

"The Vision of the Redemption of the Dead"

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Podcast General Description:

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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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Part 1:

What if our departed loved ones are more involved–and closer than we think? Dr. Lori Motzkus Wilkinson explores D&C 137-138 as a "salve for broken hearts," revealing how these revelations restored a lively hope in God's mercy, the desires of the heart, and the nearness of those who have passed on.

Part 2:

Dr. Lori Motzkus Wilkinson unites the grief-born power of Doctrine and Covenants 138 with the forgotten writings of early Relief Society voices, showing how Joseph F. Smith's vision overturned the "curse of Eve," affirms women as among the "great and noble ones," and issues a hope-filled call to temple and family history work.

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Her book project, *Sacred Pens and Public Voices: Latter-day Saint Women in Dialogue with America* is currently in production with the University of Illinois Press. It examines how Latter-day Saint women understood Mormonism's restoration as unleashing forces vital to female progress. These women engaged with, befriended, and partnered alongside prominent national writers, reformers, and leaders, drawing inspiration from their ideals while uniquely adapting them to Latter-day Saint ends. In doing so, they demonstrated themselves to be both believers and defenders of their faith, even as they participated in broader conversations with America.

In addition to her academic work, Lori serves as Relief Society president in her East Millcreek ward. She and her husband, Chris Wilkinson, are the parents of three children: Lily, Max, and Scarlett.

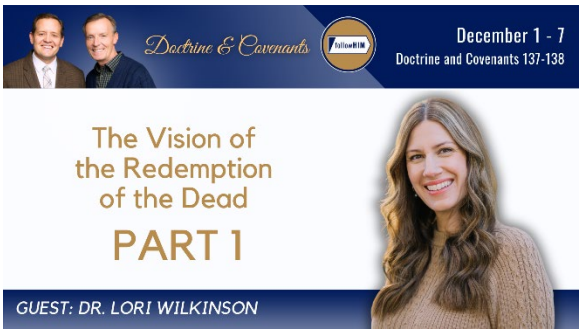
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Hank Smith:	00:00:00	Coming up in this episode on followHIM.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:00:03	I had childhood anxiety. I really did. I probably seemed strange to many, but feeling as a kid, I wish someone could just understand how I felt. This tells us that the Lord understands our hearts. He knows what we're dealing with. For anyone going through any trial, that is such a comfort. I think that's a real comfort to know that we have a tender Father in heaven and his Son, Jesus Christ, who look at our hearts.
Hank Smith:	00:00:37	Hello everyone. Welcome to another episode of followHIM. My name is Hank Smith and I'm your host. I'm here with John Bytheway, who is a faithful elder of this dispensation. John, that is section 138 verse 57. When I read that, I thought, that's my friend John Bytheway.
John Bytheway:	00:00:55	Hmm. Let me pause for a second and go do some ministering. I'll be right back.
Hank Smith:	00:01:00	John.
John Bytheway:	00:01:01	Try to live up to that.
Hank Smith:	00:01:02	You don't want to hear the next part. The faithful elders of this dispensation when they depart from this mortal life. Then again, that's not John.
John Bytheway:	00:01:10	Yeah, I'm getting older every day.
Hank Smith:	00:01:12	Getting closer to that verse, John, we are honored today to have with us our friend, Dr. Lori Wilkinson. Lori, welcome to followHIM.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:01:22	Thank you so much for having me. I'm so excited. Hank, I'm here.

Hank Smith:	00:01:26	Yes, John, just so you know, I have been working on Lori for a long time thing. You need to be on this show. Hank I'm busy. I know you're busy and you need to be on this show. You're gonna bless a lot of lives. We finally got her in studio. John we're in sections 137 and 138. These are the only two sections that are almost 80 years apart. We haven't had any space like that between sections. You know what both of these are about, John, so tell me what you've been thinking of.
John Bytheway:	00:01:58	One of my favorite phrases in all of scripture that is uniquely us is our glorious Mother Eve. I'm looking forward to talking about that today.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:02:13	I am too.
Hank Smith:	00:02:14	That is awesome. There's another one, John, that I love that's uniquely us. The dead who repent will be redeemed.
John Bytheway:	00:02:23	You mean that's possible?
Hank Smith:	00:02:23	Yeah, right. Lori, we've been talking about this for months now. What are we gonna do today? Where do you want to take us?
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:02:32	I am going to share some on the ground experiences as a Relief Society president, what I'm seeing in the hearts and minds of women that I'm serving with and serving. So I'm a historian, so I like to share context, and I think you have to understand the context of these sections to truly see that they are the salve for broken hearts for anyone out there who has lost loved ones or who have children or other loved ones who are choosing a different path than the gospel path. These sections are meant for you to comfort your heart and to bring lively hope. We're also gonna talk a little bit about first epistle of Peter. I'm excited to delve into both of these sections. It's gonna be a lot of fun.
Hank Smith:	00:03:25	Okay. Wow, what a great introduction. One of my favorite parts of this show is taking someone I know well, like Lori and introducing her to a couple of people, the followHIM audience. I don't know how many there are out there, but we've heard from quite a few. John, we love our listeners and I appreciate Lori so much and her work and her faithfulness, her expertise. FollowHIM audience out there, I want to introduce you to Lori Wilkinson. John, do we know anything about her though? Did we do a background check? What do we know?
John Bytheway:	00:03:59	Dr. Lori Motzkus Wilkinson is a historian specializing in Latter-day Saint Women's history, and she teaches Utah History and

US History at Salt Lake Community College. She has a book coming up soon, Sacred Pens and Public Voices, Latter-day Saint Women in Dialogue with America, which is actually University of Illinois Press. So you know she is a scholar and a historian. This book explores how LDS women demonstrated themselves to be both believers and defenders of their faith, even while engaging in broader conversations with prominent national women over time. I love that background. It makes me really look forward to this today. So welcome, Lori. Thank you for coming.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:04:45 Thank you so much for having me. I'm excited to be here. This is really an honor. I'm tickled pink. Thanks.

Hank Smith: 00:04:51 And John, we also need to thank Diana Condie and Lisa Motzkus because they encouraged Lori to take me up on this invitation. Lori, Diana, and Lisa. Is that right?

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:05:01 That's right. They listen every week. Number one fans

Hank Smith: 00:05:05 Well, Diana and Lisa, we owe you and our audience owes you for pushing Lori in the door. All right, I'm gonna read from the Come, Follow Me manual. I'm excited to let Lori guide us through this. It starts this way. The revelations recorded in Doctrine and Covenants 137 and 138 are separated by more than 80 years and 1500 miles. Section 137 was received by the prophet Joseph Smith in 1836 in the Kirtland Temple and Section 138 was received by Joseph F. Smith sixth President of the Church in 1918 in Salt Lake City. But doctrinally, these two visions belong side by side. They both answer questions that many people, including God's prophets have about life after death. Joseph Smith wondered about the fate of his brother Alvin, who had died without being baptized. Joseph F. Smith, who had lost both of his parents and 13 children to untimely deaths thought often about the Spirit World and wondered about the preaching of the gospel there. Section 137 casts some initial light on the destiny of God's children in the next life, and Section 138 opens the curtains even wider. Together, both revelations testify of the great and wonderful love made manifest by the Father and the Son. How beautiful. Lori, with that, how do you wanna start?

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:06:30 I think these two sections do show us what a loving Father in heaven we have. The plan he's put in place is so beautiful. I feel so privileged being a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints because we have this knowledge. I know that women around me, both in the church and women outside of the church that I talk to wonder these things with the loss of loved ones. I just wanna start off by telling you a little bit about

this past year for me as the Relief Society President, I've been in for a little bit over a year in my East Millcreek Ward, my presidency made the goal to go and visit all of the women in their homes. We're still working on it, but these visits have become a treasure to my soul. I've learned so much from these women.

00:07:18 They have so much wisdom. It's really been a blessing to be in their homes. I've learned through these visits that there are prominent concerns on a lot of women's minds. I would say the number one thing I hear is loneliness. Next to that and the two that we'll be talking about today are concern for loved ones or children who are making decisions that are really taking them away from the gospel and it weighs heavy on them. This is something deeply felt that is on their mind, frequently causes a lot of anguish. I sense it in these visits that I've had. I also have sensed in these visits real mourning. We've had four tragic deaths within a short period of time in my ward. Well, I've been in the homes of these women and I hear the pain in their voices with this separation from their loved ones, and interestingly as all this has been going on, I've been studying these sections that has been such a blessing.

00:08:31 I've told many of these women, go read these sections. They will provide comfort to you in the struggles and heartache that you're having. This is the great problem that all humans face at some point, the separation of a loved one. This is really painful. It is a disruption to our relationships that we treasure the most. As I've pondered this heartbreak, these two sections, Doctrine and Covenants 137 and 138 along with the first epistle of Peter has brought great comfort manifested to me that our Father in heaven loves his children. We are so lucky to have this knowledge. I wanna help explore that today. Having all that on my mind, this all happened in the summer, these four deaths. While preparing for this podcast, one night a line stood out to me so clearly. I had decided to read the first epistle of Peter because when we get to section 138, that's what Joseph F. Smith is reading and I sat down and read these lines.

00:09:40 They spoke to me, the Spirit spoke to me. This is Peter. He's writing to the Christians in parts of Asia, kind of northern Turkey area. He's writing to them because they are suffering, they are struggling, they're being persecuted. Some are in exile. I wanna start in chapter one verses three through five. In verse three, we read, blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope. We're gonna come back to that a bunch today. A lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the

dead. Verse four, to an inheritance incorruptible, that stood out to me, an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away reserved in heaven for you. Then in verse five, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

00:10:57 Now, we would normally think of the reference the last time as Second Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I wonder if we could also think of the last time as the last dispensation and what is going to be revealed to our Prophet Joseph Smith and our Prophet Joseph F. Smith as a tender, tender way of looking at an inheritance incorruptible and especially that lively hope that it gives to us. Our Savior and Peter and Paul discuss an incorruptible inheritance. Joseph Smith will have to restore that knowledge. We'll talk about what happens when it's lost over the centuries. That is not my expertise, but I will briefly cover a little bit of that. What a blessing that Joseph Smith restores this knowledge that Peter had and Paul had and then adds to it, and Joseph F. Smith, his nephew, the son of Hyrum and Mary Fielding will add even more to this idea of a lively hope in an incorruptible inheritance.

Hank Smith: 00:12:13 That phrase lively hope. I wrote a paper once, it was on Joseph Smith at a funeral said, we mourn the loss but we do not mourn as those without hope. It sounds very similar. We do mourn. We mourn in a different way because of the information in these sections.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:12:35 Yes, we're so truly lucky to have this information. I'm not just saying that. I feel like as I've been studying them, helping these women in these various situations, it truly is the greatest blessing to have this information to help with their broken hearts. I think it can help. Some basic context about Section 137 and 138. They're not canonized until 1976. At first they are put in the Pearl of Great Price. Then in 1979 when they announced that they're coming out with a new edition of the LDS scriptures, they say they are going to put them into the Doctrine and Covenants and they do. Section 137 is a record of a vision that happened January 21st, 1836 in the Kirtland Temple before it was dedicated and what a vision it was. It happened in the west end of the temple's upper story, the Kirtland Temple is a special place in my heart and in my family's heart.

00:13:40 My mother and father Joan Motzkus and Bob Motzkus were mission presidents of the Cleveland Ohio mission. Kirtland was in their mission from 2003 to 2006. I was able to go back to Kirtland with my little babies, have an amazing tour of Kirtland from the famous historian Karl Ricks Anderson that was a long

time historian of Kirtland and got a personal tour by him even though I was younger and I hadn't had as much church history at that point years ago, I felt how special the Kirtland temple was, so I just had to throw that in there. They are in the west end of the temple's upper story, he's in the temple with his father, Joseph Smith Sr. He's in there with the First Presidency of the church in Missouri, the bishoprics in Kirtland and Missouri and his scribe Warren Parish who recorded the vision and originally the vision is recorded in third person then is put into first person when it goes into our scriptures.

