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Week 45

Betty: Welcome to *LIFE Today*. Thank you so very much for joining us. I'm Betty and this is James.

James: And it is a joy to sit here by you. You know that? We have had some incredible experiences in the studio. You hear about miracles -- you'll see a miracle. You're going to see a major modern day miracle. You'll be able to see it.

In this studio, I guess maybe a year or so ago, we had a guest. Literally, his face, through electrical power and shock, high voltage had just been seared -- literally gone. And when we saw this man sitting here, obviously, you notice, we wanted to know what happened. Now we prayed, a lot of people did. We've witnessed a miracle. We've witnessed a miracle of love; the power of prayer, and surgical, trained hands gifted in healing. I want us to cut back to Dallas Wiens in our studio. Let's go to that moment.

[Previously taped segment]

James: His name is Dallas, I believe. Is that right? Are you his friend, sitting by him?

>> I am.

James: And what is your name?

>> My name is Laurie. And these are his grandparents, Sue and Dell.

James: Laurie, these are the grandparents, Dallas' grandparents. He is really was should be electrocuted from high voltage; am I right about that? And did this happen in our area? Is it something we read about here? Because I'm thinking I did read about it. Where was it?

>> In Fort Worth.

James: Dallas, how old are you?

>> I'll be 25 on Thursday.

James: Twenty-five; it's a miracle that he is alive. Agreed? That's a miracle that he's alive. How many volts hit him? Do we have any idea what went through his body? What did he get a high voltage wire that he touched?

Dallas: I hit the high line of the high voltage electrical line.

James: All right were you working? Were you just out? I can't remember the whole story.

Dallas: I was doing contract work on a church and I was in a lift.

James: You were doing contract work on a church and you hit this –

We want you to know thanks for working on the church. That's what I'm doing. I'm working on the church. And you paid an awesome price for working on the church. And Jesus paid an awesome prize for us to have one. I pray your scars and your testimony will always point people to Jesus. I really do.

Dallas, I can sense in your heart that you've got God's love in you. Let me tell you something, buddy, I love you. I want you to know that.

And Laurie, God bless you for wanting to help him.

Grandparents, God bless y'all!

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[Back to studio]

James: That was a very emotional moment.

Now Dallas is the recipient of one of the rare transplants, a face transplant. His story is a miracle. His dad, Mike is here because Dallas is learning to talk now with the new face and he is going to have improvement there.

I want you to welcome Dallas Wiens and his dad Mike to *LIFE Today*.

Dallas, you look good!

Dallas: Thank you.

James: I'm looking at a miracle.

I want to ask you, Mike, you watch this -- he goes to a Catholic church, he's working on a Baptist church. He grew up in a Baptist church. There are a lot of stories here. You see this is really the way we ought to relate. We should never separate each other from our love and our prayers and the family of faith. I just think it is so beautiful.

I want to ask you, Dallas, did you feel the love of people and the prayers of people like you felt in this studio. I have to believe you came here because you believed you'd be in an atmosphere of love and concern. Did you feel that love and concern coming from the people here in this studio when we talked to you and then with people praying for you all over the world, did you sense that actually happening and having an affect in your life?

Dallas: Every moment of every day.

James: Every moment of every day. You had to feel like sometimes giving up I would think. You had no eyes, your face was just literally gone. Did you ever despair of hope? Did you ever want to give up?

Dallas: No. I'm not going to say it wasn't hard, it was hard. But no, I never had a single desire to give up or let go.

James: How do you explain that to people who wonder how you hold on like that? How do you explain it?

Dallas: It wasn't me. It was faith. It was family and friends. It was Christ. In my opinion, if Christ is your relation, it doesn't matter if you're Catholic or protestant or what you are, you're a child of the father and that's what matters.

James: I hope you understood that. If Christ is your savior and your Lord, if he is in your life, then God is your father and you are part of a family of faith.

I want to tell you I'm so thrilled that people watch us all over the world who come from various backgrounds and we're seeing a father that will lift us up beyond all that divides and causes tension and dissension. It is really important that we really live to be an answer to the prayer of Jesus that we're one with the father and perfected in unity with

one another that really goes beyond anything we've ever imagined. We're seeing that with him.

I've got to ask you, Baptist dad with this boy over here that now says, "Well, I'm going to the Catholic church." But I've got to ask you, did you marvel at the way he just held on to God and held on to faith?

