

Week 16

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James: Thank all of you! Great! We welcome you to *LIFE Today*. I'm James Robison.

Betty and I are thrilled to have Glenn Beck with us. He has written a book titled, *Being George Washington*. I want to tell you, it's great -- it's absolutely great because George Washington was great! What he sowed, the seeds that he has sown in this nation and around the world have brought forth indescribable meaningful fruit. The book makes it clear in the truest and purest sense of the word, we can be George Washington. No, not necessarily the Father of a nation, but we can be an example and shoulder the load of responsibility necessary in the circle where we have influence.

And he points out so clearly in the life of George Washington, and Glenn makes it clear in an incredible way that he was flawed, because every one of us know we've failed, we've missed the mark but we can still do those things which are most important.

Would you welcome Glenn Beck to *LIFE Today*?

[Applause]

Glenn: George Washington is my hero and I tell you, I get weepy, that's not -- I don't usually cry a lot.

[Laughter]

But I get weepy even thinking about him because the guy spent his whole life doing everything he didn't want to do. He didn't want to be president. He didn't want to be the general. He wanted to be in the navy. He didn't want -- his mother took him down during his election and said -- and I'm not kidding you, "My son doesn't even care about his mother. He spends all of his money on ice cream!" Not kidding you! Not kidding you! That's one reason why I love him.

James: You felt like you were George Washington right there.

Glenn: Yes, I did! The man likes ice cream. Obviously, I do too.

But he did everything his whole life for God. He wanted to serve God. He wanted to return home with honor. And as a flawed son of God, I needed the atonement, and once you get the atonement, once you have the saving power of Christ, let me tell you something, you don't want to blow that. And all I want to do is return home with honor. And he said that was his greatest fear that in the end, he would do one thing that would eternally dishonor him. So he held the line.

This is George Washington's compass. It is the only thing -- the only compass he ever owned. This was in the Washington family until I bought it out of the Washington family because it had to -- by the will, it had to go into public hands this time around, this generation so I bought it. And to me, it's the best symbol of George Washington. This is what he had at 16 years old when he surveyed Pittsburg. He carried this with him his whole life; the only one he had when he died.

To me, because everything was carved out, everything was perfect; the Lord carves perfect law for us. All you have to do is live within that circle.

James: That is the hedge of protection -- the law and Word of God.

Glenn: He knew! That's why in the opening of the book he goes into battle and he has -- in this one battle -- at the end of it, he has two holes right here in his jacket, two separate shots here. He has a hole in his hat and he had two horses shot from underneath him -- in one battle! But he knew that he lived his life in such a way that he needed to be there, he would continue to move forward, and if the Lord decided to take him, then the Lord decided to take him; that's okay. He's going to serve and serve exactly the way he was supposed to. He was amazingly humble and obedient.

James: Glenn, what I hear you saying and even before you released this book, you were talking about the importance of each one of us being who we're supposed to be; not only to be a blessing to those people closest to us and our family but to be a blessing all over planet earth. You seem to approach the need for that with incredible not only passion but compassion and a broken heart but a sense of urgency that if we don't shoulder the load, if we don't assume personal responsibility, if we don't, in so many ways, become like this man, and I mean really return to God.

I watched this transformation in your life, not only being delivered from alcoholism and other problems but I watched your media transformation where you suddenly realize that what must happen is really bigger than the political.

It really is resting the will of God and the purpose of God on shoulders yielded to God's will to really impact in a very profound and positive way everything in this nation and around the world. And if it didn't happen, we're in serious trouble. I watched this happen in your life and it was quite remarkable.

Glenn: I was syndicated on my radio show.

I am a guy who in 1999 got married to my second wife after I lost everything through alcohol in the early 1990s just lost it all. Put my life back together, find God, understand and accept the atonement. I said to my wife, I said, "You know what? I'm going to give this talk radio thing a chance."

She thought I was going back to be a cook; honestly, a short order cook and it was a real possibility for me. A year later I'm syndicated and I just do a deal in August to take the slot on premier radio networks of Dr. Laura. I couldn't believe it.