00:14:49 The occasion was the administration of the ordinances in preparation for the temple dedication. Historians often refer to this season as a time of Pentecost when really beautiful spiritual manifestations took place, visions, all sorts of spiritual gifts manifested, leading up to the dedication and during the dedication of the Kirtland Temple on March 27th, 1836. I wanna take a split second if I can and share just a little bit from Karl Ricks Anderson's book himself about some of these manifestations. It's called Joseph Smith's Kirtland Eyewitness Account. He gives a little bit of an example of some of the things going on. I thought these were really worth telling you about. Lorenzo Snow talked a little bit about what happened during this Pentecostal period and he said this, and this is coming from the book quote, there we had the gift of prophecy, the gift of tongues, the interpretation of tongues, visions, and marvelous dreams were related.

00:16:01 The singing of heavenly choirs were heard and wonderful manifestations of the healing power through the administrations of the elders were witnessed. The sick were healed. The deaf made to hear, the blind to see, the lame to walk. In very many instances it was plainly manifest that the sacred and divine influence, a spiritual atmosphere, pervaded that holy edifice. That's just such a beautiful thing to hear. In the Kirtland temple, about a week after the dedication, April 3rd, 1836, Oliver Cowdery and Joseph Smith are in the temple and the Savior appeared and accepted the temple. Then we get Moses who committed the keys of the gathering of Israel from the four parts of the earth. We get Elias who restored the dispensation of the gospel of Abraham. The promises made to Abraham and these include the covenant blessing of eternal marriage, posterity and temple ordinances tied to exaltation and then Elijah conferred the keys of the sealing power as prophesied in Malachi turned the hearts of the children to their fathers.

	00:17:17	The beginning of the restoration of these saving ordinances are incredible and they happen historically at a really interesting time. This is the market revolution. This is a time where people are able to get their goods to market quicker. That's why it's called the market revolution, but it's a tumultuous economic time. People quickly rise but they just as quickly fall. We see that with the Smith family themselves that this is a tricky time, this first 30, 40 years of the 19th century. Interestingly, Alexis de Tocqueville is a French diplomat who comes to visit the United States to look at our prison system. While he's here from 1831 to 1832, he looks at everything going on in our country and what's happening to people in democracy. He ends up writing a great book called Democracy in America. It's one of the most used books in all disciplines. This is the point.
	00:18:16	What he says is happening is that because the market revolution, people's lives are volatile, they become very individualistic. Individualism is on the rise. He writes that people become obsessed with making money and then if they make money keeping the money and if they lose the money making it again, he says they get tied into this insatiable need for more and he says what he observes beginning to happen is people are forgetting their ancestors. He writes that they're forgetting their ancestors and they are also not paying as much attention to their posterity. Now, isn't it fascinating that here this visit happens in 1831 and 1832 and that's what he's observing on the ground. Here we have in Kirtland in 1836 Elijah and we are not forgetting our ancestors. We are turning the hearts of the children to their fathers.
Hank Smith:	00:19:18	That's incredible. He was, who is that again? Visiting?
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:19:22	Alexis de Tocqueville. Democracy on America. I use that in my US history course and I couldn't help but think. Isn't that interesting? He's observing. People are becoming a little more selfish and he literally clearly writes forgetting their ancestors, and yet we are not.
Hank Smith:	00:19:43	If only, yeah, if only someone would come and help us with that. If only Elijah would be here.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:19:49	I do have to share a really important part of the context of the times as well that leads us right into the tender beautiful vision of 137 in the 19th century and really through all of human history, death is much more present in a way, perhaps we don't see it. The infant mortality rate was so poor. For example, for every thousand babies born in 1800, over 46 to 47% did not make it to their fifth birthday. If the child lived to 10, they had

somewhere between a 60 to 70% chance of making it to adulthood. Now, I want you to think of that in context of the hearts of these parents. Joseph Smith and Emma have 11 total children, some biological, some adopted. Of those 11, six died young and one died at age 26, more than half of your children pass away. This happens over and over and over with so many.

00:21:02 That's why I wanna actually list these out because I want it to sink in how much death they were dealing with to know how tender this revelation was. Their first son died the day of his birth. Then they have twins in 1831 who died soon after birth. They then adopt Joseph Murdock Smith and Julia Murdock Smith from a family which the wife passed away in childbirth. The father didn't feel he could care for them. They lose Joseph Murdock Smith within the first few months from measles and also exposure they, that's the night Joseph Smith's taken out and tarred and feathered. Joseph Smith, the third survived. Frederick Granger William Smith died at age 26. Alexander Hale Smith survived. Don Carlos Smith died at 14 months. Then they had an unnamed son stillborn in 1842. Talk about broken hearts. That's a lot of loss. Some of these really well-known early Latter-day Saint women.

00:22:07 Hannah Hatfield King is a convert from England. She had 10 children, four survived to adulthood. Helen Mar Kimball Whitney lost the first three of her 11 children. Helen's other eight children survived past birth, but her oldest daughter died of tuberculosis at 16. Her youngest daughter died of scarlet fever at four and a son died at 21. Emmaline B. Wells lost three of her six children. One in infancy, two in young adulthood and these deaths are harrowing in her diary count. I'll share one little passage later on, and Susa Young Gates, Brigham Young's daughter had 13 total children. Seven of her children did not survive to adulthood. Lucy Mack, who I love, Lucy Mack Smith, Joseph Smith's mother in her history of Joseph Smith, writes and captures this moment on the verge of the deathbed of a child Sophronia. She's writing this later on and she's recalling this, but this must have made such an impression because she recalls it in quite a bit of detail here.

00:23:15 I just want you again to imagine how often this occurred for these Saints. They're living in New Hampshire at the time. Lebanon, New Hampshire and typhus sweeps in, all of her kids get sick with typhus. Sophronia gets the sickest. She's been suffering with it for about 89 days, she'd been administered to by a doctor. The doctor tells Lucy, there's really nothing more we can do. She's not responding to the medicine, he leaves. Lucy Mack writes this, the ensuing night she lay altogether

talking Sophronia. She lay altogether motionless with her eyes wide open and with that peculiar aspect which bespeaks the near approach of death. As she lay thus, I gazed upon her as a mother looks upon the last shade of life in a darling child. In this moment of distraction, my husband and I clasped our hands and dropped to our knees and they plead. They plead for the life of their child.

00:24:22 Please spare her life a little longer. When they arose from the prayer, our child to all appearances had ceased breathing. I caught a blanket, threw it around her and took her in my arms, commenced pacing the floor, the present, doing all I could to save her and then it says, quote the people there said, Mrs. Smith, it is of no use. You are currently crazy. Your child is dead. Notwithstanding I would not for a moment relinquish the hope of seeing her breathe and live. She wraps the blanket around her, continues to carry her and then she says at length she sobbed and she says she starts to breathe again. For those of you who have experienced in life something of this kind, you can sympathize with me. Are you a mother, I would add a father, who has been bereft of a child, feel for your heartstrings and then tell me how I felt with my expiring child, pressed to my bosom.

00:25:24 Would you at this trying moment feel to deny that God had power to save to the utmost all who call on him? I did not then neither do I now. Sophronia lives. After she begins breathing again she sinks down by her bed completely exhausted and overwhelmed from those feelings. Joseph Smith's brother Alvin, he is going to pass away. This happens years later. November 15th, 1823. It says he gets sick with the bilious colic, which really means abdominal pain. The assumption is that it's appendicitis. We don't know for sure. The doctor they typically saw was not there, so they called a different doctor and he administers calomel that has mercury in it, gets lodged in his stomach. By the time the other doctor comes along and brings some other specialists, it's too late. It's still lodged into his stomach. Alvin knows that he's going to pass away and he can tell.

00:26:24 He can feel it. There's really not much they can do. I think it's so tender to see that what Alvin does right before he passes away, he calls Hyrum before him and he says to Hyrum, this is from Lucy Mack's book also, Hyrum, I must die. Now I wanted to say a few things which I wish to have you remember, I have done all I could to make our parents comfortable. I want you to go on and finish the house and take care of them in their old age. He then calls Sophronia before him, says the same thing, care for

mother and father, look out for them, take care of them. He put off a lot of his life. He's 25 and he stayed with his family to help care for them and work alongside them. Alvin is revered. He is known as a tender wonderful person, a great big brother to Joseph Smith and Hyrum and they adore him.

00:27:20 Says the next day he calls in Joseph and the other children, exhorted them in the same way. Tells them to look after their mother and father tells Joseph, be sure you go obtain that record. Be faithful. And then the youngest Smith, Lucy, he takes her in his arm, she says, Amby, Amby, and then they watch him pass away. Lucy Mack says in here, we all with one accord wept over our irretrievable loss and we could not be comforted because he was not. I want you to understand the context and Alvin in particular, his utmost concern is his parents as he is passing away. Hank, would you like to read section 137 verses one through six?

Hank Smith: 00:28:11 Sure. You make me emotional and then you're like, why don't you go ahead and read Hank? Okay. Section 137, the heavens were opened upon us and I beheld the Celestial Kingdom of God and the glory thereof, whether in the body or not, I cannot tell. I saw the transcendent beauty of the gate through which the heirs of that kingdom will enter, which was like unto circling flames of fire. Also the blazing throne of God whereon was seated the Father and the Son. I saw the beautiful streets of that kingdom which had the appearance of being paved with gold. I saw Father Adam and Abraham and my father and my mother, my brother Alvin, that had long since slept and marveled how it was that he had obtained an inheritance in that kingdom seeing that he had departed this life before the Lord had set his hand to gather Israel the second time and had not been baptized for the remission of sins.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:29:08 It says he marveled at this. Keep in mind this is a really interesting vision to have. You're sitting next to your father in the Kirtland temple in the upper west room. You see your father in the future and your mother, who by the way passes away after you do, you see your father and your mother. Then you see Alvin and why he's marveling at this is because Alvin hadn't been baptized. At his funeral the minister, the Reverend Benjamin Stockton essentially says because he wasn't baptized, he's gonna go to hell. Now imagine that deathbed scene that we just saw. Most wonderful son whose utmost concern is his mom and dad and then you hear something like that. How did they get to that point that at Alvin's funeral the minister says, nah, he wasn't baptized, will be in hell. We know that that was not the case with the first century with Peter and Paul, that both

Peter and Paul mention that there is salvation for the dead or some sort of work happening for the dead.

00:30:31 Both of them mention it. Let's go to Paul first, let's go to 1 Corinthians 15. I'm just gonna read a couple verses here and then I'm gonna have John, I'll ask you to read a few verses too in chapter 15. 1 Corinthians, if you go to verse 19, Paul says this and I want you to hear what he says. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men, most miserable. If in this life only. Verse 26, the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. And then verse 29 is key. Paul speaking to the people in Corinth and he says here in verse 29 else, what shall they do which are baptized for the dead if the dead not rise at all, why are they then baptized for the dead? He's clearly letting them know there is life after death that there is a resurrection, that this is going to occur, but he's referring to baptisms for the dead work or ordinances being done for the dead. So we know Paul is aware of this. John, I'd like to read 50 through 58.

John Bytheway: 00:31:56 1 Corinthians 15:50 through 58. Now this I say brethren that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I ashew you a mystery, we shall not all sleep but we shall all be changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump. For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed. For this corruption must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? Oh grave where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law, but thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. For as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:33:12 You can see that he's using those words a lot, that incorruptible inheritance, inheritance referring to a glorified resurrection, incorruptible being immortal, a glorified body beyond decay. I wanna go now to Peter. We've already read in Peter chapter one verses three and four about an incorruptible inheritance. Hank, if you could read chapter three verses 18 and 19 and then 4:6.