Mike: Absolutely. He's been courageous through this whole thing. But the faith that he has, the strength that comes from it has allowed him to persevere, has allowed him to move forward with the decisions he's made, the decision to have the transplant; a courageous move in itself.

He went through 22 surgeries, 22 surgeries just to get the face that you saw on the monitor. He was through the life threatening portion and he made a decision based on the faith that he has, okay, to do this, a life-threatening procedure in itself.

James: And it is a huge miraculous transformation in his features and yet the swelling is going to continue to diminish. You told us that they're actually going to be working with him so that his speech becomes clearer. And we even, I asked him because he can't see, and said, "Do you think there is any way..." because God can do that just like that and we know he does. And by the way, I've asked for that. I want God to give him his sight.

But I also asked the question, "Do you know of anything..." And he actually gave me an answer which surprised you that he's found out that there may be a procedure that the medical community can do that can give him sight. So he doesn't see anything as impossible. Do you, Dallas?

Dallas: No way.

[Laughter]

Impossible! I don't even understand the definition of that word.

[Laughter]

James: Now you want to be able to speak plainly and clearly because you would like to go around and speak to people and give them what when you speak to them?

Dallas: The message that no matter what tragedy you go through, there is life after it. There is life after tragedy. There is life after pain. But the way to lick it is faith.

James: What do you see him doing, Dad? What do you feel like his hope and dream is and how do you pray for him concerning his future and the ability to touch others? How do you find yourself praying and what is your thought about his future?

Mike: Well, I think the most important thing, from my standpoint, is the fact that he is able to go out and talk to people. He has been out in front of several different groups and has spoken. Not too long ago he was in front of a large group, he didn't know it was a large group, obviously but --

Dallas: I prefer not to know.

Mike: He prefers not to know.

[Laughter]

And he speaks with power and faith and the spirit is filled in him. So when he's done speaking, he goes back and he talks to -- what was it the pastor, I guess is who you talked to? And asked the question, "How many people were out there?" It was like 3500?

[Laughter]

And he goes, "What?"

Dallas: I started feeling sick.

James: Well, you have millions of people right out here listening today.

Mike: How are you feeling now?

James: What do you want to tell them? You want everybody who has ever been through a challenge right now, you've already made a point. There are people who are looking at you, they've got some things in their life that challenge them, maybe they've been hurt, disappointed. What do you want them to hear? If you could say something you think God might want them to hear, and you want them to hear, what would you say to them because they're listening.

Dallas: There are two very distinct things about tragedies and about somebody who has gone through or is going through tragedy. One, you're either a victim or you're a survivor. And two, you can either get bitter or you can get better. That's the long and short of it.

And what really determines whether you're going to be either one is your decision to lean on your assets and the major one that we have as believers is our faith because nothing is stronger, nothing is larger than our God.

James: Boy, you said it right! Betty, what do you think when you hear him?

Betty: Well, I just sit here amazed when I hear his testimony.

Your testimony, Dallas, just radiates with God's love, God's grace and the hope. People go -- live long lives without much hope in their lives. And if you, through your testimony, you demonstrate the very hope that can only come through our relationship with God and hanging on to him, especially when you've been through the tragedy that you went through. God, you have hung on to him and to me that is a beautiful demonstration of God being real in someone's life in that relationship with him. I just think it is beautiful.

James: I knew the minute I heard Dallas, Betty, up here in our studio. When I looked up at a face that was as disfigured as a face can be from what looked like a burn, of course it was electrical shock; I saw in you an indescribable hope. I was drawn to it. You have a little daughter, I think she is four now. Is that right?

Dallas: Yes.

James: What is her name?

Dallas: Scarlet.

James: Scarlet. You played with her a lot. You played the prince and princess. And then I know that you talked about courage, Dad. You referred to that, Mike, about his courage. He had a lot of courage because of something he wanted for his daughter. Are you aware of what he said caused him to want to do this for her?

Mike: He wanted to feel her kisses once again.

James: Wanted to feel her kisses. He told us and it was in our local newspapers, that he wanted his little daughter's daddy to have a face; so her prince, her dad, her friend, to

have a face. She's -- we planned to let you meet this little girl before we go off the air but that will be after you have an opportunity to give somebody else more than a face, a future. Is your little girl excited about daddy's face now? What does she say to you, Dallas about her daddy now?

