obey the counsel of our past prophets as well.
- Hank Smith: 22:59 Wonderful. I, I want to make sure I wrote that down, right. Seven of the 11 parables in the Doctrine and Covenants-
- Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 23:06 12, 12 parables.
- Hank Smith: 23:09 There's 12. Okay. Seven of the 12 refer to the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. Did I get that right?
- Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 23:13 Yeah. I just did a little search on LDS. I use the app from Book of Mormon Central, and I use the app from our church's website, and I just did a little looking on the virgins and I just said, "Wow, we really talk about this a lot."
- Hank Smith: 23:27 And those Matthew 25 parables are all preparation parables, right?
- Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 23:33 They're all preparations for the second coming.
- Hank Smith: 23:34 Yeah. Get ready parables. That's great.

Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>23:36</u>	And I have to just add that I feel like this has become more and more a topic in general conferences and in other messages from the brethren I'm of Larry Y. Wilson's talk on the return of the Kings and elder Kristofferson's on the Lord needs a people prepared. And there's just been a lot. Even our prophet in this last conference addressed our need to prepare for the second coming. And this section, I think does a great job. The only thing that they don't talk about is the Sabbath which is a major sign of our preparation for the second coming.
John Bytheway:	<u>24:10</u>	Interesting. I feel like we're all set. We've got the feeling of the section, it helps so much to know what's happening? What's the feeling like? Joseph is home. He's relieved to be home, to see his little brand new adopted twins. But there's quite a bit of tension, I think Ezra Booth is creating some, just be difficulty for him.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>24:30</u>	Yeah. And others too. Yeah. He had others. And I just had my scriptures open to the wrong page. It was section 59 where the Lord said, "We've really got to start living the Sabbath." So he doesn't need to repeat it a few weeks later. That was just given in Missouri and now he's up in Kirtland, but it's just that journey length of time. So the Lord has just said it. So perhaps that's why that is not repeated again as part of the preparation for the second coming. Because I feel like certainly that has been a message that has been loud and clear that we need to improve on in our generation. But section 63 is fascinating, the way the Lord ... So he gives this great introduction, but he starts out even in the new directions talking about, "I want you to take heed. My word is going to be," this is verse five. "My word is going to be obeyed. I'm going to speak and I am going to be obeyed."
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>25:28</u>	And then he says, but in verse six, "It's going to be an a day of wrath. You better watch out. And he just immediately goes in to the signs that are coming. It's fascinating because in the new Testament when we refer to signs, it's often translated as miracles. In John's gospel, there are seven miracles and seven sermons, and they're often called seven signs and in different translations of the New Testament. And so when the Lord refers to in verse seven and in verse nine, I love verse nine. "Faith cometh not by signs, but signs follow those that believe." And I can testify that if I look at every day of my life, within the lens of have I seen God in my life today? I see him every hour. This is such a sweet reality that if we extend our faith, we will see signs that the Lord is in our camp. Yeah.
Hank Smith:	<u>26:37</u>	And you are referring to a sequence that I love here. It's not proceed those, it's signs follow those that believe. And I don't

know, can you share with our audience some of the health challenges and how-

Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 26:53

I will tell you one sweet miracle. When I first started going blind, I asked for a blessing and the first things out of that wonderful [inaudible 00:27:06] priesthood holders mouth was "Rejoice you will see the hand of the Lord in your life." And then I had four more episodes and my optic nerves kept deteriorating. And I kept telling myself every hour, if I needed to rejoice, you will see the hand of the Lord in your life. And now as I bump around into things and I'm half blind, I have to tell you that I am so grateful for the perspective that it has given me that I do not see the whole picture. I believe that it is so applicable to church history. Ezra booth did not see the whole picture. Elsa Johnson, didn't see the whole picture.

Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 27:52

Joseph didn't see the whole picture. We are partially veiled, but our savior sees the whole picture. And that simple little natural blessing of, you know what? I don't see the whole picture. I got to be careful. I might be missing something here. That little blessing has been so sweet. And with my two years on chemo, every day I prayed, this medicine is taking out the incorrect growth in my body, can you please Lord cleanse my soul? Can you help me cleanse those things that have grown inappropriately and in the wrong direction. I just feel like hardships are such a blessing. The reason why the Lord gave us weaknesses is because those things take us to our knees. And it's when we are on our knees, that we draw closer to our savior.

Hank Smith: 28:49

I've underlined the word signs in seven, in eight, in nine, in 10, in 11, in 12. And so it sounds like this was a big part. Is this all because of Ezra Booth? This is all saying, "This is not what you should be looking for?"

Dr. Lynne Hilto...: 29:06

No. I think it's also because of the misunderstanding of what the gifts of the spirit works, but it's during the second great awakening, everyone's going to revivals and they're all jumping around and they're all thinking that it's the swooning, that's the spirit instead of a still small voice. They're looking for the earthquake if we were going back to Elijah. But it is in that little section from verses seven to 12 is that portion that he refers to the signs. And then right after that ... But I still feel it's a great deal because the saints are so new. They're haven't even been baptized a year yet. This is the first ... The missionaries didn't arrive. Those missionaries to the Lamanites don't even arrive until November. And here it is the following August and it's August 30th by the way, when he gets this according to the Joseph Smith papers. August 30th is when he receives this one.

Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>29:54</u>	So my heart just says, no he's doing post baptism teaching lessons right here. This is really the basics. But later on he talks about Joseph having the gift of discernment and George J. Smith, Joseph's cousin, his little cousin who followed him around and just looked up to him like a hero. George J. said, "If this gifts of the spirit were one of Joseph's favorite topics, the gift of discernment was his favorite gift." And he said it was the thing he spoke most on more than anything else. Now that's from his perspective as a young boy. I think if we asked Joseph, he'd say "Actually, no." But when I have read all of Joseph's servants in Nauvoo that are collected by Ehat and Cook and also available on Joseph papers, I would say yes, the workings of the spirit are one of Joseph's absolute key doctrines that he taught the most. And so when Joseph is told here, "You will need to seek the gift of discernment."
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>30:55</u>	Joseph, obviously in 1831 took that to heart. And by the time George J. says it in Nauvoo 10 years later, George J. says, "Oh, no, that was his favorite topic." And it may have come from here, or it may have come from the years of working with [inaudible 00:31:13]. Tried to get that straight on how to get the plates home.
Hank Smith:	<u>31:15</u>	Yeah. Lynne, you make me think of something. There's a great book called Remembering Joseph by mark McConkey. And I've always wondered why anyone would want to learn about, if you want to really learn about Joseph Smith here, go to his friends. I mean, who knows you best? Your friends or your enemies, who knows you best? Go to those who know him best his family and his friends. And that book, Remembering Joseph, that's always the first book I recommend if someone says, "I want to read a book on Joseph Smith." I'll say, "Oh, get Remembering Joseph, you can hear it in their own words, talking about, like you said, with George J." What was it like to just be with him every day? And they describe it beautifully.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>31:55</u>	Love it. Yeah, that's great.
Hank Smith:	<u>31:56</u>	John, anything else on signs? I love what you said there.
John Bytheway:	<u>31:59</u>	I just think that there's something that I thought was fascinating about this. We look at Jesus's saying it is a wicked and an adulterous generation that seeketh after a sign. And you talked about all these houses of ill repute around there. And right after this science thing, he goes to verse 14, there were among you adulterers and adulteresses. And I was watching one of the round table discussions, the BYU professors used to have and one of them said, "This is a really fast way to lose the spirit."

Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>32:35</u>	Well and I also wondered as I was reading and studying this section, do you remember in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, the Savior refers to, I'm just going to quote Isaiah, "Where is the bill of divorcement?" They refer to this marriage relationship as adultery between God and-
John Bytheway:	<u>32:57</u>	Zion, the church right.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>32:57</u>	His people yeah, his people. And Zion is experiencing adultery when they are experiencing idolatry. And so I wondered in this situation, I know he tells some people in their sections. "Okay. I know you've been struggling with adultery." And everyone now knows it, thank you, Joseph. The Scarlet Letter A is now in embroidered here on my chest. But I wondered in some of these verses here and he goes on, I'm starting in verse 13 to probably anyway, adultery is a topic here for quite a while a few verses down. And I'm just, it goes through 19, it looks like, 13 to 19. I'm just wondering if some of that is idolatry just as it was in both the old and new testaments.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>33:48</u>	So I don't want to just knock all of us out if, oh no, I don't struggle with that. That's not an issue for me. Well, don't think you don't need to read this because we can look at it in the way the Lord defines adultery in the Bible. Which is often you have broken your covenant with God. You are no longer honoring and worshiping him as your father or our savior as your spiritual.
John Bytheway:	<u>34:12</u>	Oh, you just didn't work with any weakness that we have, beware and repent speedily. I know at times when he says here beware, I know at times when I've made the worst mistakes is when I'm just not being aware. I'm just not paying attention. I'm on autopilot and then all of a sudden I'm like, "Wait, what was I thinking there?" Beware and repent quick. I like that. I like that. Repent quick. Let's see. Should we turn the page here? Are we ready scroll down as everyone else?
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>34:41</u>	Yeah, no, keep it with pages.
John Bytheway:	<u>34:44</u>	Right. I've got a petition the church that when you scroll on your scriptures that makes the little scripture noise. [crosstalk 00:34:51]. Because I love that.
Hank Smith:	<u>34:52</u>	Here it puts a page number on the side. I find myself with my students now at the top of the next column, oh wait, I mean, scroll down to verse, verse-

Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>35:00</u>	So on the Scriptures Plus app, the scriptures there are exactly how they are in our book.
John Bytheway:	<u>35:06</u>	Really?
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>35:07</u>	Yeah. So they have them this way, not the other way. So the Scriptures Plus app that allows you to maintain that memory of where things lie on the page, yeah.
Hank Smith:	<u>35:14</u>	You learn this on Follow Him folks.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>35:18</u>	You know, it's interesting though because right as we start turning the pages is where we start getting all these verses. And I mentioned that there were 40% of the verses. I think there's 26 actually verses that discuss eschatological topics, whether it's the tragedies before the second coming or this millennium or the first resurrection. But the idea of the Savior is coming this broad umbrella, he starts right away there in verse 18. Well actually it's before that too, but this is the fourth time in verse 17. Those people that are going to be burned with fire are those who have completely flagrantly disobeyed God. And then in verse 20, we get the beautiful, that if you have faith to do my will, then you will overcome and you will have your inheritance. Now I think this is a great tie because you know how the Lord always speaks on two or three or four or five levels.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>36:13</u>	You can always interpret scriptures differently at different times in your life because they're just so rich and gorgeous I just feel like I'm eating the best ice cream or chocolate I've ever had. But right here in verse 20, I think this idea of inheritance is speaking not only of in Zion, we want to send all your extra money down to buy property in Jackson County, but also your inheritance as he continues on, in the next life. So even though this life is full of thorns and thistles and briars and pain, we will be able to overcome and we will be able to have an inheritance. And he goes on to what we didn't get on the Mount of transfiguration in our letters, but it was part of this beautiful message that is given in the doctrine covenants.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>36:59</u>	I just feel like the whole Bible comes alive when we get Joseph's little tidbits like this in verse 20. On the day of transfiguration, we didn't get the whole picture then, on Mount of transfiguration. What's written down is only part of it. They got to see this beautiful vision of the fullness that was not given yet.
Hank Smith:	<u>37:20</u>	Yeah. And in first verse 21, it says "The earth shall be transfigured even according to the pattern, which was shown

upon mine apostles on the Mount." So the footnote below is, Matthew 17, where this happened. And I thought, whoa, wait, what? The earth will be transfigured as well. And that Mount of transfiguration was a pattern? I was going, oh, I love when the new Testament gets woven into here and other scriptures, it's so much fun.

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| John Bytheway: | <u>37:48</u> | Well, there's a part in Matthew 17 where Peter is overwhelmed. And he says- |
| Hank Smith: | <u>37:56</u> | Oh that's my favorite understatement of all time. It is good for us to be here. |
| Dr. Lynne Hilto...: | <u>38:00</u> | Isn't it good to be here? |
| John Bytheway: | <u>38:01</u> | Yeah. It's good for us to be here. This was good. |
| Hank Smith: | <u>38:04</u> | And the other thing if you just read the four gospels and you read the Mount of transfiguration, you might not get the feeling it was that big of a moment for the people that were there. But then you go to, let me see if I can find it, you go to Second Peter I think it is. And Peter is bearing his testimony. This is long after the Savior has been resurrected. How many different experiences has Peter had with Jesus? And this is what he says about the Lord. He says, this Second Peter 1:16 through 19, he says "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables. This isn't fiction, right? When we made known unto you the power of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ but were eye witnesses of his majesty for he received from God the father, honor and glory when there came a voice to him, the excellent glory, this is my beloved son in whom I am well-pleased. This voice, which came from heaven we heard when we were with him on the holy mountain." |
| Hank Smith: | <u>39:07</u> | So of all the things, of all the things Peter says, he says it was the Mount of transfiguration. That's what comes to mind. And section 63 kind of tells us why, right? They saw the [crosstalk 00:39:20]. |
| Dr. Lynne Hilto...: | <u>39:19</u> | I think because it's about the second coming too. I mean it's about the future. And so Peter is looking forward to it. And of course Joseph and the saints assume that it's much sooner than we realize now. But in the Lord's timing, he wanted us to think it was soon with every generation. That's part of the wisdom of being a good teacher is you have to motivate people to act the here and now. |