Hank Smith: 00:33:45 Okay, this is one Peter 3:18 and 19. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the

Spirit, by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:34:05 Thank you. And then 4:6.

Hank Smith: 00:34:09 4 For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:34:19 Peter is also talking about this incorruptible inheritance. Inheritance, the eternal reward reserved for us in heaven, but I'm getting something different here. I feel as though incorruptible takes on new meaning that is salvation is open to the living and the dead. So what happened? Where did it go? Did this idea of gospel for the dead taught the dead and saving ordinances for the dead get forgotten? We know that in the first century, Peter and Paul are aware by the second century we have two theologians. We have the Clement of Alexandria and Origen of Alexandria, who was his student. Origen of Alexandria taught something very interesting. It will later be called heretical. He believed that our souls had a preexistence. He also believed in something we call universal reconciliation, which actually does respect free will. Really is this idea that you can have continued progress towards salvation after death.

00:35:37 We know that that's being taught in the second and third centuries. Then the fourth century we get Augustine, Steven Harper does a great job explaining this in the earlier podcast on these sections he refers to in Augustine who lived 354 to 430 CE really rejected these ideas of Origen. Began to really preach eventually that everything's fixed at death, that there's no chance of progress or movement after death. This also is kind of a decision based in fear. The idea was if you believed that there was progress after death, would the Saints at the time not do all they could in this life? Would they put off what they should be doing in this life? And that really starts to change Augustine's mind in the Middle Ages. The New Testament doctrine of gospel to the dead is largely forgotten after that. Then we get John Calvin in the 16th century who really comes out with this idea of predestination. Although early predestination concepts are formed with Augustine, they really get developed with John Calvin in the 16th century. This is where Protestantism closes the door on any sort of postmortal opportunity that you're either damned or saved according to his predestination ideas. For all rights and purposes, Protestantism picks this up and this is where we are on Alvin's funeral.

Hank Smith: 00:37:10 Somehow death became the deadline.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:37:14	Death becomes the deadline. I actually do have a quote here. It's Rescue the Dead by Trumbower. That's the book that Steven Harper recommended. There is one quote from it in chapter seven where it says Augustine's views had evolved over many years. In the mid four twenties he had formulated the clearest position in the west rejecting all forms of posthumous salvation. It is clearly there where there's a shift tragically that is lost, but because we have a loving heavenly Father, he's going to restore this information through the prophet Joseph Smith. Hank, can you read verses seven through nine of 137?
Hank Smith:	00:37:59	Section 137. This is just after he's seen Alvin and he's marveling that he's there. Thus came the voice of the Lord unto me saying all who have died without a knowledge of this gospel, who would have received it had they been permitted to tarry shall be heirs of the celestial kingdom of God; also all that shall die henceforth without a knowledge of it who would have received it with all their hearts shall be heirs of that kingdom; For I, the Lord, will judge all men according to their works, according to the desire of their hearts. And I also beheld that all children who die before they arrive at the years of accountability are saved in the celestial kingdom of heaven.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:38:45	Imagine you're Joseph Smith, this beloved brother who you loved so tenderly because he had a good heart because he would've accepted it if he could have. He is told he is saved in the celestial kingdom and one other part of this that I think is so beautiful is it tells us specifically that the Lord will judge our hearts. If you are a parent or someone who has loved ones who have fought with mental illness or have had other trials biologically, chemically, struggle and maybe not chosen the path, this is a talk by Elder Ballard that he gave in October 1987 General Conference. He says this, only the Lord knows all the details and he it is who will judge our actions here on earth. When he does judge us, I feel he will take all things into consideration. Our genetic and chemical makeup, our mental state, that's a big one.
	00:40:02	Our intellectual capacity, the teachings we have received, the traditions of our fathers, our health and so forth. We learn in the scriptures that the blood of Christ will atone for the sins of man who have died not knowing the will of God concerning them or who have ignorantly sinned. In this talk, he goes to a funeral of a friend who had committed suicide and he's puzzled, how do we feel about this? What are our thoughts on this? And he says, peace came to me only when I recognized that only the Lord could administer fair judgment. Only the Lord knows our hearts. That is such a comforting doctrine. The Lord will judge

		our hearts for those of us who have loved ones who have struggled or we ourselves struggle, the Lord will judge our hearts. Notice it doesn't say necessarily our actions, he's gonna judge our hearts, the intention of our hearts, the desires of our hearts, but we can't pass up verse 10.
	00:41:15	I want you to go back to that really long context I gave you about people losing babies over and over and over again. Although it is mentioned in the Book of Mormon, also in Moroni 8:22, we get some idea that these children will be saved. This vision verifies it, so if you are one of those people, mother or father who have lost those babies, to hear this beautiful verse 10, and also I beheld that all children who die before they arrive at the years of accountability are saved in the celestial kingdom of heaven. They're saved. There's so many that didn't know what happened to these babies or the assumption that they could go to the wrong place if they weren't baptized. This is a tender, tender vision. I hope you felt that as we've studied it.
John Bytheway:	00:42:21	Thank you, Lori, the point of who would have received it. It's so liberating to know who makes that judgment. It's not us. As you've been saying, the Lord makes that judgment of those who would've received it 'cause he's the only one who knows the hearts of all men. I can feel as we're talking my lively hope and hopefully all of our listeners, lively hope just climbing. Hank and Lori I have circled in verse seven all verse eight, all verse nine, all verse 10 all and I keep thinking of Elder Patrick Kearon, Heavenly Father's plan is not a plan to keep people out. This is a plan to bring people home. That's what we're seeing here.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:43:06	Absolutely. What a loving Father in heaven. I really do believe as I've been in the homes of these women, one just a week ago, mourning the loss of her daughter, that this is such comforting doctrine. The Lord knows our hearts and if you've ever been one who you maybe feel like you've been misunderstood. I know in my life I had childhood anxiety. I really did. I probably seemed strange to many, but feeling as a kid, I wish someone could just understand how I felt. This tells us that the Lord understands our hearts. He knows what we're dealing with. For anyone going through any trial, that is such a comfort. I think that's a real comfort to know that we have a tender Father in heaven and his Son Jesus Christ, who look at our hearts.
Hank Smith:	00:44:03	Stephen Robinson once said, it's not about who has your membership record, it's about who has your heart.
John Bytheway:	00:44:09	Who has your heart. Yeah.

Hank Smith:	00:44:11	Lori, you said that you seemed strange to many. Well, John and I are, actually are.
John Bytheway:	00:44:16	We are strange.
Hank Smith:	00:44:17	Yeah, we are strange. It doesn't seem that way. It's the truth, but listen to this. This is the theological dictionary of the New Testament, okay? Not a Latter-day Saint publication in the slightest referencing First Corinthians 15:29. None of the attempts to escape the theory of vicarious baptism in primitive Christianity have been successful. I just love it. People wanna say, well, they weren't really practicing baptism for the dead. Here's what they were doing. Here's an honest scholar saying, yeah, we've tried to say that wasn't happening, but we have not been successful. But it definitely was happening. Lori, let me ask you. We have listeners who are much like the women in your ward who are dealing with this pain and this loss. As you sit across from these women just give us Lori, the Relief Society President. What do you say?
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:45:18	Well, first off, I've listened to what they have to say and what I hear is that even though they have a knowledge that they will be with their loved ones again, that that separation is just painful. I opened up these sections and said to her, read these. This will bring comfort to your heart with the tragic loss of your daughter. I bear testimony that we absolutely know that the Lord looks at our hearts in these tragic circumstances. He looks at the hearts and that He loves us and our Savior is merciful, understands that this is a complicated world that we live in and that our children are faced with very difficult things. I bore my testimony to her about that. I hugged her. I'm with her. We really and truthfully are just trying to be there for her in every way that we can. The impression that comes to my mind over and over again is my dear daughter, I love you.
	00:46:28	I think we have such a tender Father in heaven who loves his sons and daughters. Where I'm working with the women, I sense the love. Impressions come to my mind and I try and act upon those impressions. I do think they need to understand these two sections. Boyd K. Packer gave a talk. He said that we would live to see our future generations celebrating. This is me not quoting directly, celebrating these two sections being added to our canonized scriptures. Do we not need this now? We need this right now. They needed it then, we need it now. The world we live in. And I do think that by adding those to the scriptures, our Father in heaven wanted these two nuggets to go out to his children to help us, to give us lively hope. I really do believe it is

a lively hope. I'm excited to go into the next section as well. 138 'cause it continues and it gets added to, it's so exciting.

Hank Smith: 00:47:38 It feels like these two sections almost shorten the distance between us and them. There's just a maybe a glimpse of them that everyone pleads for, right? Just a glimpse, just a faint sign. Then this offers you a little bit of that refreshment almost for your soul.

John Bytheway: 00:47:59 Do you know what? I love that. What we've done here, Lori, is we have read this slowly. It's so easy to say, oh, I need to read my chapter before I go to bed. But we have read this slowly and the slower you go with section 137, the more you have those moments of, oh, thank you for saying that.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:48:18 Susa Young Gates writes a publication in 1928 called Women of the Mormon Church and she's explaining to the broader worlds why we're so lucky to be Latter-day Saint women. She talks about the temple. Susa Young Gates loved the temple. She says in this article that the restoration of the gospel had opened the gates beautiful referring to the ancient temple. The gateway of heaven was open, which led to the higher courts of life's temples. This restoration brought this back. I can't emphasize this enough. How lucky are we that we have this information and that we have temples. President Nelson, I would say his entire focus of being the prophet was absolutely on the importance of the temple, of going to the temple of doing this work. We have to do our parts. I want you to hear what Susa Young Gates, again, remember she had 13 children and lost seven.

00:49:23 She says this in this article that women I'm summarizing here were not permitted to go beyond the gate beautiful in the temple at Jerusalem. Further, this is a quote, they never entered into the court of sacrifice nor into the higher holier place. End quote. Thus, during the dark ages, prejudice and oppression and superstition crept in and women were subjugated, but alas, these are my words, but alas and I say alas, Joseph Smith ushered in the Restoration and then listen to Susa Young Gate's words. The women with their little children were among the most blessed recipients of the results of that vision. Notice women and their little children, she's talking about that loss. She goes on to say this quote, the Mormon women have faith and trust in God. They know that they had individual conscious existence before they came to this earth for spirits or intelligences are eternal. They know too that they cannot escape all pain, sorrows, struggle and sickness, not while they live on this earth. Yet through faith and trust in an all wise

