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Betty: Thanks so much for joining us on *LIFE Today*. I'm Betty and this is James.

James: Thank you very much! I am thrilled to have two guests. One of the guests we have, he was on with us at another program you may have seen, he is a businessman. And we're being taught, we, the American people are taught a class warfare that probably is one of the ugliest things I've seen in many decades since way back with the civil rights movement, which I was very much lined up with the freedom that Martin Luther King talked about, and Billy Graham and I worked very hard throughout the south to help break down those walls and barriers. And I could tell you many long stories about the danger we faced doing it but we knew we had to do it. We're glad, we're grateful for the progress that's been made.

Now we're making some real bad decisions today and this class warfare I referenced earlier is a class warfare now on the business community, and on success, and any perception of wealth or prosperity has become the enemy. You might ask the question with Occupy Wall Street and they're out protesting Wall Street. What is it? Are they protesting the fact they don't have what the people they're protesting have? So what do they want? They want it given --. No, what we want is to take and distribute; we want to divide it up. That's as purely socialistic, communistic as anything you'll ever consider.

You see God says we want to love and give and care, and I've said over and over, and Betty, I believe with all my heart, you don't solve any human problem without a compassion connection. And you don't have any accountability or responsibility unless you get that connection.

Well, we've got a businessman, his family, the Pilgrim Family had the second largest chicken production business in the world. And Buddy Pilgrim is here.

Andy Andrews is here who speaks to business people and corporations and leaders all over the world, and one of the great communicators. Zig Ziglar, who has been one of our favorite guests says that Andy Andrews is the greatest communicator he has ever heard, and the books he's written have been New York bestsellers.

And here's one that's out now: *How Do You Kill 11 Million People?* Nobody is going to try to kill 11 million people in America but we're going to destroy the life of 300 million

people if we don't change our direction and our thinking. And the business community is not the problem.

I want you to welcome one of these people many are being taught to hate. I want you to welcome Buddy Pilgrim back to *LIFE Today*.

Buddy Pilgrim, glad to see you.

Buddy: Thank you, James. Pleasure being here.

James: I want you to welcome Andy Andrews, back to *LIFE Today*. Okay, I sent both of you an advance copy of *Indivisible*. You read it on your iPad and you read it in a bound manuscript that's about half the size of font. As a matter of fact, I don't know if anybody can get a close up of this but the font is so small because it was just when we sent the manuscript in that I apologized to people, but you read it all.

Andy: You pop this open and everywhere you pop it open you're going to see the highlighter because you could not open this book without seeing a highlighter.

I've got this thing -- you know as I started it I thought, literally -- I'll show you right where I started. There is -- well, if you look at the -- here's where the introduction is. Look at the yellowing on the introduction. I get through the introduction and I'm starting chapter one and I'm thinking, this is very important. Then I get halfway through the book and I think, this may be one of the most important books I've ever read. And I get to the end of this, and James, I'm telling you, I mean I'm already -- I'm already making plans.

I got a list, and right now I've got 40 something people on the list of not just gatekeepers who influence many other people but close friends of mine who have a very close circle of influence, maybe they influence four or five other people. But this book is going to be read by my friends and my family. I understand how to do that because I'm an author and I know it's not going to be, "Hey, I've got a book for you." It's going to be, "Hey, I've got a book for you. It's very important that you put this in right now and that you start reading it right now."

Then two days later I'm going to say, "Have you started that book?"

Then a day later I'm going to say, "Have you started that book? And I'm going to keep talking about it until you get it read." Because this book will change the understanding and the thinking; I heard you say a few minutes ago that there are decisions that are being made in this country that are incorrect, they're wrong, they're against God.

I want to make a little point here. Decisions are only an outpouring of somebody's thinking. At our base level, it is our thinking that's gotten so out of whack in this country. And I'm so proud of you and Jay Richards -- I haven't met Jay Richards, but this idea that you generated into these words, this is huge wisdom that will alter the thinking, or get us back on course because it allowed me to understand some things I that I thought I knew, understand some things that I hoped were right. And the beauty of it is it is explained in such a way that it doesn't offend anybody, it just allows you to understand the truth.

James: Do you feel like our nation at this point in time is in critical need of the insight that is shared?

Andy: Oh, yeah. Don't you hear -- we hear this a lot. We hear people say, "You know, for your children, for your grandchildren." I'm going to tell you something, 10 or 15 years ago, it may have been your children and your grandchildren you're worried about but you better worry about yourself right now. Because if we don't get this straightened out there won't be anything for our children and grandchildren.

Buddy: I agree with that too. I've got a 30-year-old son and he hears all this talk and politics with these politicians pandering saying, "I'm worried about my kids, my grandkids" and all this kind of stuff.