Dallas: The first time that I was able to see her after the transplant and the first thing she told me was that she loved me. She crawled into my lap and I held her for a while. And she just told me, she said, "Daddy, you're so handsome!"

James: You are!

Dallas: That made it all worth it.

[Laughter]

James: No, you are. There is an inner quality -- I've got to be honest with you. I meet a lot of people that... I hope you get to meet the kind of people I've met through my life. A lot of them are not visible, you wouldn't know them like a public figure but I've seen many beautiful people that inspire me and this man inspires me.

I guess one of the things I would like you to hear from Dallas and from us is that you have the potential within you to inspire others, to give them hope, to do what Dallas has done without perhaps facing the indescribable painful experience that he went through, you can help someone else. Mike, anything you want to add to what you want to say about your son?

Mike: Well, I would have to say I'm very, very proud of my son. Many nights as I left the hospital room when he laid there after these surgeries and all kinds of needles and tubes sticking in him, I knew he couldn't see and I was the last one to leave, save the caregivers; I would always leave him with this thought, there's one person that stays with you all of the time. Bring him with you in this night, in this darkness -- Jesus. Talk to Jesus. Let him be your companion. And I know that he did that. He did that every night.

James: Thank God! Dallas, we're really proud of you. Would you all just say thanks be to God, to Dad, to Dallas!

[Applause]

Dallas, you keep -- stay in touch with us. You get where you're ready to preach, ready to

let it rip, come back here and show everybody, "Ready to go, let it out." You come and keep us up, kind of come in and check in with us. Let us know what God is doing.

We'll let the viewers know how you are available to come and bless them. If they wanted to get a hold of you, let's say, somebody says, while you're going through this, even the process, we would love to have you come share somewhere with us.

By the way, if you invite him, take care of him. That doesn't mean just give him something to eat or a place to sleep, give him an offering, give him a love offering. I mean really. You have no idea how God will bless you when you bless someone that comes to be a blessing.

But if somebody wanted to get a hold of you, Dallas, or Mike, how would they get a hold of him if they wanted him to come? Is there an e-mail address, any way? Tell me what we would do.

Dallas: They can contact MD3 Holdings directly. And on my web site, just DallasWiens.com. There is a link to MD3 or they can go to MD3Holdings.com and they can --

James: Inquire about you coming to do something with them? There it is on the screen and you can do that.

Let me just say to all of you here and who are watching, we have found that in our own lives, we feel fulfilled. We feel like there is a river of life flowing freely out of us when we release love toward a need. Why did I talk to Dallas? I could see the pain. I just cared. So we became a part of the prayer journey. But many others did too.

I want you to listen to a missionary right now and I want you to see something that needs to be addressed with love, the miracle of love and you are the expression of that love. I want you to watch very closely.

On the mission field:

Isak: I was recently in a very rural, remote village here in Angola with some of our mission feeding team. They were explaining to me how there's 35 children in this village that are in such desperate condition. They don't have any other food but the food that we give them. That's literally the only meal that they eat every day. Blank.

Isak: They're coming in, they will wake these 35 children the moment that someone from

our team arrives there, they're actually begging them to cook as early as they can so that they can get some food because that's all they get. Blank.

Isak: But the question is, how many other children are there who when they arrive in the morning there isn't any food? Who don't have us to rely on? Unfortunately, what happens to them is they become the child that a mother's heart breaks for. They become the child that died as a result of malnutrition.

That's the reality of when we don't get there with mission feeding. That's the reality in, unfortunately, far too many villages across our continent. There's more bowls that need to be filled, there is more children that need to be fed. There are more lives that need to be saved. There are more people that we need to partner with us to make that all possible.

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In the studio:

James: And that really is -- that's it. It's a partnership. It is a family relationship of love that says we're going to make the difference there.

Sometimes I really wonder and dear God, how I pray that you'll listen to me please. Sometimes I wonder, do you just look at Betty and look at me and just see us as a couple of beggars?

Dear God, the Old Testament prophet said, "Plead the cause of the orphan, the widow, the helpless." As long as I live I will unapologetically do that. I would ask you to pray for us. But I'm not going to ask you to do something for us, I'm going to ask you to join us and do something for others.