		father, all earthly sorrows are turned into character building forces when death comes as it must. Mormon women know that in the life after death, all friendships, family ties and tender affections will continue as they were upon this earth. End quote. She'd lost seven.
Hank Smith:	00:51:01	John, one thing that stood out to me this year, and I've said it a couple of times so you'll have to forgive the repetition, is that Alvin dies in 1823 and do you remember Dr. Fluhman? Joseph thinks God is not very merciful. Then in 1832 with section 76, he finds out, wait, God is pretty merciful. And then in 1836 with this section he finds out, hey he's a lot more merciful than I thought. And then 1842, section 127, you can be baptized for the dead. He's supremely merciful. I can see why the Lord would say to Joseph in 1820, all those creeds are an abomination in my sight because I'm not known for being very merciful. Over the course of what the next 22 years we find out he's supremely merciful. It's his chief attribute. Can I share something tender with both of you as well?
	00:52:05	We've had S. Michael Wilcox on our show a couple of times, for those of you who don't know Brother Wilcox's story, his sweet wife Laurie passed away just as he was retiring. They were excited to spend the retirement together and she passed away just I think a couple of months after Mike retired from being in seminaries and institutes. He wrote in his book Sunset and I was able to talk to him about this. He said that when someone who's a pillar in your life like that just passes away, he said, during the day I could kind of distract myself, I could be doing other things. And he said, but it was the night. He said the nights were just so hard and he would dread them. And then he told me this, and I think this is in his book as well, he said as he's staring at the sunset one night thinking I can't do this again. He said the Spirit spoke to him and said, you know with every sunset you're one day closer together, you'll never be as far apart as you were the day she passed away. You'll never be that far apart again. And every night it's another step closer. And he said from then on out he looked forward to the sunset. It's another step together.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:53:27	That is a beautiful story.
Hank Smith:	00:53:29	Think of the women that you've been helping, ministering to and all of our listeners out there that each day is another step closer. John, Lori, one day, I truly believe this, even though it's hard to believe at the time, when the reunion comes, you'll feel like it was so short a time.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:53:51	I believe that too. And I just wanna add, I believe that they are our guardian angels championing us from the other side. That's something that's been made mentioned to me that they feel the presence of their lost loved one on the other side really helping them in their lives right now. I think we have to remember, we feel the separation, but they are close and they're watching over us and they're helping and guiding us.
John Bytheway:	00:54:22	Lori, this is beautiful. I think it's gonna help a lot of people. Hank knows that I want to share my favorite President John Taylor quote.
Hank Smith:	00:54:32	I knew you were gonna bring it up.
John Bytheway:	00:54:34	And you know how I always say, and as a matter of fact, it's the only John Taylor quote that I know. He said, God lives and his eyes are over us and his angels are round and about us. They are more interested in us than we are in ourselves. And if that isn't good enough, listen what he says next. And they are more interested in us than we are in ourselves 10,000 times, but we do not know it.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:55:05	Oh, that's amazing. That is a good quote. That's powerful.
John Bytheway:	00:55:10	We are working together on our side to do what we can and they are working for us on their side to do what they can to bring us over there one day. But we're working together on this work of salvation for all of us. Jesus isn't just really good at saving, he is mighty to save and that being mighty to save doesn't end at death.
Hank Smith:	00:55:32	If you both don't mind, I'm gonna read something that I wrote in that chapter I told you about. Very few things that I write do I actually end up really liking. This was something that I liked mostly because of the editors at the Religious Study Center at BYU. And this is what I and them I think wrote. I think one of the reasons I ended up liking it was because it helped people like Lori. You're talking about that these doctrines really do soothe an ache. I talked about those who have had loved ones pass on and that they are now in the company of loving family members and ancestors. Your ancestors who have passed on. President Nelson once remarked our limited perspective would be enlarged if we could just witness the reunions on the other side of the veil. At the funeral of King Follett, Joseph Smith said, our relatives and friends are only separated from their bodies for a short season.

00:56:36 Their spirits which existed with God have left the tabernacle of clay only for a little moment. They now exist in a place where they converse together the same that we do here on earth. John Taylor said, while we are mourning the loss of our friends, others are rejoicing to meet them behind the veil. My dad passed away in 2021 and I remember being a little frustrated with that. He and I had not had a great relationship early in my life and it was really getting good towards the end. Then he passed away and it was kind of sudden, we didn't see it coming. I was a little frustrated and I think I got a rebuke from the Spirit, went something like this. Would you like me to bring him back? Yeah, yeah, I would. So he can be sick and not feeling good? For you, so you'd feel better?

00:57:32 Well when you put it like that, it doesn't sound that good. And then this, it was a, it was a soothing moment. You should see how much fun he's having. You should see who he is talking to, the love he's getting. And we might think, well, my child or my parent or my sister or my brother, they weren't a very good person. The reunions are joyful. It's a soothing thing to think of. I wouldn't want to take my dad away from seeing his dad and his mom and his older brother and his, some friends from high school, some friends who died in Vietnam. It helps me nod and say, it's okay. It's okay.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:58:15 I like that. Thank you for sharing that. And I do believe your dad's watching over you. I don't know how many of you have ever seen this picture. So this is Minerva Teichert's and the picture's called Not Alone. And I think this is exactly what we've been talking about that they're watching over us from the other side. Mary Fielding Smith, an incredible woman. Mary Fielding was so strong. She's 36 years old when Jerusha dies, Hyrum's first wife, he's left with these orphan children. She will marry Hyrum and become the mother of those children at age 36 right from the start. Can you imagine? That's not an easy thing to do to step into that role and your husband is gonna go to Liberty Jail and you're pregnant and you're not feeling well while you're pregnant. While he's in Liberty Jail, she delivers Joseph F. Smith. The situation of that would've been so hard.

00:59:20 In fact, you can get on the Church History Library and you can look up the letters between Hyrum and Mary, Hyrum to Mary and Mary to Hyrum. And I just read over these over the last few weeks, what you see is love, but also incredible suffering. How are we gonna do this? I'm sick. She's so sick. She can hardly care for herself. Mercy, her sister steps in and really is helping care for the baby and the other children. This is such a trying time. There's mention of caring for children. There's mention of the

sickness. How are we going to pay these debts? I mean, can you imagine the stress and knowing she goes and takes Joseph F. to the jail, he's able to bless Joseph F. Smith. Joseph F. Smith comes into the world in turmoil, in a situation of turmoil, a sickly, sickly like on the verge of death sick mother, a father who is in Liberty Jail.

01:00:29 The conditions were so deplorable there. This is how his life begins. Mary Fielding is incredible. She'll end up writing a letter to her brother Joseph Fielding that I think is worth mentioning. She's just come out of, she calls it six month widowhood, but really Hyrum's still alive. She's referring to him being in jail. But I want you to hear her words. In a moment where this could have done you in. You're sick, your husband's jailed. You really can't even take care of yourself. You're also being persecuted by everyone. I mean this is a tough, tough time. And she writes to her brother Joseph Fielding, this is in June, 1839, so after Liberty Jail. And she writes, oh my dear brother, I must tell you for your comfort that my hope is full and it is a glorious hope.

01:01:34 And though I have been left for near six months in widowhood in the time of great affliction and was called to take joyfully or otherwise the spoiling of almost all our goods in the absence of my husband and all unlawfully just for the gospel's sake. And then she writes, for the judge himself declared that he was kept in prison for no other reason than because he was a friend to his brother. Yet I do not feel in the least discouraged now though my sister and I are here together in a strange land. We have been enabled to rejoice in the midst of our privation and persecutions that we were counted worthy to suffer these things so that we may with the ancient saints who suffered in manner inherit the same glorious reward. I love that she uses the word inherit there, incorruptible inheritance. If it had not been for this hope, this lively hope I added lively in there.

01:02:40 I should have sunk before this. But blessed be God and rock of my salvation here I am and perfectly satisfied and happy having not the smallest desire to go one step backwards. That is an incredible strength. Joseph F. Smith is born into turmoil, but he has an incredible mother that is so strong and hopeful and has a lively hope in spite of it. That picture of Minerva Teichert, the time that she's talking and writing to her brother at this point is a relatively moment, small blip of peace. Then Hyrum's killed. Can you imagine getting that news? She goes to see his body and she takes her kids. She's trying to be strong for the kids, but she sees his body and she just can't hold it together. She weeps on him. Oh, Hyrum. Oh Hyrum, tell me you're not dead. Something to that effect. And she weeps.

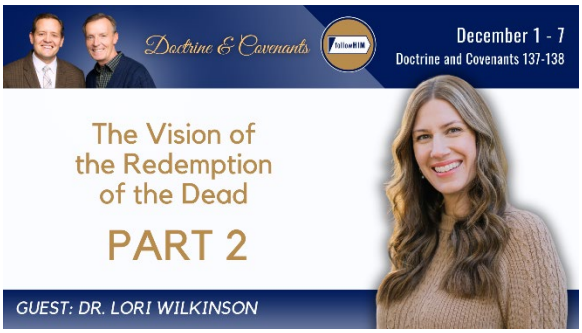
01:03:46 Then she's gotta go home with these kids and she's gotta survive and she's gotta take care of those kids. Then she's gonna decide to go west on her own, but she's not on her own. That's what I love in this Minerva Teichert painting is that to the side of the wagon, she's got Joseph F. with her, but to the side of the wagon is a legion of angels, of which I'm sure Hyrum was right there helping her cross those plains. She has incredible grit. The captain of the company, Captain Lot, Cornelius Lot tells her, you and your children are gonna be a pain crossing the plains. He's not happy that he's been assigned to her. She not only tells him we'll be just fine we're gonna beat you there. And she does. She actually does. She's gonna tell Joseph F. anoint the ox and he blesses the ox and the ox heals.

01:04:52 Not that much further another ox gets sick and the same thing is repeated. These two oxen make it to the valley. And in fact, she'll wake up one morning and Captain Lot so trying to beat her to the valley has left her and her oxen are wandered off and she prays that they can find the ox and they find the ox. I'm sure this was God punishing Captain Lot. A storm comes, stops them in their tracks and she's able to get her ox and get into the valley before he does, the night before. What an incredible woman. But she was not alone. We are not alone. I know we're not alone. I had an experience in COVID. I remember we were hearing about people dying alone in those rooms where they weren't letting loved ones into the rooms. It plagued me. Unfortunately for me, I ended up hospitalized with COVID. I remember getting there and being told that my husband basically had to leave, that no one could come visit and that I was supposed to lay in a crooning position, the stomach down on this bed and they couldn't tell me how long I would be there.

01:06:06 I had COVID pneumonia and I was absolutely terrified. I hope it's okay that I'm sharing this with you 'cause this was a sacred moment for me. I remembered thinking, I felt like I was gonna panic, like how long am I gonna be here? It was right before Christmas. I had just been so sick for weeks and my oxygen had dropped down into the high seventies and was lucky I got to the hospital when I did. When I got there and my husband had to leave, I had this moment of like, oh my gosh, I've never felt more alone in my life. And the nurse comes in in a hazmat suit what looked like a hazmat suit. I'd never have had a moment more of feeling, am I gonna survive this? Am I gonna be alone if I don't? And I was terrified. I said to the nurse, I feel like I'm gonna panic.

01:06:56 How long am I gonna be here? And she kept saying, we can't tell you how long you're gonna be here, but I want you to hear what

		happened next. She went to leave to go get me something to calm me down. And in that moment I felt, I actually felt people praying for me. There was like a visceral glow in the room. And I knew, I knew I was not alone. I knew there were guardian angels somewhere. So I don't know who they were. I knew they were there. And in an instant, it calmed me from my head to my toes. The panic left. I felt that I was not alone. And I was able to lay in that crooning position for several days. And lucky for me, I responded. My body stopped attacking and I was able to go home within the week. I'll never forget that. And what it taught me is in some of our scariest alone moments, I didn't know how long I'd be there. I couldn't have anyone be by my side. I was not alone. We really are not alone. We have our ancestors that have gone before. I really fullheartedly believe guardian angels watching over us and I felt that that day.
Hank Smith:	01:08:12	John and I were interviewing Derek Sainsbury and we were talking about our ancestors and those helping us from the other side. And he said so casually, something I had never thought of, which really frustrated me that, you know, I've been doing this a long time. I should at least think of something. He said, well, you know, angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost. And I said, what? And he said, yeah, angels. Our ancestors. They speak to us through the Holy Ghost.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	01:08:46	I love that. I believe it.



John Bytheway: 00:00:00 Now for part two with Dr. Lori Wilkinson, Doctrine & Covenants 137 and 138.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:00:09 We're gonna fast forward 82 years to the year 1918 and we're talking about Joseph F. Smith. That little boy that was right beside Mary Fielding coming west. This is Joseph Smith's nephew again, Hyrum and Mary Fielding Smith's son. He has just lost his beloved son, Hyrum M. Smith. He was an apostle. Joseph F. Smith was particularly close to this son and he dies of appendicitis. Isn't that interesting that maybe, possibly Alvin and both Hyrum Mack died of appendicitis? He also had lost 12 other children. Here he is the prophet. He has knowledge of eternal life. Yet he explains that his heart was broken for the loss of this son and he said it was one of the most severe blows that he was ever called upon to endure, the loss of this son.