Hank Smith:	<u>39:45</u>	Oh, thank you for saying that because I have seen so many, I come quickly and-
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>39:52</u>	He does say in one of the verses "In my time," I kept looking in mine own time. I think it's right here in this little section here.
Hank Smith:	<u>40:00</u>	When he says in verse 35, it's not yet, but by and by.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>40:03</u>	Yeah. That's another one, yeah. He starts talking about Zion in verse 24. Actually we got to go to 23. It's so beautiful. "Him that keepeth my commandments, I will give the mysteries of the kingdom. Those to me are temple endowments as well as revelation, personal revelation on many spheres. But he is preparing a people to receive their initial Tories in the Kirtland temple that January 1836 and beyond. And he is preparing a people to receive the mysteries of God." Yeah.
Hank Smith:	<u>40:41</u>	And then you get the women at the well, right after that, the woman at the well. And the same shall be in him a well of living water, springing up his everlasting life. You get this-
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>40:51</u>	Great connection.
Hank Smith:	<u>40:52</u>	There's some more new Testament coming in there. I put at the top of my first column because I'm using pages a Zion people. And I put at the top of the next column, a Zion land. Because then he starts talking about in verse 24 land of Zion, verse 25 land of Zion, verse 29 land of Zion.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>41:12</u>	Purchase it.
Hank Smith:	<u>41:13</u>	Yeah.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>41:14</u>	And that land was for sale, a \$1.25 an acre, but we had such a hard time getting the property. It wasn't until December of 1831 that elder Bishop Partridge was given the opportunity to buy 63 acres. Remember this is such a new, they're still getting out their surveys. The federal government owned it initially and they're still serving the properties. It's not until December that Edward Partridge has the opportunity to buy the land. And he gets 63 acres of what they called seminary land. It's land that can be used to build a school on. So it's a little bit more expensive. So it was \$2 an acre and he paid \$130 that December and bought it. And the Lord is saying, "Send your funds. We've got to earn up to this money." Because the Lord knows in on August 30th, that this property is going to come for sale and we are going to be able to buy a whole chunk of it.

Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>42:07</u>	And by the time they're kicked out in two years, they have five different settlements where the saints are living. And this first year they were able to afford that \$130. So they bought that first settlement. So the Lord's instructions here to prepare this land are fulfilled in December. I remember the Book of Mormon when it was discounted with a \$1.25. And that's the same price as an acre of land.
Hank Smith:	<u>42:31</u>	An acre of land [crosstalk 00:42:32] my Book of Mormon.
Dr. Lynne Hilto...:	<u>42:32</u>	Yeah. Just to keep it in context. That's the price of a copy of the book.
Hank Smith:	<u>42:38</u>	Please join us for part two of this podcast.

EPISODE 24 • PART II

Dr. Lynne Hilton Wilson



D&C 63

John Bytheway:	<u>00:00</u>	We now continue with part two of Doctrine and Covenants, Section 63 with Dr. Lynne Wilson.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>00:08</u>	Verse 31, I counted up dozens of times where the lord commands his people, "I do not want you to kill. If you're shedding blood, that is Satan's plan, and that is not my way." In fact, in Section 98, there were 10 times, the lord says, "I don't want you to fight. I want you to proclaim peace." Then in Section 103, "We are a people of peace." In Section 105 and Section 57 and Section... Here it is beautifully in verse 31 of Section 63, "You are forbidden to shed blood."
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>00:40</u>	The gift of life is the lord's to give and to the lord's to take away, and let us never interfere with either of those. I feel like the lord has already set them up, if they would have followed his counsel. When you talked about the land of Zion, do you remember back up in verse 24, he says, "Don't come too fast. I don't want any confusion. I don't want any pestilence, and we don't want to overwhelm the locals. Just do this in an orderly fashion." If we would have followed that one thing, it might've helped, and we, meaning, the bodies of the church. I don't know.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>01:15</u>	Then of course, as he comes down here, he's saying, when you're working with your neighbors, don't be angry with them. These poor saints are so excited to get there. They're saying things like, "Oh, we're going to take over this whole area. This is going to be a new Jerusalem. We're getting rid of all your houses of ill repute. We're getting rid of all your money making. The lord's going to change this. We're taking over." That just didn't bite too well, let alone the differences on their religious feelings. But economically, they really made some enemies, unfortunately.
Hank Smith:	<u>01:44</u>	Their political feelings, everything is opposite. You mentioned there about the shedding of blood and you made a statement about, that's the lord's territory. That's interesting, because just

a few verses earlier, he had talked about adultery, which is giving a life, which is also the lord's territory, right?

Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>02:01</u>	Oh that's beautiful.
Hank Smith:	<u>02:01</u>	I remember Elder Holland talking about that. Surely, what does he say, John? You probably know better than me. Surely the things God cares about the most are how one gets into this world-
John Bytheway:	<u>02:09</u>	And how one leaves.
Hank Smith:	<u>02:11</u>	... gets out.
John Bytheway:	<u>02:11</u>	Okay. When I was on my mission and we had to memorize word for word, our discussions, one of them about the commandments, I can still remember how we started that., God has many powers, and among the powers he values most is the power to give and to take life. He's forbidden us the power to take life, but has shared with us the power to create life by allowing us to bring spirits into the world.
John Bytheway:	<u>02:32</u>	I remembered that same idea, the mileposts along the plan of salvation, the way you are born, the way you die, and that those are important to him. I like that, Hank, the bringing life into the world without his authorization or taking life without his authorization.
Hank Smith:	<u>02:53</u>	God is the same, isn't he? He's told for how long? "Thou shall not commit adultery. Thou shall not kill." It's just a consistent message.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>03:01</u>	That's what I said, there's five of the 10 commandments in this section. If you go a section before and a section after, you get all 10, a few before and a few after, you get all 10.
John Bytheway:	<u>03:13</u>	I was going to mention, just because I thought it was interesting, here's the lord telling me to buy land. Well, doesn't the Earth belong to you? He says in verse 25, "I, the Lord, hold it in my own hands. Nevertheless, I, the Lord render unto Caesar the things which are Caesars." He's like, "Listen, the whole Earth is mine, but let's do this, as not to overwhelm the locals." Like you said, I thought that was interesting.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>03:37</u>	In the same Section, a few verses later, he's talking to our dear Newel K. Whitney, and he talks about his store. Then he says, "I mean, the store. It's not your store." The stewardship is the lord