Then September 11th happens and I spent a lot of time on my knees saying, "Lord, I'm not the guy to speak to nation. I haven't paid any attention at all. I'm phoning this one in. I don't know what I'm talking about. I just started to pay attention a year ago. What are you doing?" I promised the audience then, because somebody called me on September 11th and said, "What's happening?"

I said two things, "One, I have no idea, but I promise you I will find out. And the second thing is, I promise you this, no outside force will destroy us. We will only destroy ourselves -- as long as we hang together."

I'm so honored to be your friend. You two have been so gracious to me. I am -- I have seen the transformation in other faiths as well and you two were the first to reach out to me.

Three years ago, I called a meeting together in Washington, D.C., and the only one I knew would come were you guys. Ralph Reed, who helped put the Christian Coalition together helped put this meeting together. You were there at the first Christian Coalition and these things, if they become political, they just -- God's spirit withdraws. And he was walking into the room and he said, "Glenn, I don't know how long they'll stay but they're all in one room." There were about 30 of you; remember?

I said, "All I need is 15 minutes. I just want to bear my testimony." I did, and then I told these religious leaders, I held up a picture of Martin Luther King. I said, "Look at the eyes of all the people standing around him. He was terrified and so were all the people around him. And I am terrified because I don't know what I'm doing."

I know that God is calling us together; not our theology, but he is calling us together. We're supposed to stand together."

I sat down and the room kind of held its breath until James said, "Shame on all of us!" He said, "We've all heard the same thing and we didn't answer the call so God gave it to an alcoholic Mormon!"

[Laughter]

[Applause]

And the first time I talked to James was on a bus when I was -- I had announced 8/28 and I walked on stage and the part of the story I haven't told before is I was struggling with what this was supposed to be.

This was that big thing in Washington that we did and I didn't know exactly how it was and I thought it was supposed to be political. I couldn't put it all together but I knew, as soon as I decided what it was, I knew I had to announce in front of people; so I went down to Florida and so I announced it in front of 25,000 people, and I was sure it was right. I walked out on stage and I said, "So here's what I have to announce. Here's what we're going to do."

And it was about four minutes into this speech. I broke out into a cold sweat because I just heard -- I looked at the people and I heard, "You're wrong."

I'm like, "You couldn't have told me that five minutes ago?"

[Laughter]

He required me to look in the eyes of people and discover it's about so much more and not about politics at all. I walked off stage and I grabbed the guy who was my assistant, and I grabbed him by the lapels, because there were 25,000 people and they were all screaming and cheering and we couldn't hear each other. I grabbed him by the lapels and I come right up to his ear and scream, "I don't know how but we're wrong!" And he just looked at me. All the blood ran out of his face. He was like --.

I got into the bus that afternoon and you called me. You told me that you two had been talking and watching. And you said, "The Lord is going to do big things."

He brought up the Christian Coalition. I thought, oh, boy, now we're going to go down the Christian Coalition road and it's going to be political. And you said, "And the problem with the Christian Coalition is when it became political, God withdrew."

I thought, "You are so right."

And you said, "Keep on the path. God's going to do big things and he's going to bring us all together."

And here we are, two and a half years later.

James: We have to come together or we really don't have a future. We have to become -- and really, we wrote in the book, *Indivisible*, you can't separate the social and the moral from the economic and the fiscal, they're indivisible. Our founders understood with their diversity they had to come together.

Glenn: You wrote that with a Catholic, and you called a Mormon all the way through it to say, "You're going to love this book."

[Laughter]

That really is -- I really think -- we were talking about it backstage before we came on that God is putting us together and he is not making anybody a superstar. He's the superstar. He's giving me a little piece, these two a little piece, and you a little piece, and you a little piece and if we stop saying, "Well, I can't stand with you. Are you kidding me? You have long brown hair. I can't stand with people who have long brown hair. And you're an evangelical and you might be a Catholic and I can't --." We're not going to get anything done.

He is requiring us to leave it up to him and just do our one part. We don't have to have -- 99% of the stuff I do, I have no idea what I'm doing. I have no idea what I'm doing. I don't know.