00:01:09 Joseph Fielding Smith, this is in the life of Joseph F. Smith by Joseph Fielding Smith. He cried out in English, quote, my soul is rent asunder. My heart is broken and flutters for life. Oh my sweet son, my joy, my hope, and now what can I do? Oh, what can I do? My soul is rent. My heart is broken. Oh God, help me. So he's devastated. The prophet is expressing anguish at the loss of this son. We've talked a lot about this separation and pain, but I wanna move into there really is such a beautiful thing that occurs from his suffering at this point. He's able to find meaning in suffering, which I think we're all called upon to do at one time or another in our life that in those times that are the most trying, can we find meaning in the suffering? For him, it comes in the form of pondering, thinking about the atonement of our savior, Jesus Christ, and then going to the scriptures. He's gonna have an amazing vision that is so comforting to all of us and really does show us that we can have a lively hope. I do need to give you a little bit of historical context. Sorry. This is what we historians always do.

Hank Smith: 00:02:34 Please do. Lean into it.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:02:36 This vision happens on October 3rd, 1918. It's the day before General Conference. Really, Joseph F. Smith has been sick for about six months. He's not done well for a few years, but he's particularly not felt well in the last six months. He has this vision. He goes the next day to conference, but he doesn't tell 'em about the vision. He does tell them that he has been in communication, praying during this time. He says this quote, I have not lived alone these five months. I have dwelt in the spirit of prayer, of supplication, of faith and determination, and I have had communication with the Spirit of the Lord continuously. They'll actually record the vision after the conference. We'll come back to that. Keep in mind, this is during a very tumultuous time. Again, a time where there's a lot of death. We've gotta understand the context to see the beauty of this vision as well, and I really am not trying to be a Debbie Downer here, but we're in the middle of World War I.

00:03:53 We're also in the beginning of the Spanish flu pandemic. When we talk about being surrounded by death, Spanish influenza is 50, around 50 million, and that is considered a lower estimate. It could be much higher than that. The women in the Relief Society magazine write about this. This war has been brutal. You have the first large scale use of machine guns, heavy artillery tanks, poisonous gas. Its trench warfare where they had mud and lice and rats and they'd get something called trench foot where their feet just never could dry out. Literally, the skin would just come off. Also, those trenches are no good in spreading the Spanish influenza. The conditions of those trenches made the spread of that sickness even worse, and it takes a psychological toll. Somewhere between nine and 10 million soldiers died of either wounds or disease, nine to 10 million. It's estimated that six to 7 million civilians pass away.

00:05:02 There's a lot of starvation during this time, sickness and disease as well that accompanied this war. That's heavy. Keep in mind, Spanish influenza, that was a terrible death, meaning you die of pneumonia. It can be fluid or blood in your lungs. It could happen relatively quickly. Within a 24 hour period, people turned blue from lack of oxygen or they got blue splotches under their skin. This is devastating. In the Relief Society magazine in 1919, the First Presidency, Emmeline B. Wells is the president, they write to their sisters. Keep in mind this whole magazine in 1918 and 1919, I looked very closely into both of these volumes, throughout it they're expressing concern for the war. People losing loved ones in the war, the toll of the sickness. She says this. This is January, 1919. Looking back at 1918, it tells us the situation.

	00:06:11	Dearly beloved sisters, the year 1918, which is just closing, has been a most eventful and stupendous period. Not only in the history of the whole world, but as well in the events which have crowded upon the members of this great and growing organization. War and its attendant horrors and sacrifices have called into feverish activity every atom of reserve power in the ranks of our members. Listen to that. It has called every atom of reserve power into the ranks of our members. They feel this war. This has been very difficult. Individuals, ward units, stake and general officers have each filled up to the brimming point of their measure of labor and usefulness. She goes on to say, our hearts are heavy with the sympathy of those of our mothers and sisters who have participated in the supreme life sacrifice rendering by a few of our soldier boys in this dreadful conflict, God comfort the sorrowing parents and friends.
	00:07:19	Then she goes on to say the dreaded epidemic which has spread its pall over our communities, has taken its heavy toll from our homes. More deaths have resulted in Utah and the United States from the latter-day plague than has resulted from the war. But keep listening. The future holds much constructive and reconstructive labor for us. There is strength and struggle and joy and toil with infinite spiritual hope smiling at us from the promising face of the new year. We shall not fail in fulfillment nor falter in allegiance for no matter what comes to us and ours, to the society and the church, or to the trembling multitudes of the world whose hearts are failing them for fear, our feet are set in holy places and we have the promise of our Redeemer that we shall not be moved.
Hank Smith:	00:08:17	I remember being a teenager and reading this going well this kind of comes outta nowhere. It's the 1800's. 1800's, turn the page, 1918. What? Where did this come from? But now, oh, this was a time of death in the world.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:08:35	Absolutely. Joseph F. Smith has had a lot of death in his life. Not only did he lose his father, he loses his mother when he's somewhere around 13 or 14 years old. This is difficult. Can you imagine he's born into the trauma of your mother sick and your father's in Liberty Jail. You got across the plains. He had an amazing mother, but then she dies. That's tough and it makes him both tender and tough. I like that he gets his grit from his mother I would say. He goes on mission after mission after mission. He is this valiant soul in the service of our Father in heaven. He's kind of a little bit getting into trouble and his mother writes in one letter, I'm worried about who he's hanging out with. How many of us have wondered that with all of our kids? I'm worried about the crowd he's hanging out with at the

moment, but when she passes a few years later, he'll go with a chaperone with him to this mission in Hawaii.

Hank Smith: 00:09:46 I wanted to throw in something here, Lori. This is from my friend David Whitchurch. He wrote an article on Joseph F. Smith. He talks about his mother dying, his sister, her name is Martha Ann says, after the death of their mother, they were cared for by a woman named Hannah Grinold, a close family friend. Recalling this time, Joseph F. wrote, after my mother's death, there followed 18 months of perilous times for me. I was almost like a comet or a fiery meteor without attraction or gravitation to keep me balanced or guide me within reasonable bounds. Evidence of this, this is back to Dr. Whitchurch, can be found in the account of a run-in he had with a school master. According to his own recollection, he and Martha Ann were in class when D.M. Merrick pulled out a leather strap to punish Martha Ann. When he told the girl to hold out her hand, Joseph F. shouted, don't whip her with that. The school master turned on the young man, but the apparently stronger frontier boy licked him good and plenty. His actions resulted in his being expelled from school. Here's the next sentence. The incident with his school master may have also influenced Brigham Young to send Joseph F. on a proselytizing mission. It's like within a couple of months.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:11:13 That's a great story.

Hank Smith: 00:11:14 Something about this boy has energy.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:11:16 Send him out to preach the gospel.

Hank Smith: 00:11:19 So imagine when he gets called as an apostle, that teacher going, oh I got beat up by that apostle when he was a teenager.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:11:27 That is a funny thought. He does have it rough, but that mission seems to help him. It is interesting that in the 30 month decline that he has, 'cause it goes on for several years, he gives two talks that are of particularly interesting topics. He gives an address in 1916 in General Conference called In the Presence of the Divine. In it he talked about the nearness of the world of spirits, just exactly what we've been talking about and the interesting concern for us by those who have passed away. He then gives a talk in 1918 called The Status of Children in the Resurrection. Obviously we know that he's thinking about this. He talks about mortal children are immortal beings, spirits who continue to live and progress beyond the veil. He reaffirms teachings by Joseph Smith, our first Joseph Smith prophet,

Children will come forth from the grave as children, will be nurtured and reared to physical maturity by worthy parents.

00:12:31 Then he says this, this is in the Improvement Era. I love this quote. It says, quote, oh how happy I have been with these children and how happy I shall be to meet them on the other side! All of this is really on his mind even prior to that five months period where he says, I have dwelt in prayer and in communication with the Spirit. But that leads us into verses one through five. John, notice that I think what he's describing in these verses is really a pattern for inspiration in our own lives. I think if we're always saying to ourselves, you know, the only time I ever get any inspiration is when I'm in the shower. We might be overscheduled. We might be doing too much. I too have gotten inspiration in the shower. This is a message for my own self. I'm very busy. Isn't it interesting that this happens when he takes time to sit still, to ponder the atonement of our savior and really be thinking about the scriptures. He's thinking about them first before he delves in. So John, if you wanna read those first five verses.

John Bytheway: 00:13:46 Section 138 verse one. On the 3rd of October in the year 1918, I sat in my room pondering over the scriptures and reflecting upon the great atoning sacrifice that was made by the Son of God for the redemption of the world and the great and wonderful love made manifest by the Father and the Son in the coming of the Redeemer into the world. That through His Atonement and by obedience to the principles of the gospel, mankind might be saved. While I was thus engaged, my mind reverted to the writings of the apostle Peter to the primitive saints scattered abroad throughout Pontus, Galacia, Cappadocia and other parts of Asia where the gospel had been preached after the crucifixion of the Lord.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:14:33 This is exactly where we were just reading, so we already have made reference to that. This is Peter addressing the Saints in these various parts of Asia. This is what he hears. Let's keep going. I do wanna say, I do think this sets a pattern for revelation. If we are really trying to commune with the Spirit, we have to take time to be quiet and ponder and listen.

Hank Smith: 00:15:01 I need to give a little shout out to Dr. Rosalynde Welch, John, earlier this year. Such a blessing to do this show 'cause people say things and they change your perspective entirely. She said the text is a springboard, it's a place that I can go to meet the Lord. I can ask him my questions there. He can answer them on any topic using the medium of the text as a way to open my mind, touch my heart, and to convey ideas to me. It's not about

knowing where to go in the scriptures, right? Like, oh, I wouldn't know where to go. Just go in.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:15:40 Absolutely. It really is a beautiful way to try and seek revelation. Hank, if you wouldn't mind reading verses six through 10.

Hank Smith: 00:15:53 Section 138, I opened the Bible and read the third and fourth chapters of the first epistle of Peter. Hey, we did that. And as I read, I was greatly impressed more than I had ever been before with the following passages. This is verse seven. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust that he might bring us to God being put to death in the flesh, but being quickened by the Spirit: by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:16:46 Why do you think he brings up Noah, the times of Noah? What do we know about the times of Noah?

John Bytheway: 00:16:55 Yeah, good point.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:16:57 It really doesn't get more wicked than that. I mean our understanding is that you couldn't even raise children because there was so much wickedness around you. And yet that's the example he brings up. Peter's bringing up Noah and my thought on that is if the people of Noah's time are among the ones that are being taught, doesn't that give us hope for our loved ones? That might seem far, far off of the path. It really does bring us lively hope. Peter is discussing Noah, this specific time of Noah. I mean he is saying only eight could be saved. Then in verse 11 we read, as I pondered over these things which are written, the eyes of my understanding were opened and the Spirit of the Lord rested upon me and I saw the host of the dead both small and great. Why is that included? Why does he include that? He sees the small and the great, whether you were big in this life, whether you were small in this life, we're all there together. Maybe it's showing us that all the things we think matter, we all end up in the same spot.

00:18:25 They're gathered together in one place in innumerable company of spirits of the just. He sees the righteous. These are the folks who have sacrificed in the similitude of the Son of God that they had suffered tribulation in their redeemer's name and

all of these had departed the mortal life. In verse 14, firm in the hope, we get hope again, firm in the hope of a glorious resurrection through the grace of God the Father, the Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ. And in verse 15 I beheld that they were filled with joy and gladness and were rejoicing together because the day of their deliverance was at hand. They were waiting. They were waiting for the advent of the Son of God into the Spirit World to declare their redemption from the bands of death. What a cool thing to see. Can you imagine seeing this? They are awaiting.