		has given you a responsibility. It's not your store. It's not your land. It's the lord's land.
John Bytheway:	<u>03:58</u>	I read right past that and didn't get the insight, his store or in other words, the store.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>04:05</u>	The store, it's the lord's.
John Bytheway:	<u>04:07</u>	That's in verse 42.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>04:08</u>	Well, I just feel like the law of consecration is so important. I feel like I'm living it every day of my life, as long as I'm remembering the gifts that God has given me, our stewardships to build his kingdom. Whether that is going to work or whatever I'm doing in school or with my family, or my neighborhood, or my community, whatever I'm doing, you have to have that mentality, I am a servant of God here trying to build his kingdom with his gifts. We are just stewards. We are not owners of anything.
Hank Smith:	<u>04:40</u>	Absolutely.
John Bytheway:	<u>04:41</u>	Let's go to verse 34. I'm curious to know.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>04:43</u>	There it is, second coming, right there. There you go. The saints also shall hardly escape. He is warning them, this is not going to come easily. "I, the Lord am with them and I will come down from Heaven, and consume the wicked with unquenchable fire." But then in the next verse is what I was referring to before where he says, "But not yet." Don't think the second coming is in 1831. But not yet, by and by, as you mentioned before.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>05:18</u>	But he goes on even verse 37, I love this, "Every man should take righteousness in his hands and faithfulness upon his loins and warning voice." I just want to mention one little thing about the fact that we self-correct in King James or biblical language whenever it says him, but I found this wonderful passage by Joseph. Do you remember the letter he writes in Liberty Jail, that becomes Section 121, 122 and 123? Not the whole letter is canonized, but there's a portion of that letter where he says, "Now, brethren," and he says, "By the way, when I say brethren, I mean, men, women and children. I mean, disciples of Jesus Christ."
Hank Smith:	<u>06:01</u>	Wow.

Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>06:03</u>	See, Joseph is our first feminist. I feel like he really is onboard to help the sisters more than their culture did at that time.
John Bytheway:	<u>06:16</u>	Interesting. I'm glad you mentioned that. That's just a part that's not in the Doctrine and Covenants, but was part of the letter that he wrote out of Liberty Jail.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>06:26</u>	You can find it in Joseph Smith papers, project.org, Joseph [inaudible 00:06:30].
John Bytheway:	<u>06:31</u>	Awesome. I'm going to get that.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>06:34</u>	I love also in this little section when he starts talking in verse 40, "I want you to give as much money as you can to Zion." These people were on poverty row. They were already giving away property and trying to get ready for other things. I'm so in awe at the generosity of these fast offerings of the way they were trying to live the law of consecration.
John Bytheway:	<u>07:02</u>	Who is Titus Billings? Do we know much about him?
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>07:05</u>	The thing that I remember is it was more Morley's farm, and he was called to go down to Missouri. It says in one record that he didn't want to be tempted by too much materialism. So, he said, "I'll just give it to Titus Billings." Then Titus is the one who oversees this land, but then Titus doesn't keep it. After a few months, the lord says, "Okay, you need to sell this property now." Actually, if this is August 30th, the property is already being sold by September.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>07:38</u>	Joseph leaves in September, and Sydney leave to go down to the Johnson's farm. Even though Titus has the property for a short period of time, he doesn't keep it. The lord's calling him to use to consecrate this land to go to Zion.
Hank Smith:	<u>07:55</u>	Lynne, you're so great. You can take a section like this that I was like, oh, what are we going to talk about? And you're, like, "Oh look at this, look at this, look at this."
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>08:01</u>	Well, to me, it is just so powerful that it's such a great section on preparing for the millennium, because I feel like we are 200 years closer than they were, or 190 years closer than they are. The signs of the times are... I too have taught the book of Revelation repeatedly, and I feel like we can cut the calamities of the earth short if we would start following these commandments here in Section 63 on how to establish a Zion

people, how to prepare a Zion land and how to become ready for our savior's return.

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| Dr. Lynne Wilso...: | <u>08:40</u> | 49 is another one that he's still talking about this. "Blessed are those that die in the lord." Of course, in that day and age, you lose 50% of your kids before they're three years old. Death is so much common. You're constantly in pain, whether it's a toothache or a corn on your foot, you just don't know how to deal with things the same way, let alone strep throat and cholera. |
| Dr. Lynne Wilso...: | <u>09:06</u> | I just feel like they're constantly dealing with death in a... As Susan Sims Black always jokes that the best paid person in Navos is the person who builds the coffins and takes care of you, the mortician. In verse 49, this is actually the 20th time in this section that he spent talking about the millennium and he continues on from verse 49, clear down to verse 54, where he starts talking about how old things will become new, that the lord will come. If we die in the lord, we will be able to join him as well and inherit the holy city. |
| Dr. Lynne Wilso...: | <u>09:41</u> | Here's another verse where he uses the dual message of the holy city now on Earth and the holy city there. It's just beautiful because I feel like with our prophet emphasizing the need to have our homes, temples, and our sacred spaces are all around us that we don't... Also, even going back to President Kimball, make Zion wherever you are, don't necessarily have to come to a different country. |
| Dr. Lynne Wilso...: | <u>10:10</u> | But we see that council right here in verse 49 of Section 63. This is where we get the twinkling. This is the Section where we talk about you'll get twinkled at the age of a man, at 72. I just noticed. |
| Hank Smith: | <u>10:24</u> | The thing you hear about when you're a kid. Yeah. |
| Dr. Lynne Wilso...: | <u>10:26</u> | Yeah, this is verse 51, you get twinkled. Verse 53 is the verse I was looking for before, speaking after the manner of the lord. Don't get your hopes up if you think it's tomorrow. But the 10 virgins is the next verse, it's verse 54. That's where we get it. It's just a short little clip on it, but he's already taught us that the oil is the spirit. If you go back and look at the previous Section 45, verse 36 and Section 33, verse 17 and 18, he's already taught us a lot about how to interpret this scripture. |

Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>11:05</u>	Do you remember when Joseph Smith said, "The way you understand a parable is by going back and looking at the question?"
Hank Smith:	<u>11:10</u>	What drew it out, yeah.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>11:11</u>	I went back and looked at the virgins, the 10 virgins and the question actually is in Matthew 24, and it's tell us about the signs of your second coming. It fits in beautifully to this people who are trying to build Zion, and who want to know how to become a Zion people. They're so eager to learn, but of course, we're human, we're mortals. They've been baptized almost a year. We have a long ways to go, we're still working on it.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>11:42</u>	But here's that beautiful verse. I think the thing that is sweet about in verse 54, about this parable that we can learn more about than we learn otherwise, is that I will send mine angels to pluck them out. The lord has his mighty forces, his hosts of the Heavens working the entire separation of the righteous and the wicked is a process.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>12:11</u>	But I just have to tell you, as a child, I was so offended by this parable. Weren't you offended? Why don't they share their oil?
John Bytheway:	<u>12:17</u>	Why can't they share, yeah.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>12:20</u>	I was very grateful for President Kimball.
Hank Smith:	<u>12:22</u>	We were taught to share, right?
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>12:23</u>	Yeah, exactly. I was very grateful for President Kimball's talk, you can't share a tiding slip. How do you share a testimony that you've become... The gift of charity that you've worked on your whole life? But I really feel like the saints are feeling, day-by-day, drop by drop, we are becoming more Christ-like. Our leaders are taking us there, our scriptures are taking us there, but I feel Come Follow Me is a giant step in helping us become.
John Bytheway:	<u>12:58</u>	You used the word become three times just now. When I try to teach that parable to my students, I remember President Oaks has taught the challenge to become. I can't share, and you can't share what you've become, I can't say, I need 30 years of your honesty. Could you give that to me, please? That's why I love that ever since hearing that parable as a child and not getting why they don't share, things like President Kimball and Elder Oaks saying, it's what you've become, it's not shareable. I can't give you that. Thank you for using that word. I'd love that

President Oaks talked about, it's not just what we know and it's not even just what we do, it's what we've become.

- Hank Smith: 13:48 When I teach Matthew 25, and the parable of the 10 virgins, there's a point that we skip over that I really like it's in Matthew 25:4, it says, "But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." I've often related this to, and I don't know if the savior meant it this way, obviously, but we've got our lamp in our oil, that's seen by everybody else. Then we've got oil in our vessel, which is kind of private, no one else sees that.
- Hank Smith: 14:16 I think you've got to have your public spirituality, that's important as being an example, let your light so shine, but you also need this private relationship with the spirit. It can't all just be a public relationship with God. Because Lynne, I think you'd absolutely agree, 99.5% of what we experience with the divine is private. To me, I want to have oil in the vessel that nobody knows about, but me.
- Dr. Lynne Wilso...: 14:50 The lord really, really, really, really, really wanted these saints to know this parable. Seven times-
- John Bytheway: 14:57 Evidently.
- Dr. Lynne Wilso...: 14:58 ... in the doctrine covenants, evidently we just have a lot to learn from this. Even if I just look at the practices and the new Testament of what was required for a marriage ceremony and what they did. The background gives you light too, you're coming in a happy, festive, joyous experience to come to the bride groom. As we prepare for the savior's coming, I really appreciate Elder Hinckley's reminder that it is a great and dreadful day of the lord.
- Dr. Lynne Wilso...: 15:29 I go back to what my brother said in my blessing for my eyes, rejoice, and you will see the hand of the lord in your life. Don't emphasize the sad, be of good cheer in your hardest times.
- Hank Smith: 15:46 I remember one of my absolute favorite talks of general conference ever was 2005, Elder Bednar said, I gave a talk, first talk in general conference for him, it was the tender mercies of the lord. That talk to me, it changed everything, for me, when it comes to you can have peace, knowing that you and the lord are on the same page, and in this difficult, difficult world that we face, you need that peace to know that the Lord is pleased with you.

John Bytheway:	<u>16:20</u>	That phrase has become part of our conversations. We talk about tender mercies now all the time, ever since that talk. It's always been a scriptural term, but he brought to our awareness kind of. Okay, this is an intriguing story. Sidney Rigdon is supposed to write a description of Zion. It doesn't go very well. The part I underlined, his writing is not acceptable, because I've had that kind of comment from [inaudible 00:16:47] book a few times. Okay, that's just a joke, but-
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>16:51</u>	It's not a joke for me.
Hank Smith:	<u>16:53</u>	I was listening to that. I was like, "Wait, what did you say??"
John Bytheway:	<u>16:56</u>	I'm wondering, do we have his first draft of his description?
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>17:02</u>	Wouldn't that be a fun thing to-
John Bytheway:	<u>17:04</u>	Just to see, why wasn't it very good? What's wrong with it? So the lord gives him another chance?
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>17:09</u>	I do not know if we have that draft. I have no idea.
Hank Smith:	<u>17:13</u>	Many people are scared for the second coming. It's this almost as maybe a youth or as a parent, you're going, this gives me anxiety. What would you say to someone who has a lot of anxiety over the second coming? We did talk about it being a great and dreadful day of the lord. Anything else that you might add?
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>17:36</u>	When my little Peter was three years old, he was learning how to do mathematics. He thought it was so amazing that he could multiply anything times infinity and get infinity. "Mommy, I know what 572 times infinity is." He was just so cute. That's the way I feel about preparing for the second coming. If we are joining with the savior, it doesn't matter, it's going to be tremendous. He is infinity. Anything we can give, anything we can do if we are working on his team, if we are, as our prophet calls, on his battalion, if we are serving God, if we are part of that... Going to Harry Potter, I just feel like the seventh book of Harry Potter, we are fighting the dark arts, but if we are on Christ's team, our burdens will be made light, and the things that we suffer will be put in perspective, and we have the perspective of infinity. Anything that we do will be made okay by God.

Hank Smith:	<u>18:44</u>	I like that. To let people know that, hey, we're in the middle of it and you're doing good. It's not like it's still out there. We're well on the way-
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>18:54</u>	We're well on the way.
Hank Smith:	<u>18:55</u>	I have a statement from Elder Holland that I've always shown to students who say, what will happen when the second coming is here? I'll say, BYU speeches of September 12th, 2004, the promised second coming of the savior began with the first vision of the prophet Joseph Smith in 1820, that he was back, and we're in the middle of it right now, and we're doing great. We're doing great.
John Bytheway:	<u>19:21</u>	Yeah. I've actually heard it referred to as second comings because there will be so many. The first vision was maybe the first, and how many more were shared visions? I love how that helps me to know that Joseph Smith was not the only one, there were others that shared visions of his other comings.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>19:44</u>	Well, and even his mother saw the lord, way before Joseph was born and hundreds and hundreds of other people saw the lord before Joseph was born. It was Joseph's first vision, but the Heavens had not been closed to many great people throughout the history of the world. The lord has answered his disciple's prayers, regardless of which dispensation or if they are between dispensations, the lord still, I feel knows his children by name.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>20:14</u>	Joseph Sr. had his seven dreams, and Asael, as well as Lucy Mac's dad, he doesn't become converted to the savior until later in his life, but both of them felt like the lord had come to them and spoke to them and given them great comfort and hope that they not only were part of his elect, is how they described it in those days, but they would have posterity that would also change and bless the world. But you're referring Asael's statement about Joseph or about his posterity.
John Bytheway:	<u>20:49</u>	Right, his posterity, my posterity.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>20:51</u>	He didn't know it was Joseph, but yeah. I feel like those two records, Asael's short, short, short message to his children, a few dozen pages and the little tiny pamphlet by brother Mac are just beautiful examples of the religious enthusiasm of the age and the sincerity of these disciples of Christ that filled New England at the time.

