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Lesson 6: Jarena Lee – Preaching Pioneer

Dear friends,

The witness of Jarena Lee brings us onto the American scene. We've come a long way in 5 weeks! The journey so far reminds us that most of our history as a Christian family has not occurred on this continent or in recent centuries. We receive a wealth of treasures from our aunts and uncles and grandmothers and grandfathers in the faith.

The witness of Jarena Lee calls us to remember where we've been as Christians in America. She preached and traveled during a time when white Christians in America enslaved black Christians. Because it is so painful, we don't tell this family story very often. Lee stands out as a Christian of deep courage, risking her personal safety and freedom to preach in among blacks and whites, slave and free.

Lee also calls us to remember that paying attention to the movement of the Holy Spirit is a central discipline of the Christian life. Lee reminds us that just as studying Scripture offers encounter with God, so, too, can our careful experience and observation of the work of the Holy Spirit offer a divine encounter. While she fears others may sneer at her sensitivity to "uncommon impressions," she nevertheless proclaims that therein has been her greatest blessing. May we all be so blessed!

Blessings, for the journey,

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