00:19:27 Why are they waiting? Why are they waiting so fervently? It says their sleeping dust was to be restored unto its perfect frame, bone to his bone, and the sinews and the flesh upon them, the spirit and the body to be united never again to be divided, that they might receive a fullness of joy. This is an exciting time. They're gonna be reunited with their body. This is, they're seeing the Savior, the advent of the Son and I think it's interesting. He teaches them the everlasting gospel, the doctrine of the resurrection, the redemption of mankind from the fall and from individual sins on conditions of repentance. Then here is new revelation. We know some of this from Peter. This next verse 20 is new. We don't know this. This is new revelation. Do you wanna read verse 20?

John Bytheway: 00:20:22 But unto the wicked he did not go and among the ungodly and the unrepentant who had defiled themselves while in the flesh, his voice was not raised.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:20:33 He did not go amongst the wicked. When I very first read that I thought well that's interesting 'cause in life didn't the Savior always go amongst the troubled souls? I mean it seemed like that was his mission was amongst the troubled souls.

Hank Smith: 00:20:49 It seems it might even be merciful when you're in that dark of a place and light comes in that bright, it's almost like being in a dark room and someone shines a flashlight right in your face. You're, it's not helpful.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:21:04 I actually really like that. It's interesting that Joseph F. marvels. It says in verses 25 through 30 said, I marveled, for I understood the Savior spent about three years in his ministry among the Jews and those of the House of Israel endeavoring to teach them the everlasting gospel and call them to repentance. And then he says in the next verse, few hearkened to his voice, very few really hearkened and rejoiced in His presence and received salvation at His hands. We're really talking about the Savior from the time of his death to his resurrection, which technically

we always say three days but it's like half. So it's like two and a half days. He's thinking in his head, how could anything really have happened in that short amount of time, where even where he has been on the earth three years and so few really listened. He says in verse 27, but the ministry among those who were dead was limited to the brief time intervening between the crucifixion and his resurrection.

00:22:13 And in 28, I wondered at the words of Peter wherein he said that the Son of God preached unto the spirits in prison who sometimes were disobedient when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah and how it was possible for him to preach to those spirits and perform the necessary labors among them in so short a time. And I wondered, he's thinking this through again, I wondered, my eyes were open and my understanding quickened and I perceived that the Lord did not go in person amongst the wicked and disobedient who had rejected the truth. But instead he organizes his forces. Ooh, this is where it gets good.

00:22:57 He organizes his forces. I mean keep in mind we are in World War I or at least getting close to the end of World War I and who does he pick? He picks the great and mighty noble ones to be the ones to go amongst his sons and daughters who either never heard the message or chose him not, he provides another way. And this is a cool way 'cause I think if Eve showed up and started teaching me, I'd be like, you know there might be something to this. I think it's beautiful. So we gotta read this part. I love this part. Do one of you wanna read 30 through 32?

Hank Smith: 00:23:53 Verse 30. But behold, from among the righteous, he organized his forces and appointed messengers, clothed with power and authority, and commissioned them to go forth and carry the light of the gospel to them that were in darkness even to all the spirits of men; and thus was the gospel preached to the dead. And the chosen messengers went forth to declare the acceptable day of the Lord and proclaim liberty to the captives who were bound, even unto all who would repent of their sins and receive the gospel. Thus was the gospel preached, that those who had died in their sins, without a knowledge of the truth, or in transgression, having rejected the prophets.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:24:32 We're learning that there is an opportunity in the Spirit World for those of us, and I know there's a lot of us, who are almost in a way tortured with the idea of what's gonna happen to these people we love? Not only what's gonna happen to these people we love, what's gonna happen to their children and what's gonna happen to their children? What reassurance is there that

there is a plan in place for the people who choose not to follow in this life? I don't know that you could get anything more merciful than that. I think it's interesting that a lot of religions think of a sovereign God and all powerful kind of stern God, but could anything be more tender than those of you who chose me not, I'm sending the great and mighty noble ones to bring you back. Maybe one of the most beautiful things as a mother who worries for her children. I'm a mother. I worry for my children. I see it in the hearts of the women around me. I see it in within my extended family. I hear it in the quiet whispers of women to other women. And I'm sure it happens with men too, actually. I don't know. Do men talk about this stuff? I think they do, but certainly the women do. It is true, raw pain and worry and concern that can become all consuming. I think it's really amazing.

Hank Smith: 00:26:14 You get so burdened by guilt of what could I have done differently? What should I have done differently? I should have had family home evening more regularly. I should have been better about reading the scriptures. And the guilt can become paralyzing. And that's not the Lord's way.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:26:35 It's not the Lord's way. And that's what he's telling us. Quit beating yourselves up. Could you have done better? Probably. But don't worry, dear daughter or son, there is something prepared for those who you love most. And don't worry, I am sending the best of the best to go retrieve your loved ones and teach them. They do have to come unto the Lord. They have to repent, they have to be obedient, they have to be taught, they have to accept. It should comfort our hearts, for all of us who are worried for loved ones, who are turning away.

John Bytheway: 00:27:18 Yeah as you were saying, for those who are beating themselves up with regrets and I should have, I could have, I would have. I wanna add one word to a very well-known scripture. Actually, this is my work and my glory to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of my children and skipping to 2 Nephi, and I am able to do my work.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:27:44 I love that. It is his work. And man, didn't he plan it out neat? When you hear who's assembled among them in 38, among the great and mighty ones who were assembled in the vast congregation of the righteous were Father Adam, the Ancient of Days and the father of all, And our glorious Mother Eve, and importantly, with many, many of her faithful daughters who had lived through the ages and worshiped the true and living God. There's some really neat things there and I'm gonna spend some time on Eve, but I wanna keep listing our amazing list of

		mighty noble ones. I do have to say that means that Eve also was given power and authority because he clearly says his forces were clothed with power and authority and that Eve and these faithful daughters had that power and authority and are among the great and mighty noble ones. But we're gonna come back to Eve because I'm gonna spend a lot of time on Eve. I gotta go to the rest. Abel, Seth, Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Elias, Malachi, Elijah, the prophets of the Nephites. Joseph Smith, father Hyrum Smith, Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff. Do not fear my children. I just sent the most amazing, well-trained, best organized, best equipped, smartest, sharpest, most loyal, amazing humans to live on this earth to save your loved ones.
Hank Smith:	00:29:40	He just throws in there, and all the Book of Mormon prophets.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:29:44	And all the Book of Mormon prophets.
Hank Smith:	00:29:45	Wait what?
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:29:47	And they are there to bring back his beloved children. He doesn't wanna see us suffering and mourning. He doesn't wanna see us looking at our children as one chronic project of disappointment.
Hank Smith:	00:30:05	That could be my autobiography title.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:30:10	He's saying, I've got it. I have got it guys, love your kids. Love your loved ones. Love them for who they are. Do not think further that they have disappointed that their generations are going to disappoint. I've got it. I do wanna just share an experience of my husband. I have a wonderful husband, Christopher Wilkinson, who is a convert to the church. I wonder what his great-grandmother Brown thought when her daughter chose to no longer go to church. His great-grandmother Brown, I have her Bible sitting on my front desk in my front room, has all of their birth dates and death dates. But great-grandmother Brown, I'm sure she mourned that his grandmother stopped attending. I'm sure she worried. What about his children? We have mighty forces among us on this side of the veil and those mighty forces went and rescued my husband. Here it is generation after generation after generation later. And what happens, he has amazing friends that invite him to seminary. He has a girlfriend who insisted, you gotta take the missionary discussions. He told her, only day I can do it is Sunday 'cause he was so sure Mormons didn't work on Sunday.

00:31:39 And she said, no problem, we can make that happen. But his story is so sweet and tender, he didn't know how to pray. It had been lost. He didn't know how to pray. And so he took those first discussions, just sure that that would be enough to tide his girlfriend over. She had an amazing family. I have to shout out to that family. They really did a good job bringing him into the gospel, at least influencing him towards the missionaries. What's so lovely is that in, I don't know what number discussion it was, they said, now you need to pray and ask if you need to be baptized.

00:32:20 And my husband's first thought was, I don't even know how to pray, but they gave him a prayer card and he read the prayer card and when it came down to should I be baptized? That spirit of Elijah, I believe it is all of that, zoomed down on him, he said the most... he's never had a feeling ever. Grandma Brown is smiling in heaven, she's smiling in heaven. And he got up and he said, I guess I'm getting baptized. Now I need to go home and tell my parents I've been taking the discussions. But his story doesn't stop there. He decided a year later he wanted to go on a mission and he went in and told his parents and his parents who were very loving about him getting baptized. They're wonderful people. They were very loving about him getting baptized. But when he came to them and said he wanted to go on a mission, he felt so strongly these sisters had taken time out of their life to come and teach him the gospel, teach him to pray, teach him these things. They said, we aren't sure about the mission thing.

00:33:35 Your friends aren't gonna be out there for this and we're not gonna support a mission. And he went to his bishop discouraged and said, Bishop, I don't have a mission fund. I haven't saved since I was a little boy to go on a mission. And that amazing bishop said, oh don't you worry, we have plenty of people who will donate so you can go on a mission. And he made him a promise. He said, I promise you if you go it'll bless your family immeasurably and by the end of your mission your parents will be supporting your mission. And he said, you know what? He kind of chuckled. They don't know my parents. I'm not sure they're ever gonna be on board with this mission thing. Within a few weeks his father, my wonderful father-in-law went to pick him up, took him to Mr. Mac, bought him all of his suits, all of his luggage.

00:34:29 Now imagine this is your son that you're not even sure what you think about what he's going to do. That's a loving dad. That's a loving dad. Took him out and did end up supporting him and his mission. But the neatest story is that while he is serving, the missionaries come knock on his mom's door. She assures them,

		I'm not interested at all, but I do wanna know what my son's doing out there. So come on in and sit down and they start meeting with her regularly. His twin starts meeting with the missionaries. His twin gets baptized while he's on his mission and his mother flew out and was the last baptism of his mission. He baptized his mom, but Grandma Brown saw that beautiful work come forward and save what she worried about those future generations. We have incredible troops here. We have incredible troops there.
	00:35:30	Let us take peace in what our beautiful, loving, heavenly Father has put in place and have peace, truly have peace. I have seen this within loved ones that I have. They feel the disappointment of the parents. Can't you see anything good that I do? Can't you see the good in me? I am not just a lost project. I think we have to do our part as loved ones and parents to love them, show them the love of our Father in heaven for he has his troops in place. We cannot look at our loved ones that have gone away as a disappointment. Show them the love that their heavenly parents have for them that their heavenly Father has for them.
Hank Smith:	00:36:26	I think a lot of the time as parents we treat them poorly out of fear. We're scared and what you've taught us is, can calm your fear. Gonna be okay. They might have a rough path, but so have all of us. Sometimes as parents we forget we went through our own rough stages. I'm reminded of Larry Dahl. John, I don't think I've ever told you this story. When he was a kid, he burned down a barn. When he was older, one of his boys broke a window and he went to go get after him and yell at him and his wife said, windows are cheaper than barns.
John Bytheway:	00:37:03	So funny.
Hank Smith:	00:37:05	Like, remember you used to walk that path?
John Bytheway:	00:37:09	If only we had a book about a father with two rebellious sons and maybe about a king with four sons who are out trying, not just who have left the church, but are trying to destroy the church. If only we had a book about another father. You see where I'm going? With all the feeling of a tender parent. Lehi, Laman and Lemuel you know they can come back. The prodigal son knows. The first thing he thinks of, I will go to my father. He knows he can come back. There's an element of you're okay. You'll figure this out. I figured it out and you will too and I'll be here.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:37:53	A couple of weeks ago, a man named Ben Tingey, he's our stake president's son. Lovely family got up and in his talk at the end