Hank Smith:	<u>21:21</u>	Let's look at this verse 57, this is one that I noticed. He said, "Verily, I say unto you, that those who desire in their hearts in meekness to warn sinners to repentance, let them be ordained under this power." When I looked at that, I thought, there is a side of us that wants to lash out and say, repent, or suffer. But what do you think the word... When he says those who desire to in their hearts in meekness to warn sinners, to repentance, how do you walk that line, do you think of, yes. I want to be truthful, I want to help, but meekness seems... John, what did you call meekness, great-
John Bytheway:	<u>22:03</u>	Great power under complete control. S. Michael Wilcox gave an article about the beatitudes and he phrased it that way or he heard it phrased that way.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>22:15</u>	I love the way Joseph combines the idea of power and meekness. Well, the lord taught Joseph in Liberty Jail, that no power or authority can or ought to be maintained, except by meekness, long suffering patience. If we want to facilitate God's power and I'm using this very broad term of God's priesthood power here, because Joseph has just said, a few paragraphs in that letter difference, when I say brethren, I mean men and women and children.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>22:44</u>	If we want to access God's power in our life, which is God's priesthood, then we have got to do it through gentleness, meekness, and love and faith. I feel that God's power can only be accessed if we're going to do it with his key and his key is meekness.
Hank Smith:	<u>23:04</u>	Let me see if I can get this quote right, you guys will help me. He says, "When persons manifest the least kindness and love to me, oh, what great power it has over my heart. While the opposite course has a tendency to harrow up harsh feelings and depress the human mind." That's just absolutely beautiful. I've done both. I've done the loving side, I've gone too harsh, and he's exactly right.
John Bytheway:	<u>23:31</u>	It's our general conference, Elder Stevenson talked about kindness with the rabbits, and then after that, Elder Gong talked about kindness as well. I've heard the phrase a million times, and I think in missionary work, people don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care. Maybe this is part of that warning and meekness.
John Bytheway:	<u>23:58</u>	Also, Hank you've talked about, we've all talked about repentance, and Elder Holland is saying it's the most hopeful and encouraging word in the whole Christian vocabulary. When

I'm taught by his students I say, "If I say repent, put in the chat window the first word that comes to your mind, it's usually not hope, encouragement." Any way.

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| Dr. Lynne Wilso...: | <u>24:23</u> | My daughter says repentance is self-love. She was in high school, and she said, repentance is self-love. |
| Hank Smith: | <u>24:29</u> | I love that. Repentance is self-love. We have a commandment to improve. That's not a bad commandment, right? |
| Dr. Lynne Wilso...: | <u>24:37</u> | No. |
| John Bytheway: | <u>24:38</u> | Verse 58, "This is a day of warning and not a day of many words." |
| Dr. Lynne Wilso...: | <u>24:42</u> | Second time he's repeated that in this section. |
| Hank Smith: | <u>24:45</u> | Is he saying, "Hey, be quick about it because you don't have a lot of time?" |
| Dr. Lynne Wilso...: | <u>24:50</u> | Well, I'm convinced that if it is a day of warning and that the gospel has been restored, and if we are servants of God, when we are baptized, we put on his jersey and we work on his team. Sometimes my prayers, I forget that, and I say, "Hey, could you help me, and could you do this and this and this?" But it's actually, oh, I'm your servant, what should I be doing today? It's a day of warning, that means, that's our job. |
| Hank Smith: | <u>25:16</u> | Yeah. Absolutely. I remember one of my favorite quotes about the second coming and it always comes back to me when I think of it is the second coming is not a day of choosing, it is a day you find out what you have chosen. This is before, all this takes place before, and I like that. I think that fits. It's not a day of choosing, the second coming is when it's right in front of you, the choosing is over. What would President Monson say? |
| John Bytheway: | <u>25:46</u> | When the time for decision has come, the time for preparation has passed. |
| Hank Smith: | <u>25:50</u> | Yeah. This is from, it's called Preparation For the Second Coming. President Oaks in April of 2004, and he says... I sometimes use this in my class. What if the day of his coming were tomorrow? If we knew we would meet the lord tomorrow, you knew it, tomorrow, through our premature death or through his unexpected coming, what would we do today? What confessions would we make? What practices would we |

discontinue? What accounts would we settle? What forgiveness would we extend? What testimonies would we bear?

- Hank Smith: 26:25 Then you sit on that for a minute. If it was really true, if I knew, for a fact, the lord is coming tomorrow, what would I do today? Then he says this, if we would do all those things then, why not now? Why not seek peace, while peace be obtained? If our lamps of preparation, going back to the parable of the 10 virgins are drawn down, let us start immediately to replenish them. You can do that at any time, you can start immediately to replenish your lamp. You don't have to wait, you don't have to go see the bishop before you... You can just fall down on your knees or you can open the scriptures and start replenishing that lamp.
- Hank Smith: 27:04 He says, yes, we need to make both temporal and spiritual preparation for the events of the prophesied second coming. He says this, a 72 hour kit of temporal supplies may prove valuable for earthly challenges. But as the foolish versions learned to their sorrow, a 24 hour kit of spiritual preparation is of greater and more enduring value.
- Hank Smith: 27:27 To me, when I read this section, Lynne, one thing I'm hearing is act now, act now, do the things that you know, you should be doing now.
- Dr. Lynne Wilso...: 27:36 That's beautiful.
- Hank Smith: 27:37 Start making confessions and discontinuing practices and settle accounts and offer forgiveness, bear testimony. Let's get started today.
- Dr. Lynne Wilso...: 27:48 I love the way he combines this. It's one of the 10 commandments, not to use the lord's name in vain in verses 60 to 63 or so. But I feel like it's also a sin of commission and a sin of omission. The way he says in verse 62, those who use the name of the lord and use it in vain, having not authority. I think of the way I close my prayers, am I adding on the savior's name to complete the prayer, or am I using his name in an honorary and humble and meek fashion of referring to the savior who has redeemed us?
- Dr. Lynne Wilso...: 28:32 I love the idea that if I am a baptized member of the church, even if I'm not serving as a full-time missionary, am I using his name in vain, because I have taken his name upon me? If I am using my time inappropriately, or if I'm using my thoughts in a negative way, or if I'm allowing other priorities to come into my

life, whether it's worldliness or just sloth, whatever you want to choose, am I using the name of the lord in vain?