My son, who I'm worried about for him, he said, "I'm worried about today." And he didn't mean that in a selfish manner but he said, "I'll tell you, this country is not going to last the way that we've known it for another generation or two for his grandkids if we keep going down the path that we're going down."

Andy: Believe me, people, you better put the oxygen mask over your own face right now before you start dealing with your kids.

[Laughter]

Buddy: I agree with what you're saying about the book as well. I read it on my iPad and I couldn't highlight on there but I was flagging pages on it. My only frustration was that I didn't have a paper copy to be writing on because I love to do that. But I haven't found a thing in it that I disagree with. I love everything that's in it.

It is -- it covers one of the broadest, basest of topics of any book that I know of. It really does an amazing job of covering everything from traditional marriage to capitalism to free markets to strong military to --. Everything you can think of you've covered in here and

you've covered all of them in enough depth to give a good solid understanding and enough breadth to show how they all weave together and that all these various topics really are indivisible to our freedom and to who we are as a nation.

James: I appreciate what's being said because I really do believe that we have handed the people of America a road map out of the wilderness and back in to what several Catholic leaders have said "It's a bridge back to hope and to peace and to prosperity."

Interestingly, this is pretty incredible, it's been published by one of the largest evangelical Protestant presses, Hachette, FaithWords, and Ignatius Press, the largest Catholic Press, they've come together. You say, "How could this happen?" We believe that *Indivisible* where we need to come together as believers and people who have differences -- Betty and I have been married 49 years, in love for 50 years or more and we have many disagreements.

Betty: We have a few.

James: And it takes me a while to help you get straightened out.

[Laughter]

Betty said, "It is amazing to me how when you apologize to me you have learned to apologize to me in a way to make me think it is my fault." So we have these disagreements but we have the major principle agreement that we are one and we are indivisible and we're married, we understand that principle.

We believe when Jesus said you need to be one as believers, that he wanted us to come together with our distinctives, our differences, our diversity, our strengths and even with those heated discussions, even theological differences that we could still be indivisible on common ground to address common concerns. So that's how we laid it out.

Now do you believe that that is essential? As a businessman today, we're being taught not to like you. You're a real problem. You guys are paying 70% of the federal budget, this small little percentage, I think we ought to be standing up and saying, "Praise God for you. Thank you, buddy! Keep it up! Get some more chickens! Grow some more business. Hire some more people."

Why do we not thank the people who are paying 70% of the federal budget instead of making them public enemy number one? Why don't we thank the people that create the jobs? Why don't we thank the people that meet needs instead of making them an enemy?

Buddy: Isn't it ironic that we criticize and demonize the creation of wealth and production but we praise the transfer of it from one to another. From one who earned it to one who didn't earn it. It doesn't even make sense. We call it "greedy" to want to earn a profit and not greedy to want to take it from somebody and give it to somebody who didn't earn it.

Betty: If you don't like the people that have been successful, why would you want to become one of them? That doesn't make sense. So they can resent you too?

James: It is so insane it just gives me the creeps.

Andy: You ask the question, why do we demonize those people? Other than the obvious, history shows and I read odd history and history shows that for government to get larger, any time it ever has, and especially in the last 100 years, especially in that century, any time government gets bigger, you have to divide the people. You have to so that even ideas that everybody knows aren't going to work can be implemented by a few people that it will make their lives better.

Lenin proved it with the collective farms and the idea, and what they did, basically, was demonize the business people for lack of a better word. They demonized the people who had the money and they said, "Wouldn't that be a great idea for everybody to work on collective farms?" Well, long story short, five million people starved because of that grand experiment.

People look at that and go, "Yeah, but that was way back early in the century." In the 1970s, the Chinese did the same thing and they tried this collectivism and you can see films on You Tube of what people look like when they eat sticks and dirt to fill their bellies because 20 million people starved to death because of that great experiment.

So over and over again, history shows that what we do is divide. Now very quickly, we as Christians, I'm just going to tell you something, we don't have a good history working together.

James: That has to change and it has to change now! It has to change now! We're not going to dot every "i" the same way and cross every "t". We're going to disagree on some things that may be pretty important to some of us, may be real important, but we better find the common ground and we better find it soon.

Andy: What did you say at dinner?

[Applause]

We were eating and James said, "You know if we could get together, like the National Rifle Association gets together, but --."

James: There are only two or three million of the NRA and you'd be surprised how much they control. And frankly, thank God for them because they come down on the right side of nearly every issue but they don't agree.