		he said, we all have heard that saying that you're only as happy as your saddest child, but then he said, that couldn't be true. Look at our Father in heaven. He encompasses joy and how many of his children are astray?
John Bytheway:	00:38:26	Jacob chapter 5 I know is one of Hank's favorites, Zenos's allegory, the wild and tame olive trees, and it's actually an A of a Q and A. It's the A. The Q is the end of Jacob four. How is it possible that these, after having rejected the true redeemer, I mean doesn't that get everybody's attention, will ever build upon it? Well let me tell you what Zenos said. There is the Lord over the vineyard who knows when to come, when to visit, when to prune. He knows exactly how to bring forth fruit. He does everything for his vineyard. He tells us many times what more could be done for my vineyard? But he never ever gives up.
Hank Smith:	00:39:10	Yeah. And at the end he sends in his troops.
John Bytheway:	00:39:14	Mm-hmm.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:39:14	He sends his troops. That's right. I love that. I think that's perfect. That ties in wonderfully here. Thank you. Our glorious Mother Eve and her daughters. Where can we even begin with that? If you're one of the women who live at this time and you hear this vision because they reprinted this vision in basically a publication, the Improvement Era, the Relief Society magazine, the Young Women's Journal. It gets printed in the Deseret News. It also gets printed in the Utah Genealogical Society magazine or something to that effect. It gets printed everywhere. So people read this, they read this. We're amongst the great and mighty noble ones. Now the early Latter-day Saint women knew this. I believe they knew this. They had been writing about Eve and articles about these women coming down, her daughters coming down. I like to call it a chain of enlightened women.
	00:40:21	In fact, I made a graph that you guys have that shows that idea. It's obviously a funny chart that I've made, but I'm showing about these early Latter-day Saint women write a lot about these women. They had a early newspaper called the Women's Exponent. They write a lot of thoughts and ideas. It starts in 1872. It changes into the Relief Society magazine. They're seeking, they're searching. They want, I think, in their writings to have acknowledgement of these women. Emmaline B. Well's daughter Annie Cannon writes an article which I brought along. I have a copy of the Women's Exponent article here. In it Annie is celebrating and this is a series of articles that gets published by

her and her mother and they are celebrating these glorious daughters of Eve. She talks about Eve the mother of all living, Sarah, Rebecca, Miriam, Ruth, Huldah, Queen Esther.

00:41:39 She goes into Mary and Martha. She discusses Lucy Mack Smith. She talks about Hypatia. She was learned in the ancient Greek philosophy. She talks about Sappho a Greek muse. They talk about Queen Elizabeth of England, Catherine II of Russia. They go through Queen Victoria all the way down to more modern examples of Margaret Fuller, Julia Ward Howe, Lucy Stone and Susan B. Anthony down to us. She says in the last paragraph, now is the time for the younger women to come forth and take hold and they must not be weary in well-doing. The way has been paved through adverse circumstances and now in the enlightenment of the world with all the new advantages they can gain the goal for which these noble characters have been striving. I love that she's calling out and saying, look, you are a part of this chain of daughters, of Eve, these glorious women who have come down through the times.

00:42:54 Now it's up to us to carry that on. They wrote a lot about Eve and these women in the Bible as if they're searching and seeking and wanting to know more about them. Emmaline will write a series where she compares the women of her time to these women, these daughters of Eve. We have, here's just a couple of examples. This is in 1908 by the way. She's the General Relief Society President when Joseph F. Smith has his vision. Can you imagine when she first reads the vision? Eve and her glorious daughters, she's thinking I've been trying to write about this for all of these years and tell you about these glorious daughters and what they have to add and how important they are. I want you to just feel the spirit of this passage where she takes these women that she's surrounded by, that she's known in her life and she says, we have this great legacy from Eve, a divine inheritance from our Father in heaven.

00:44:06 We have these beautiful traits passed down to us. This is a series of articles called LDS Women of the Past. She wrote several of these and listen to what she says. Zina Diantha Huntington Young like the madonna was the embodiment of all that was loveliest in motherhood. Mary Isabella Hales Horne is not an being like Debra of old or Queen Elizabeth of modern times who instituted and carried forward some of the greatest reforms. Leonora Callister Cannon Taylor and other were heroines chosen to usher in the last dispensation. Phoebe Whitmer Carter Woodruff had the blood of conquerors in her veins. Joan of Arc was one they always wrote about too. Lucy Mack Smith's soul shown through her eyes. She had the gifts of

prophecy and was endowed with the powers to bless her sisters and heal the sick. Emma Smith had a noble appearance and was in fact a queen in her home.

00:45:04 Eliza R. Snow was a poet of extraordinary ability, whose poetic style recalled the Hebraic. And this is killer because we've already talked about Mary Fielding Smith. Listen to what she says about Mary Fielding. Oh, it's exactly what you're expecting. Mary Fielding Smith was a commanding figure, a sort of marshal bearing the carriage of a woman who could lead an army to battle. She was a mother of Israel who was as heroic as the Spartan mothers. What a legacy we have from Eve. We are those daughters. Do we realize it? Our beloved prophet who just passed away. I'm convinced every single woman in the church needs to read this talk. It's called The Influence of Women. In it President Russell Nelson says this quote, women have been at the center of our Heavenly Father's plan from the beginning. God's plan of salvation was dependent upon the heroic actions of two valiant women.

00:46:13 Eve, the mother of all living, and Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a great picture that a nun made. We have Eve holding the apple. She's reaching out over generations of time to one of her sisters, Mary, and she places her hand on the womb of Mary's stomach. This is incredible. When you notice the bottom of the picture, here's the serpent, the snake. Notice that Mary's foot in her womb is the Savior. That's the key. The Savior is in her womb and her foot is crushing the head of the serpent. It shows us that heavenly Father loves his daughters. I know he loves his sons too. He loves his sons too, but he loves his daughters. We can seek after those gifts, those divine gifts. I do think that's part of our incorruptible inheritance. I know it's an entirely different topic, but can we know where we're going if we don't truly know who we are?

00:47:24 We are sons and daughters of heavenly parents who love us. In order for us to understand the tender plan that they've put in place and what they have aligned for our loved ones, to save them with the troops and where we're all going. President Nelson went on to say quote, sisters, you have a divine endowment or a divine inheritance that allows you to literally change lives. This is particularly true as we engage in the divine mandate to gather Israel. Anytime we help anyone find the covenant path and stay on it, we are helping gather Israel. No one does this better than you. As mothers, leaders, teachers, sisters and friends, you are preparing future generations of the Lord's church and world, and what do we know now from that

vision we just read? We are on the other side as part of those great and mighty noble troops.

John Bytheway: 00:48:29 President Dallin H. Oaks gave a talk in 1983. October '83 conference called The Great Plan of Happiness. Listen to this, he said, some Christians condemn Eve for her act, concluding that she and her daughters are somehow flawed by it. Not the Latter-day Saints. Informed by revelation we celebrate Eve's act and honor her wisdom and courage in the great episode called The Fall. So not only do we see in verse 39 our glorious Mother Eve, but I love that it's followed by, with many of her faithful daughters. I don't know my world history that well, but I've wondered, did womanhood in general take a hit because of this false idea of Eve?

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:49:19 Absolutely. The curse of Eve. It then gave a reason for women to be subjugated. This has affected thousands of years of women's treatment. I enjoy listening to Evangelicals talk about the Bible 'cause they're so animated and they tell a Bible story and you can remember it in your head. One day I was listening and I heard 'em talk about Eve and it broke my heart. It almost has made me not go back to listening to them because I thought, how could they be so off on how they think of Eve? I just wanna share something with you that I think is incredibly powerful and it comes from Helen Mar Kimball Whitney in 1884, there in the height of persecution over polygamy. I want you to hear what she writes to the broader nation in the Cincinnati Enquirer, which is actually quite a good size publication for the time.

00:50:24 Again, this is 1884 Cincinnati, to the broader nation. What does she tell them? Keep in mind, women in the 19th century are grappling with questions of reform. How can we improve the lives of women? They're not talking about anything radical. They're basically talking about how can we get out of abusive marriages if we're in them, how can we own property and can we get the right to vote? Very basic rights is what they're talking about, and the women's rights advocates of the 19th century know that they have a real problem with the conception of Eve. They're so puzzled by it. They think, how are we gonna fix this? We gotta fix the conception of Eve. They're gonna try and rewrite the Bible in 1890, the Women's Bible, Elizabeth Cady Stanton to try and change the conception of Eve. But isn't it interesting that six years before that project begins, actually I don't have the exact timeframe of the project of the Women's Bible with me, but it's relatively the 1890s.

00:51:34 Helen Mar Kimball Whitney writes this to the broader nation, quote, had we nothing more than the present translation of your Bible to depend upon, we should be as much at sea concerning the gospel in our future state as the rest of the world appear to be. And I want you to hear this. I want you to hear her testify of the prophet Joseph Smith here. This happens over and over and over again. For women out there today who wonder about the Prophet Joseph Smith, your early sisters knew him. They testify of him over and over how the restoration of the gospel brought goodness and women's progress into their lives. That's a little bit about what I'm writing in a little part of my book. I want to just say this. She goes on to say, and Helen Mar Kimball Whitney, I should say, was one of the wives sealed to Joseph.

00:52:31 She knew Joseph. It's interesting that a lot of people kind of attack her story, but she knew Joseph. She is not complaining that she was sealed to Joseph. In fact, she goes forward and says, the revelations given to us through the Prophet Joseph Smith throw new light upon the scripture and a great deal that was once a dead letter can now be interpreted and we therefore take a more consistent and enlightened view of scripture, which previous to this was a sealed book. She's talking about the Book of Mormon. She goes on to say in this talking about Joseph Smith's translation of the Book of Mormon, we find no reflection cast upon Eve. The vision verifies this, Joseph F.'s vision also verifies this. But we find the following among the last words that Lehi spoke to his sons when he was feeble and trembling with age and she quotes.

00:53:27 2 Nephi 2:23-24, quote, And now behold, if Adam had not transgressed, he would not have fallen, but he would have remained in the Garden of Eden and all things which were created must have remained in the state that they were and they must have remained forever and had no end and they would have had no children. Therefore, they would have remained in a state of innocence, having no joy, for they knew no misery, doing no good for they knew no sin. End quote. She's speaking that the Book of Mormons sets straight the necessity of Eve to partake and she goes on to quote verse 25. Quote, But behold, all things have been done in the wisdom of Him who knoweth all things. Adam fell that men might be, men are that they might have joy. This is a radical principle, unique to the Latter-day Saints.

00:54:31 The rest of women are trying to figure out how can we rewrite the Bible and Helen Mars like we got it. It's right here. I have spent years studying women's history. I can testify from the

bottom of my heart and this gets so overlooked. How beautiful the restoration of the gospel was for women. They really do consider it part of bringing progress to women. They tie it in with improving their lives. They testify of the Prophet Joseph Smith over and over again and here it is. This conception that has brought the subjugation of women from the beginning of time. The Book of Mormon sets it straight. You have got this wrong. Joseph F. Smith's vision solidifies this conception. You know, I think it's really neat that Susa Young Gates has a special relationship with Joseph F. Smith. He will come by her home a few days after the vision and tell her about it and let her read it. When it's printed in The Relief Society magazine in January is when they print it. She writes some comments about her thoughts as a woman as she reads this vision, what she thought of it and what her conceptions were at the time again, so Susa Young Gates, she's Brigham Young's daughter and they reprint it in the magazine and I've got it here.