- Dr. Lynne Wilso...: 29:06 I just think it has such a beautiful, broad application beyond just perhaps addressing our savior, the name of our God in an unholy context. It also has this far reaching application of when we are ever addressing our lord or representing our lord, is it from the heart?
- John Bytheway: 29:32 Thank you. I look at verse 64 in that same spirit. Remember that which cometh from above is sacred and must be spoken care. Hank and I love to laugh and we joke a lot when we're with one another. I hope though that we're appropriate when it comes to things like this, because of that commandment. I'm thankful I heard Truman Madsen once say there's a difference between being like-minded and lighthearted. I hope we're getting that right.
- Hank Smith: 30:05 I walk that line. I try to walk that line pretty well. I've had moments where the spirit has said, "Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, too much." But what does the lord say? "Rejoice, be happy." We're going to rejoice and be edified together. I like that. They're sacred, must be spoken with care.
- Dr. Lynne Wilso...: 30:28 It's not just using the name of the lord, although I do think perhaps the most important part of our prayer is the closing phrase that we use bidding our savior to take the message to our father. But I also feel like it's such a powerful way to open up access to the spirit, is when we do not use the lord in vain. That when we address him and when we think of him, it is with great sincerity, then we are not using him.
- Hank Smith: 31:03 When we finish our statements, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen. We could do that in vain, if we're not careful.
- Dr. Lynne Wilso...: 31:10 I think so.
- Hank Smith: 31:10 Interesting.
- Dr. Lynne Wilso...: 31:12 I feel like I have not been as careful as I could have been, sometimes-
- John Bytheway: 31:18 Me too.
- Dr. Lynne Wilso...: 31:19 ... or as respectful.

John Bytheway:	<u>31:20</u>	I remember one student left me a voicemail and finished the voicemail that way. Then she said, "I'm so sorry, I don't know what I was saying." It always made me laugh.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>31:32</u>	You must be a scary teacher.
John Bytheway:	<u>31:34</u>	Yeah, [inaudible 00:31:35] testimony. Also, I would say, when we take the lord's name upon us in our covenants, we can also do that in vain. We can take the lord's name in vain. I think you talked about having that jersey on and let's not do that in vain, without meaning it.
Hank Smith:	<u>31:55</u>	Well, I think the backdrop of all of this is really helpful for the section to see what's going on there. They want to know everything they can about Zion, but they're not perfect, and the Lord has some reminders for them. In some places, it's sounding gentle, in other places, not very gentle. Then all of this millennium stuff, which is great.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>32:23</u>	And the parables.
Hank Smith:	<u>32:24</u>	Yeah. Inheritance before the lord, in the holy city. If you die, you can still live in the holy city, maybe as you said on another level.
John Bytheway:	<u>32:34</u>	I want to bring up one last topic before we close this section, Lynne, and that is, he just says this in verse 66, but I think it can be just an important and peaceful and wonderful principle. These things remain to overcome through patience, that such may receive a more exceedingly and eternal weight of glory, otherwise, a greater condemnation.
John Bytheway:	<u>32:57</u>	Overcome through patience. I don't know about either of you, but patience has been one of the most difficult Christ-like attributes for me to make progress on. I feel like I've got it, I've got it. Then I'm, something happens and it all blows up. Then I feel like, oh, I've got it. I'm really becoming more and more patient, and something happens. Lynne, can you make me patient like you?
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>33:28</u>	I know.
John Bytheway:	<u>33:28</u>	I don't know if I want to pray for patience, because that might end up with-
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>33:34</u>	Well, for me, it's more of a matter of trusting God's... I feel like-
Hank Smith:	<u>33:39</u>	Timing.

Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>33:40</u>	No, a little bit different than that, because I feel like sometimes God's timing is my preparation. So, I have got to accelerate my learning, not say, when I think of waiting on the Lord, I like to think of a... I lived in Paris, I like to think of a server waiting there for me. I'm there to take notes on exactly everything you want. I'm waiting on the lord, I'm ready to serve you. But the lord's timing is so often my preparation. If I can just step back and say, "What do you want me to learn?" Then I can be more patient, because then I can do something about it. If I don't have any ability to move forward, then I feel like the early Puritans, where you're just paralyzed and just saying, okay, am I chosen or not? Am I one of the elect or not?
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>34:21</u>	But God wants us to act and not be acted upon. For me, patience is easier when I say, what can I learn? I want to be able to grow my seed while I am waiting. If you're waiting on me to blossom, I've got to add some miracle grow here. Help me increase my faith or whatever. I feel like I can increase my patience easier when I just trust God. It's going to be just fine, just trust God, it's a matter of faith and hope and I totally can trust God and then I can wait, as long as I am actively learning, I don't mind being patient.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>35:05</u>	Now, a red light is a different story, but yeah.
Hank Smith:	<u>35:07</u>	Yeah.
John Bytheway:	<u>35:08</u>	Lynne, thank you for saying what you did about just trusting God, because I think there was, in 1995, Elder Richard G. Scott gave this talk about how our questions change. Instead of asking, why is this happening, or why is God doing this to me, or what have I done to deserve this? When we really trust God, our questions become, and you said it, what am I supposed to learn? Who can I help? How can I keep my faith in this time? I love what you said, it's proactive, it gives us something to do.
John Bytheway:	<u>35:41</u>	I'm in the midst of a trial, I'm going to try to be patient, but what can I learn during this time? I saw the word patience there too, and I thought of Section 4 of the Doctrine and Covenants, the missionary section, we often call it, that speaks of patience. Hank, I'm with you sometimes. I'm, well, wait a minute, I thought we're supposed to have a sense of urgency and then other times, oh, and be patient, and which one is it? Don't use many words, but be patient to meekness. I guess that's one of those where, thankfully, we have the gift of the holy ghost that can apply to individual circumstances, I suppose.

Hank Smith:	<u>36:21</u>	Absolutely. For me, patience, I remember there's a talk from Elder Uchtdorf on patience, there's another talk from a General 30 Robert. he was the military. Do you guys remember, he said-
John Bytheway:	<u>36:34</u>	Oaks, Robert C. Oaks.
Hank Smith:	<u>36:35</u>	Robert Oaks, yeah. There was another talk by Robert C. Oaks on patience. I listen to those over and over and over, trying to just soak it in, helped me become more patient. Looking back over a long period of time, I can see that I've made that improvement. It's those day-to-day, week-to-week, why am I not making improvements? I remember, it was Elder Oaks, but this was Robert Oaks, who he said that one of his friends owned a motorcycle shop. Do you guys remember this story? One of his sons, they had lined up brand new, shiny motorcycles. One of his sons thought he'd jumped on the first one and start it up.
Hank Smith:	<u>37:16</u>	So, he did, and then pushed his luck too far and decided to turn it off, and he jumped off the motorcycle and knocked it into the next one, which knocked it to the next one, the next one, the next one, denting all of them, denting all of them with the paint and that chrome taken off. He looked over at his dad, and his dad looked over his desk, and he said, "Well, we better fix one up and sell it, so we can pay to fix the rest of them." That was about it. That was about it. I thought, "Okay, I've got to get that down. I've got to get that down, overcome through patience.
John Bytheway:	<u>37:57</u>	Let me know when you do that and then come and give me lessons, okay?
Hank Smith:	<u>38:00</u>	I will.
John Bytheway:	<u>38:02</u>	I just quit the motorcycle business altogether.
Hank Smith:	<u>38:04</u>	Oh goodness. But I love those examples of Christ-like patience. All right, Lynne, anything else in the section before we... Anything we didn't cover that you're like, "Oh, Hank, we got to hit this."
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>38:17</u>	I am just amazed as I think about how applicable each verse of this section is to those saints in 1831. Yet, as I read it on my own, in conjunction with Come Follow Me, each verse was very applicable to me. The scripture has this wonderful transporting ability. If you want to hear God's voice, take a quiet, sacred hour and spend it in the scriptures and you will find messages just for you.