Andy: But not a single one of them is going, "Well, I only shoot pistols. I'm not going to be talking to those people who shoot rifles! But boy, we're on it on baptizing and sprinkling, aren't we?"

[Laughter]

James: We can find so many reasons to fall out.

Buddy: And we don't want to get involved in all of these issues too because they're too secular. If you look up the dictionary definition of secular it says: That which is separate and apart from having nothing to do one's religion. Well, if you take that as the definition, why do you want to define anything as secular?

See, I don't define my job as a secular activity because my job is not going to be separate and apart from having nothing to do with who I am in Christ. My involvement in politics is not going to be separate and apart from having nothing to do with who I am in Christ. See, there really should be no such thing as secularity applied to jobs or politics or anything else -- everything we connect with.

Somebody said something to me one time, "Buddy, God don't care about how many chickens you produce. God doesn't care about the business side of your life. He cares about the relationship side of your life."

I said, "Really? Well, if he doesn't care about the business side of my life, so that means I just make all of those decisions completely on my own. Well, if he doesn't care about the business side of my life, he may not care about who my friends are either. He may not care about my social life or my family life." There may be lots of little compartments I could divide my life up into and say, "Well, God thank you very much. I'll handle those. You only care about my prayer life and my Bible study time and when I go to church."

Well, that's a big lie of the devil. The truth is God cares about every single decision that we make.

James: I want to say to all of you sweet little Christians sitting out there watching Christian TV, including James and Betty, and I appreciate the fact that you want to help people but you better get concerned about helping yourself or we're not going to be able to help anybody very long. And you'd better get real concerned about praying for your country and not just for an election, as important as this election is, and it is real important -- but the reason it is important is because the major importance is not an election but it is a direction and correction that is absolutely essential.

I'm telling you right now, as firmly as I can communicate it, now is a day of reckoning. It is the time to get out of the pig pen of rotten decisions, rotten direction, and head back to the father's house with a broken heart that says, "I will submit to be a servant before you." And you're going to find this loving father that has been waiting for this prodigal nation just as with every prodigal child to come back, this loving father wants no part of a slave, he wants a son. And he will cover you and cleanse you and welcome you back into the blessing of the father's house -- the blessing of almighty God. That is the invitation to us.

But here's the deal, the only way it's going to happen, you say, "We're really praying. We're really praying!" Well, you better come out of that closet and you better become the brightest light in the little corner where you live and then you must commit to become a part of that shining city on a hill that cannot be hid. That means you're going to be standing with others who are not the same, not the same race, not the same background but they've got the same heart for the will of God. Thy will be done; thy kingdom come on earth in us right now for your glory. That's what God is calling us to do.

Father, I pray it will happen in every viewer listening to me and people all over the world will realize we have to come home to the father's house not just a change of direction even but a change of mind and a change of heart. God grant this prayer in Jesus' name.

Would you in this audience say thank you to Buddy Pilgrim and Andy Andrews?

[Applause]

Andy Andrews has written many bestsellers. Here is a must read. You can read it in less than an hour, even if you're a slow reader. It is absolute spiritual dynamite, in my opinion, to help wake people up. Here is a teaching series, The Land of Business: The Missing Link. There is Buddy Pilgrim's web site address.

If you want to invite this great businessman to come and speak in your church, don't invite him to just come and speak to the businessmen or some group, get the whole church. Put him in the pulpit on Sunday morning and you may just have a whole new church, and it will all be about God's business God's way.

Betty, I'm so excited about what God is doing. I appreciate what these men said about the book, *Indivisible*. I appreciate the way for years -- you watched me about a three year journey, about 18 months pretty well wrapped up in getting this out with Jay Richards and 12 months of penning it and editing it and getting it ready. I believe God has given us something that can help correct our course and we really want you to get it.

I want to focus your attention on a specific need that we can meet right now. We're going to ask you help us rescue some people from the sex trade and it's really important. Watch this.

On the mission field:

>> This is Nita and Parmela. They met many years ago when they were both trafficked to the same brothel as young girls. Several decades later the lifeline friends are still suffering from the effects of human trafficking because Parmela has H.I.V. and Nita is dying from AIDS.

>> This is not something that ever should happen to a human being. Ever! Can you imagine to be taken as a nine-year-old little girl, spending your entire life in the brothel and then thrown out like an animal because you can no longer sell your body as a sex slave.

This is the ending if we don't do something to help these little girls, if we don't do something to stop this, if we don't provide safe homes for them, if we don't provide *LIFE* Centers where we can save and rescue these little girls, this is what happens to them. They end up being thrown out like dogs on the street. Their innocence was robbed from them and this is what they have to do now.