I'm going to ask you, you talk about absolute poverty and suffering, you talk about a sense of hopelessness. See, we talk about being poor here in the states and I grew up very poor. But it is so far from what is there. You know what I've seen? People like you, people all over the world say, "I want to help them."

You know something? They'll be grateful. They won't feel like, well, you owed me. They're going to say, "You noticed? You cared?" That's what they say. Somehow we've got to look at people all around us and love them and care but we've got to inspire people to reach out and love people that are helpless.

By the way, we get them on their feet. We actually teach them how to live and how to make a living. It is incredible! Because that's what love does.

Betty, the missionaries can't feed them, they can't meet those needs. They can't be there -- they can be there to bury them but they can't make a difference unless we put it in their hands to do it.

Betty: That's right. And as Isak said, the missionary, he said, "What about the children that come expecting, knowing that food has been offered but when they get there it's all gone?"

James, we've seen the lines. They come and they line up -- they'll stand there all day hoping that we don't run out before we get to them. I want to make sure that the little child in the front of the line gets their bowl of food but also the little child at the end of the line gets their portion too. Will you help us do that?

There is no greater joy that God can give us in our own hearts, James, in our lives than to give us the opportunity to help those that are so needy.

James: The fact is that we feel the economic tightening. We feel it all over the world. As we felt that the fact is they had begun to run out in a few places. So we're asking everybody watching today to dial that number.

Take your bankcard or write a check, make it to *LIFE*, you're giving life. If you can give a \$100 gift we'll be able to feed 10 children for the next months. If you'll give a gift of \$30, we can feed three, \$50, we can feed five. A \$1,000 gift will feed 100 children for the next three months. We're asking you to do that.

We have some gifts we want to send you. Beth Moore's book, *The Life that Overcomes*, and then this is such a treasure, *The 90-day Bible, The Bible in 90 Days*; incredibly organized, take you through the word of God, transforming effect.

We want to share life and love and help with you. We're asking you to share life with those precious children, enable those missionaries to meet those desperate needs.

Please go to the phone. Use that bankcard like a check. Or you can go online at LifeToday.org. We're asking you to make the largest gift you can. Please? We really need every person to simply do what you can. Thank you for doing it.

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Announcer: At this very moment a child is drawing her last breath struggling to stay alive due to a lack of food. Sadly, this impoverished child is not alone and without our help, many like her throughout Africa face death as well.

Today you can make a difference. You can save a life! *LIFE's* mission feeding teams are in place right now ready to answer the hunger cries of hundreds of thousands of suffering children in remote areas of Africa.

With previous food reserves gone and parts of Africa facing its worst famine and food shortage in more than two decades, we desperately need to replenish our supplies for the feeding programs immediately! Your lifesaving gift of \$30, \$50, or \$100 will help feed and care for three, five, or ten children for three full months.

With your gift we'll send you Beth Moore's book, *The Life that Overcomes*. This Life Outreach exclusive featuring a collection of messages from Beth's heart will inspire you to live an overcoming life each day!

With your gift of \$100 or more to help feed ten children you may also request our new 90-day Bible designed to help you read through the scriptures in just 90 days.

Finally, as a special challenge please prayerfully consider a gift of \$1,000 or more to help feed and save the lives of 100 children. And you may also request the beautiful "Heart of the Father" bronze sculpture.

Please call, write, or make your secure gift online today at LifeToday.org.

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In the studio:

James: We want to thank you for your help.

By the way, if you can help us with literally 100 children for the next months, we'll be sending you "The Heart of the Father" bronze, Beth Moore's book, *The Life that Overcomes*, and you're going to be giving life. Let me show you a great blessing.

Would you like to see Dallas's beautiful little girl, Scarlet? Here's a little princess.

We're so glad to see you. We think your dad looks really, really good! You are a princess.

Thank you for being here. God bless all of you for being with us. Thank you for watching *LIFE Today*. You've seen a miracle. Thank you for your prayers for Dallas. Thank you for your help!

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James: Everyone is rightly concerned about who will lead our nation? Who will fill the various offices?

I've written a commentary that I believe God put on my heart. It is critically important. It is titled, "What, not who." We must understand the "what" to find the right "who" and insist to right what is done.

Go to the web site. Get a copy and pass it on.

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>> But we've got to pull the plug on pain and say -- and embrace what God has given us.

Announcer: Hope when the hurt runs deep -- next week!