Hank Smith:	<u>38:53</u>	That's beautiful. Thank you. Lynne, what keeps you on the covenant path? What is this restoration and gospel done for you, personally?
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>39:04</u>	I believe because of the witness of the spirit, that I first started feeling when I was seven years old, when I asked and again, every other time that I have asked and sought in humility, but the thing that keeps me with my toes deep in the sand and my roots growing down deeper is, I really like comparing what is different about the book of Mormon's message on patience, rather than the biblical message on patience? What do I believe this, compared to our other Christian friends or colleagues, or the Judaic, or the Islamic faith traditions?
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>39:49</u>	I am blown away at the truth and validity of not only the doctrines, but the principles and the way that is carried out in our church. I believe, as Eugene England said, the church is as true as the gospel. I believe from a witness of the spirit, that my taproot comes from studying the scriptures and comparing them.
Hank Smith:	<u>40:15</u>	Yeah, that is wonderful. John, another episode of Follow Him has come and gone, and isn't it wonderful that we get to be here? What did Peter say? It is good for us-
John Bytheway:	<u>40:30</u>	It is good for us to be here. Understatement of all time. But I love that he would say that because, and I think for our young people, I love to tell, have you ever had the opposite? I shouldn't be here. Well, you know what to do, stand in holy places, get out of there. But for Peter to say that, and I feel like that every week. Thank you, Lynne, I am so excited to go to Book of Mormon central and Doctrine and Covenant Central and listen to more of your enthusiasm and excitement for this.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>41:02</u>	Well, I'm just honored to have been here with you. It's been a sheer joy. Anytime we can testify of the gospel of Jesus Christ, it's a good day.
Hank Smith:	<u>41:10</u>	It's a good day. I love that.
John Bytheway:	<u>41:11</u>	It is. Thank you. What I love too about you, Lynne, is you have gone to not church schools to get all of your degrees, did I get that right? All of them.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>41:22</u>	Yeah.

John Bytheway:	<u>41:23</u>	Added that perspective to it. I love that, I think it adds some depths to our guests and to what they've said, what they've shared. Thank you for your preparation and for being here.
Hank Smith:	<u>41:37</u>	Wonderful.
Dr. Lynne Wilso...:	<u>41:38</u>	God bless you both. Thank you for this invitation.
Hank Smith:	<u>41:42</u>	We want to thank Dr. Lynne Wilson for joining us today. We want to thank all of you for listening and taking your time to be with us. We're grateful for your support. We really are. Thank you to our executive producers, Steve and Shannon Sorenson, our production crew, David Perry, Lisa Spice, Jamie Neilson, Kyle Nelson, Will Stoton and Maria Hilton. We hope you'll join us next time on Follow Him.

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Hank Smith:	00:00	Hello, welcome to followHIM Favorites. My name is Hank Smith. I'm the host of a podcast called followHIM. I have a wonderful co-host. His name is John, Bytheway. Hi John.
John Bytheway:	00:09	Hi Hank.
Hank Smith:	00:10	This is gonna be a good day. John, followHIM Favorites is a little tiny podcast. It's a miniature podcast in which we just talk about our favorite piece of the lesson. The lesson this week, the entire lesson is on one section of the Doctrine and Covenants, section 63. So you get to choose your followHIM Favorite.
John Bytheway:	00:28	You know, the way the Lord begins this revelation I just thought was cool. Hearken, O ye people, and open your hearts and give ear from afar; and listen. So, there's open your hearts. There's give ear, there's listen, there's hearken. And I just, I remember Amulek in the Book of Mormon. Remember when he says, I heard, but I would not hear. And it was like, my ears were working, but I hadn't really inside opened them. And I love this idea. The Lord's saying, I know you can hear me now. I want you to open your ears. And with all of these things that we're studying, we open it up and let it inside. That's when it can really help us and bless us. So, if repetitive, open your ears, hearken, listen, open your hearts.
Hank Smith:	01:14	Yeah. I've never seen someone close their ears, have you? I don't. Yeah. When the Lord says open your ears, he's like, hey, they're closed.
John Bytheway:	01:20	And I don't know how that works. But remember Third Nephi 2, and the third time they did open their ears to hear it. So, I don't know if they're going like this or what was happening, but yeah...
Hank Smith:	01:28	You always say, what did you always say? Listen with your spiritual ears, right? Spiritual ears. That's probably what it is. Open up those spiritual ears. Be open. I actually wanted to talk about something that the Lord says in section 63 about adultery. And he's talking about lust and virtue. And he says

beware and repent of any of these things I say unto you--He kind of, it's a New Testament type reference here. Verse 16, as I have said before, he that looketh on a woman to lust after her, or if any shall commit adultery in their hearts, they have not the Spirit. And some of us might go, oh no, I don't want to have a chastity lesson. Right? But the idea here is I think this is a positive thing where the Lord is saying don't let this sin creep into your life in any way with immorality or pornography.

02:18 Don't let that get into your life anyway. And if it does, beware and repent speedily. Repent speedily. So, the Lord's not saying, well, if you've done this, you're done. Right? You're done. You might as well pack it up and go home. He's saying, no, beware and repent speedily. So, this is a hopeful section about virtue. And of course the Lord cares about how we treat our bodies and how we treat others and respect and not using people as objects. But still, even when he's talking about these serious subjects, repent speedily. He's offering that chance.

John Bytheway: 02:50 Oh, I love it. And I love that the word beware is the combo be aware.

Hank Smith: 02:58 Yeah.

John Bytheway: 02:59 And we gotta be aware. This is one of Satan's tactics against us, but let's be aware and then something creeps in. We repent speedily. We be aware again tomorrow. We be strong.

Hank Smith: 03:12 Very good. Very good. Well, we hope you'll join us on our full podcast. It's called followHIM. You can find out wherever you get your podcasts. We hope you'll join us soon.