Everybody around me says it's not going to work. It's going to be a huge disaster. It's blah blah blah. When I said I would move to Texas and we're going to rent out Dallas Cowboy Stadium this summer, everybody -- everybody came to me and said, "Glenn, Glenn, that's insane. You're going to go broke. It's not going to be filled. You're going to be humiliated. We're going to pull the whole company down."

Finally, I sat in these meetings, "Talk to Him. I'm saying the same thing to him. He won't listen to me; maybe he'll listen to you."

[Laughter]

James: From the time you and I started talking, it was about love, God's love. That doesn't mean compromise truth.

Can you get something straight? You ain't never looked at uncompromising any straighter than you're looking right here. I'm not going to waver and I'm not going to compromise love. I'm going to love everybody, even if you want to be mean to me and call me every name you can think of, and I'm sure if you're religious you can think of a lot of them.

[Laughter]

But I'm going to love you while you're throwing at me.

When I met with Glenn and virtually every interaction somewhere -- and I remember one of the most important things God impressed me to say to you is, "You're gifted. I've never seen anyone in media more gifted. But the thing that really captures people's hearts is the fact that you do love this country and you love the people in this country and you want the best for them."

Betty, you're one of the people who got me listening to him. Our son, Randy told me, "You ought to hear this guy."

"I don't want to hear this guy."

Betty starts watching this guy while I'm traveling.

Glenn: You've got to keep her around! She is very smart.

[Laughter]

James: Why did you want me to listen to Glenn Beck?

Betty: When I started watching him, it got me to searching for myself. It wasn't like I'm going to be a little Glenn Beck. I'm just going to -- I never got that from your show; I never in my life. I felt like I was being inspired to find out what I was supposed to be

responsible for as an individual, as a wife, a mother, a homemaker, a grandmother; that it wasn't time to just sit back and do nothing.

I began to read. I wasn't a big reader all my life but I began to get encouraged to read and to understand and to think for myself. It wasn't that I was going to take your word, and you have said that all along and that's one thing I appreciate about your show and it made a difference was you said, "Go search it out yourself. Look it up for yourself, think for yourself." That got me.

Glenn: That's empowerment.

One of the curses that I think I have had in my life, it's a great blessing but it is also a great curse because I'm sad for a lot of people. God has given me this ability to see what people can be inside, and so few people actually live up to that because they don't believe it about themselves. It is my joy and my curse to be able to see that and to be able to say, "You're only living 5% -- you've got so much! Don't accept less! You are a superstar in God's world."

Betty: I think that's one thing that really grabbed my heart was that I would come away -- I would tape a lot of your shows and then when James would come in I would say, "You've got to watch this. You've got to see this."

James: And tie me to a chair.

[Laughter]

Betty: Many times you would come in and I had been weeping because I felt like God would say, "Okay, this is about what I want you to do. And I want you to listen to me." It starts right here.

Glenn: That's what all of this is. That's what I love about *Indivisible* is you're teaching people the principles, things that I can connect with in such a great way.

Again, I've heard you speak on capitalism, you're a capitalist, and you're an evangelical. You wrote it with a Marxist Catholic, two different languages.

James: He got delivered from Marxism.

[Laughter]

Totally delivered!

Glenn: Where are you? Dodged that bullet; huh? Good news! Satan hasn't let you off the hook yet! He is coming back for more. We're saying the saying the same thing but we speak different languages and God speaks to us in our own language and that's why it is important that you're saying it, I'm saying it. He's speaking through the multitudes.

James: To heal the nation -- to heal us. Do you appreciate Glenn?

[Applause]

Glenn's going to be with us all week and we're going to be talking --

Glenn: Wait a minute! I thought it was just tonight?

James: You're spending the night and the next day here. The doors are locked!

[Laughter]

Glenn, we're doing something that I think our viewers find touches their heart. We didn't know if our viewers would help with this, it's trying to get people out of the prison of the sex trafficking. We thought maybe it would be something our viewers would turn away from but you know they said, "We want to help those children, those people."

I want you to watch this because we're right now emphasizing the importance of rescuing precious lives and we're going to build a *LIFE* Center to make an incredible difference with your help. Watch this please.