Hank Smith: 00:56:09 It's also in the Come, Follow Me manual this week.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson: 00:56:13 It is. Lisa Olsen Tait writes a great article on this with Susa Young Gates that everyone should read, but in the end of this, after they've printed out the vision, she adds her own commentary. She says, quote, several points in this heavenly revelation appeal at once to the student. Women are naturally comforted with the reference to our glorious Mother Eve and many of her faithful daughters referred to as assisting in the work of preparing the spirits of the dead to receive the gospel. This is unusual, the mention of women's labors on the other side, while the direct view of them associated with ancient and modern prophets and elders confirms the noble standard of equality between the sexes, which has always been a feature of this church. The vision's principle message to the people is a clarion call for them to awake to the immediate necessity of looking after their dead.

00:57:15 How happy are the members of the Relief Society in the remembrance of their recent great activities and studies in genealogy, they've been studying genealogy in their Relief Society magazine. She goes on to say in genealogy is a necessary adjunct to temple work and beyond all in what humility we think our heavenly Father that the heavens are open, the vision is to his mouthpiece to whom he has declared such truths must come. What a marvelous close, this long and extraordinary labor of President Smith this vision marks. May the people and especially our sisters, rise to the measure of fullness in response to this heavenly manifestation. What is she challenging the sisters to do? Do the work, do the genealogy work. That was her

		passion. She writes a book of surnames to help with this work. She's constantly insisting we've gotta keep genealogy in the manuals. We've gotta go and do this temple work. It is a clarion call for us to go and do our part.
John Bytheway:	00:58:24	I just keep thinking of this, such an interesting question to ask. Who threw Eve under the bus and who took her out and put her on a throne? It's right here.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:58:38	Absolutely.
John Bytheway:	00:58:39	So wonderful.
Hank Smith:	00:58:40	I like what you said there, Lori. The Restoration set the record straight on Eve and women.
John Bytheway:	00:58:47	And women, and her faithful daughters. Yes.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	00:58:50	Yes. As a scholar of Latter-day Saint women, read their writings, read how they testified of the Prophet Joseph Smith and your heart will be softened if you have any issues. It is there how much it meant to them in their lives. When people say to me, you studied women's history in the church, and I'm sure that's kind of hard to do. I assure them that it has been beautiful. My testimony is strengthened from their words. They knew him. They dwelt with him, they testify of him. They in by no means think of Joseph Smith of ever doing harm, but only bringing progress and goodness to women. I really think that's misunderstood. I really think that's misunderstood. That is what women need to seek after. It's interesting, you see a lot of dialogue on Joseph Smith and polygamy, but they rarely look at what the women said.
John Bytheway:	01:00:00	Who actually knew him.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	01:00:01	Yeah, why don't they look at what the women said? They loved their prophet. I love the Prophet Joseph Smith. I know he was a prophet of God. I believe this Restoration did bring advancement and progress to womankind.
Hank Smith:	01:00:22	We've said it before, John. Sometimes we get offended on behalf of people we don't listen to.
John Bytheway:	01:00:27	Yeah.

Hank Smith:	01:00:29	Well, let's read what they had to say maybe before we tell everyone how oppressed they were. Lori, let's finish out here. Take us to the end of section 138.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	01:00:40	I think it's really important that we finish with 53 through 60. Really, all of this is for naught if we don't do our part, we've had a prophet that has testified and told us over and over again, your life will change by attending the temple. You've got to participate in this work. Here it is. So let's read. Would one of you like to read 53 through 60?
John Bytheway:	01:01:08	Section 138 verse starting in verse 53, the Prophet Joseph Smith and my father Hyrum Smith, Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff and other choice spirits who were reserved to come forth in the fullness of times to take part in laying the foundations of the great latter-day work, including the building of the temples and the performance of ordinances therein, the redemption of the dead, were also in the Spirit World. I observed that they were also among the noble and great ones who were chosen in the beginning to be rulers in the church of God even before they were born. They with many others, received their first lessons in the world of spirits and were prepared to come forth in the due time of the Lord to labor in his vineyard for the salvation of the souls of men. I beheld that the faithful elders of this dispensation when they depart from mortal life, continue their labors in the preaching of the gospel of repentance and redemption through the sacrifice of the Only Begotten Son of God among those who are in darkness and under the bondage of sin in the great world of the spirits of the dead.
	01:02:17	The dead who repent, boy, that's a loaded sentence, isn't it? The dead who repent will be redeemed through obedience to the ordinances of the house of God. And after they have paid the penalty of their transgressions and are washed clean, shall receive a reward according to their works, for they are heirs of salvation. Thus was the vision of the redemption of the dead revealed to me, and I bear record and I know that this record is true through the blessing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Even so. Amen.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	01:02:55	Wow. The end speaks for itself. It's so beautiful. The temple work. Let us get engaged. Our Father in heaven has sent his troops both on this side and the other side of the veil. Let us take heart, have peace. We learn in 137 that we're comforted. The Lord will judge people's hearts, our babies will be saved. Really and truthfully. This is a salve for our hearts and I love that about Section 137. 138 comforts the hearts of all those who

		worry for loved ones who have not chosen the gospel path. It is an invitation to love those people, love them just as they are. For our Father in heaven has a plan and has an amazing force behind him to take care of them. Let us love them. I'm so glad to have been here with you today. I just wanna close with my testimony.
	01:03:57	I am so grateful to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I can't imagine my life without it. It is my whole soul. Years ago when I got the inspiration to study Latter-day Saint women, I didn't know what a journey I was going to go on. Let me just tell you that as we study these early Saints, both the men and the women, we are buoyed up in our trials. We have courage. We understand what lively hope means, and I think there's something so key to seeking after this knowledge, learning of them and teaching our children about them. This is right there at our fingertips. I love my Savior. I feel his arms around me in difficult times. I am so grateful for His atoning sacrifice. Also, I've already born testimony of the prophet Joseph Smith. I love Joseph Smith and I testify of the studies that I have done and the in-depth studies I've delved into. He was a prophet of God. This Restoration that has unfolded has brought such beautiful information back. It's been added to that's what these sections are today. Peter, Paul knew about a lively hope, an incorruptible inheritance. Joseph Smith brings it back and adds to it in the most lovely ways. Joseph F. Smith adds to that. And really it's our heavenly Father telling us, rejoice my children. I love you.
Hank Smith:	01:05:44	Lori. Thank you. Thank you for spending time with us today. It had been on my mind for a long time. Lori's coming on. Lori's gotta come on. Lori's gotta come on. I kept texting you and kept texting you.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	01:05:56	He did, keep texting me and keep texting me.
Hank Smith:	01:06:00	You don't have to, but I'm gonna just keep texting you. And it just was, it was worth it. Yeah, it was just thank you. Thank you for taking the time to study. So good. Thank you for bringing things out we've never seen. And you're right. There's a therefore what at the end. We've learned all this, therefore what? Go do the work.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	01:06:18	Yes.
Hank Smith:	01:06:19	Yeah, let's get to work.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	01:06:20	Go do the work. Absolutely.
Hank Smith:	01:06:22	I love it.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	01:06:22	Thank you for having me. I'll tell you what, studying these two sections have been a treasure and especially through what we've been dealing with in my ward, it really has been an answer to my prayer. I am so grateful for these sections. So thanks for having me. It's been an incredible few months studying this, so thank you.
Hank Smith:	01:06:44	The Lord is good to us, isn't he? That he lines things up for our benefit.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	01:06:49	Yes.
John Bytheway:	01:06:50	The gospel reaches across the street, across the world, across the veil. Yeah.
Dr. Lori Wilkinson:	01:06:56	Absolutely.
Hank Smith:	01:06:57	And hopefully this episode is reached across the world. With that, we want to thank Dr. Lori Wilkinson for being with us today. It's been wonderful. We want to thank our executive producer Shannon Sorensen. She's gonna love this. Our sponsors, David and Verla Sorensen, and every episode we remember our founder, who I'm sure is at work, John, on the other side of the veil. Steve Sorensen. We hope you'll join us next week. We're wrapping up the Doctrine and Covenants on followHIM. Thank you for joining us on today's episode. Do you or someone you know speak Spanish, Portuguese, or French? You can now watch and listen to our podcast in those languages. Links are in the description below. Today's show notes and transcript are on our website. Follow him.co. That's follow him.co. Of course, none of this could happen without our incredible production crew. David Perry, Lisa Spice, Will Stoughton, Krystal Roberts, Ariel Cuadra, Heather Barlow, Amelia Kabwika, Sydney Smith and Annabelle Sorensen.



Hank Smith:	00:02	Welcome to followHIM Favorites. This is where John and I share a single story to go with each week's lesson. John, Doctrine and Covenants 137 and 138, eighty years apart between these two sections, they really do belong side by side. I want to talk about Section 138 John. The year that that was given is 1918, and you know the history of 1918 World War I. There's a Spanish flu epidemic. There is death everywhere. Joseph F. Smith goes to the Lord and the response becomes section 138. Well, my story has to do with that year 1918, everybody is experiencing death, including Brother George Goates. He's a farmer who is growing sugar beets in Lehi, Utah that year, 1918. Winter comes early. It froze much of his beet crop in the ground. This story is shared, by the way, John, by President Christofferson way back in the 19 hundreds, 1998.
	01:06	For George and his young son Francis the harvest was slow and difficult. Meanwhile, an influenza epidemic was raging. The dreaded disease claimed the lives of George's son, Charles and three of Charles' small children, two little girls and a boy. In the course of only six days, a grieving George Goates made three separate trips from Lehi to Ogden, Utah to bring home bodies for burial.
John Bytheway:	01:39	Oh man.
Hank Smith:	01:39	These are his grandchildren and his child, Charles. At the end of this terrible interlude, George and Francis hitched up their wagon and headed back to the beet field. On the way they passed wagon after wagon, loads of beets being hauled to the factory and driven by neighborhood farmers. As they passed by each driver would wave a greeting. Hi Uncle George. Sure sorry George. You've sure got a lot of friends George. On the last wagon, freckled face, Jasper Rolph. He waved a cheery greeting and called out. "That's all of 'em Uncle George." Brother Goates turned to Francis and said, oh, I wish it was all of ours. When they arrived at the farm gate, Francis jumped down off the big red beet wagon and opened the gate as his father drove onto the field. George pulled up, stopped the team, and scanned the

		field. There wasn't a sugar beet on the whole field. Then it dawned upon him what Jasper Rolph meant when he called out, that's all of 'em, Uncle George. George got down off the wagon, picked up a handful of the rich brown soil he loved so much, and then a beet top, and he looked for a moment at these symbols of his labor and he could not believe his eyes. Then he sat down on a pile of beet tops. This man brought four of his loved ones home for burial in the course of six days, made the caskets, dug the graves, and even helped with the burial clothing. This amazing man who never faltered nor flinched nor wavered throughout this agonizing ordeal sat down on a pile of beet tops and sobbed like a child.
John Bytheway:	03:24	Wow.
Hank Smith:	03:26	Yeah, he must be exhausted, John, just emotionally and physically. Then he arose, wiped his eyes, looked up to the sky and said, thank you, Father for the elders of our ward.
John Bytheway:	03:41	Wow.
Hank Smith:	03:43	Isn't that a beautiful, beautiful story of we come together for each other?
John Bytheway:	03:48	Yeah. My story doesn't even compare, but you know, you've heard me talk about our house fire and how the ward just showed up, unloaded everything. I'll take that. I'll take that. Let me get your suit clean. Talk about following the example of the Savior. That's more than mourning with those that mourn, that's helping them do what they need to do as well. That's a great story.
Hank Smith:	04:13	It's farming with those who mourn. Right. Farming for those who mourn.
John Bytheway:	04:17	Bringing in the harvest. Wow, amazing.
Hank Smith:	04:21	This is Zion one mind and one heart, and there was no beets among them.
John Bytheway:	04:26	Yeah.
Hank Smith:	04:28	We hope you'll join us on our full podcast. It's called followHIM. You can get it wherever you get any of your podcasts. We are with Dr. Lori Wilkinson this week, and she is wonderful. She really highlights the power of these sections and why they were

so important to the people who read them at first, and then obviously to us today.