But why? Why do they have to go through this? We can do something so they don't end up like this. I just want to do more.

[Crying]

In the studio:

James: Some of those precious little children you saw there at the end are targets for the

sexual predators who take them and use them in the sex industry. In Nepal, there are many children who are in desperate situations and they're easy to take.

We really believe God wants us to build a *LIFE* Center there to help Giselle who was a fashion model and she saw the need. She actually herself was held captive in that trade for a brief period when she was young. She went on to be very successful after she was freed from it but she never forgot. And she's gone back now and we decided we would help her.

When I say "we," it includes, Betty -- we can't do it without the help of our viewers. She has started a business there for these girls to make a living making beautiful beads. We want to send this to some of you who will help rescue one of the children as a gift; just to send one that was made in love and appreciation for the job.

Here's what it takes. It takes \$128 to rescue a life. And we have been blessed, Betty, by someone that had such a broken heart that they said, "We'll match every gift." Which means if you'll help rescue one of these precious children or one of these people from the sex trafficking, it will actually be two. And it also means if you'll give \$64 it will be matched and we will be able to rescue another.

We need \$225,000, which will build quite an elaborate *LIFE* Center there because the dollar goes so much further and the labor there, what we're able to do, and the material. So we're asking every one of you to help us.

Betty, I believe every viewer will do something.

Betty: I do too, James. You and I are so blessed. We have five beautiful granddaughters and I can't even imagine, or picture them having to go through such a tragedy as these girls, all these children do. It is hard to even think about. And these children don't even have a chance; they're helpless and they're hopeless unless we care, unless we offer hope. I hope you will join with us and let's do something for these children.

James: I'm sending the book, *Indivisible*, that Jay Richards and I wrote, "*Restoring Faith, Family, and Freedom*," which is really a road map out of our wilderness and our need in our nation back to a solid foundation. You're going to love the truth that you see that will set us free as a nation again. I really believe that: Restoring faith, family, and freedom before it is too late. We want to send that to you to say thank you.

For any gift that you make, if you will help us rescue one of these children, we will also send with the book one of the sets of the beautiful beads made in love.

If you'll help build the *LIFE* Center, we want to send the beautiful "Lion and Lamb" bronze to say thanks. We're asking for a gift of \$1,000 or more, it may be that you can give \$5,000 or more. Whatever you can do, we're asking you to make these gifts. Let's do this to rescue these precious children and these women from this horrible trade, they are prisoners.

Call, use your bankcard like a check or you can go online *LifeToday.org* and make the gift. If you make a check, make it out to *LIFE*. Please call and let us know what God is leading you to do.

Begin video clip:

Announcer: Human trafficking... it's impossible to believe but at this very moment innocent children, many very young are being sold and forced into sexual slavery and exploited in every way imaginable, and someone must save them!

With your help today we can reach, rescue, and restore their hope for a better future and we can also build the New Hope Life Center in Nepal, which will be a safe house for children for years to come.

And now a miracle opportunity of \$384,000 matching gift with a cost of \$128 to rescue a child, that means your gift of \$128 will be matched to help rescue two children. And \$64 will be matched to help rescue one more child.

With your gift please request *Indivisible* by James Robison and Jay Richards, a soul-stirring read for every Christian who desires to restore America to the values that formed our strong foundation built on faith, family, and freedom.

With your gift of \$128, which today will help rescue two children, you will receive a unique and beautiful necklace handcrafted by women who are survivors of human trafficking and slavery.

Finally, please prayerful consider a gift of \$1,000 which will be matched to \$2,000 for the New Hope Life Center and you may request the beautiful bronze sculpture, "The Lion and the Lamb."

Please call, write, or make your gift online today!

In the studio:

James: I really pray that you've helped us and your gift will be matched. I do want you to get *Indivisible*.

I want us to have -- I want us to be an answer to the prayer of Jesus that we would be one with the Father and perfected in unity with one another as believers. That's the way we're going to find that common ground, that rock-solid foundation, really repair not only the breach but restore the foundation.

We're sending you *Indivisible* if you make a gift to help us and encourage everybody you know to get it and read it.

This book by Andy Andrews we'll send you today if you'll help us. I pray you'll get your friends to read it. This is -- I wish I could make it an assignment, a divine assignment because it's for providence, for his purpose. It really is.

Buddy Pilgrim, I just hope you'll go on his web site and get some of his material. He's got a teaching series that will be great.

Buddy, thank you!

Andy, thank you! Thank all of you for being here. I appreciate you. Let's turn our wonderful nation back toward safe harbor.

>> Don't let those little dimples fool you!

Announcer: Join us next week as James and Betty share their desire to see one nation truly under God.