Mission clip:

>> The old lady, she fix the small girl to have sex with the foreigner. They pay a lot of money for the virgin.

Announcer: Human traffickers target innocent children who then become enslaved in a multibillion dollar a year industry called the sex slave trade.

>> Imagine this, one girl taken from her family, whether she is kidnapped or tricked. She is sexually abused over and over again, maybe eight to ten customers that she may have to service in one day.

>> We're fighting for children that can't fight for themselves, children that would be otherwise used in the sex trade or be bought and sold like animals for monetary gain. It is not right!

>> It is kids just like these that right now they're begging but they are also bait for predators. If we don't get them off the street they will be the next trafficked victims.

Announcer: And when these children become enslaved and don't comply, horrible things are done to them by the human traffickers.

>> When I was a child, I saw a lot of things in front of my eyes. There are cages somewhere. They are keeping a child as an animal. Just tie the hand, both hands like that [On either side of their head] and the customer will have sex with the child.

>> It is tragic what is happening to children, innocent children and it is not right. Our hearts are burdened by all the children that are crying out for help today, this moment, that need intervention, that need help, that are waiting for someone to hear their cries and we can only do it with your help.

End of clip

In the studio

James: That little precious child you saw there at the end, that's a target. Anywhere the sex traffickers see a little child that looks helpless or vulnerable, they take them.

They will go to the impoverished family members and tell them that they want to give that child a better place. They'll take young girls and say, "We're going to get them in a school where they can learn a trade and bring money back to the family." And then they never see them again.

Love will set them free. We're going to build a *LIFE* Center with the help of our viewers.

Betty, you and I have been all over the world to see needs. We've got a big care in our heart.

Betty and I share freely but we're limited in what we can share, no matter how much we care unless those of you who care join us in sharing life and help and love.

Here's what we're asking you to do. Missionary workers who are in the field all over the world, in Thailand, in Cambodia, we're all over India, we're right there in Mumbai where

a lot of children are taken who are left by the railroad track and taken into the sex trafficking. We're working where the need is.

The missionaries tell us that it takes \$128 to rescue a child. Let me tell you how important this is to some of our viewers. Some of them have said, "We will match your gift," which means if you can give a \$128 gift it will be matched so you've just rescued two. We want to build a *LIFE* Center in Nepal. We built a beautiful *LIFE* Center in Thailand. We built some more modest centers in Cambodia and other places. We're going to build a beautiful place in Nepal where these children are so poor and they're taken into captivity and then used as sex slaves in India.

Would you help us build the *LIFE* Center? We're asking people to make a \$1,000 gift or more. It will be doubled; \$128 will rescue a child. But at any level you can come in, what a difference it's going to make. We're putting girls to work who have been in the trade and trapped and they're making beautiful necklaces and we will gladly send you one of the necklaces if you'll help rescue one of these girls or these children.

Sending the book, *Indivisible* to all of you who will make whatever gift God puts on your heart. This is going to focus your prayers and we're going to see how we can turn our nation back to God and restore our foundation so we can be blessed to bless others.

Would you dial the number there on the screen? Would you take your bankcard and use it like a check? That's how you should use them. If you want to go online, *LifeToday.org*, you can make your gift online. But I'm asking you to make the very largest gift you can.

We have some gifts for you, "The Lion and The Lamb" bronze for those of you who will help us build the *LIFE* Center. Whatever you can do, you make the gift God puts on your heart. If you write a check, make it to *LIFE*, but call us and tell us you're putting it in the mail. Thank you so much for doing it!

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 do want to remind you that the book, *Indivisible*, we're sending it to you. I can promise you, it will direct you in what needs to be addressed, why it needs to be addressed, and how we can restore our foundation and be a city set on a hill, literally impacting our culture.

If you make a gift today of \$128 or more to help us, along with the necklace, we'll also send you not only *Indivisible* but *Being George Washington*. It is a tremendous book, not only of history but of inspiration.

Join Betty and me saying thanks to our special guest today, Glenn Beck.

Glenn, thank you!

>> We want to repair the standard.

Announcer: Glenn Beck, tomorrow on *LIFE Today*!

>> Only God will put us back together.