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James: Thank you very much. Thank all of you! It's a joy to come into your home. I'm James Robison. Betty and I welcome you to *LIFE Today*.

We have a very special guest today. We're going to be talking about life and we're going to be talking about concerns that relate to our nation and to our future. As a matter of fact, the well being of everyone who believes faith is important, family is important, which would include marriage as important, and freedom, which I believe also includes a healthy economy and a healthy free market.

I've written a book with Jay Richards titled *Indivisible*; it's been a New York bestseller for some time. I want you to get the book because we literally call to your attention every issue about which we should be praying and deeply concerned. But we also give a thorough understanding of why these issues matter and how if inappropriately addressed lead to catastrophic consequences and we're seeing that and it is going to intensify. The book is in the bookstores. I would highly encourage every priest, every pastor, every business leader, business owner, corporate leader, and every employee, read the book, pray about the issues.

One of the major issues we talk about is choosing life. One of the most powerful voices in our day in behalf of life and to try to inform, educate, and inspire people concerning the awful plague in our nation that is crippling us, and that is the rampant abortion and devaluing of life. We're not only killing babies, we're destroying everything of value because we have made the wrong choices. They need to be corrected.

Lila Rose is here. Would you welcome Lila Rose to *LIFE Today*?

Lila: Thank you!

James: I have watched you on many national programs and I've appreciated your stand for life. I have been amazed at some of the things you've done to expose what's actually going on in quote "the abortion industry." Would you agree that's basically what it has become?

Lila: Absolutely. The abortion industry at large in our country, it's headed by Planned Parenthood, and one of their first and biggest lies is that they're "pro women"; that they're somehow doing this on behalf of women. But what they're really doing is killing millions

of tiny little women in the womb across the world every year and hurting millions more, their mothers and little boys and fathers too.

James: What made you so zealous about this and when did it start for you? Because you're a very young woman and I know you were very active when you were at U.C.L.A. and you actually did quite a bit to expose the extremes within the industry and show exactly what's going on and some of the attitude and of course, that attitude that you've revealed and exposed would not be necessarily indicative of everyone but it certainly shows the extremes to which people will go once they start devaluing life. When did you become interested in it?

Lila: Well, I became interested first when I was about nine years old; that's when I first found out about abortion. I was raised in a Christian family and I'm one of eight kids, so that should say something. My parents are very pro-life. But I didn't -- I had heard about abortion at the dinner table, I'd heard about it but I really didn't know what it was.

One day I came across a book in my parent's living room on the bottom shelf. I was nine, I was curious. Pulled it open, it is called *A Handbook on Abortion* by Dr. and Mrs. Willke. I remember looking at the cover and seeing this very serious looking woman and I remember thinking, this must be from the 80s or something. This is a history book. So I pulled it out, not that that was that long ago, but for me, it was old. I pull it out and I opened it up and there were these images and I was horrified by what I was looking at. I was looking at the image of a child that had been maybe only ten weeks old, first trimester; little arms, little legs, newly forming little face, but that baby had been a victim of an abortion.

As a nine year old girl looking at this image I just thought -- my heart was touched and I just thought, "How can anybody do this to a baby? Is this real? Is this really happening?"

And from that moment as I began to learn more about it and learn that there are more than 4,000 of these every day, that it was legal since 1973, that this was a holocaust in our country, my heart was convicted and I just thought, "I want to do something. God, show me how I can get involved. Show me what I can do."

James: In college, what happened?

Lila: Well, I got to U.C.L.A. very excited to start a Live Action chapter there. Not exactly the most pro-life school as you would imagine but excited to try to reach my fellow students with the truth about life.

James: Let me just insert here that Live Action is her organization that she started. She's taking action in behalf of life and it is Live Action. It is very much alive and the purpose of keeping life and there is the web site there on the screen. I would highly suggest you check it out. I'm sure there is material there. She is actually going to be with us for another program this week. But you're going to find that she may have some material there that you would want to share in various civic organizations or in your church or your synagogue and just say, "Let's just let people see what's going on." Because we really do need to make a turn. So here you are now, you've got this organization that you've started.

Lila: Yep. And the goal was to reach my fellow students at U.C.L.A. because so many of them just didn't know the truth about abortion. And young people, we're hungry for the truth. So college, high school campuses, junior high, but we've been lied to and we've also faced tough life experiences that make us maybe harden our hearts or make us not what to hear the truth when it does come our way. So I learned pretty quickly that the students at my school were very much given this message by groups like Planned Parenthood, the biggest abortion chain in our country, they're very prestigious, very politically powerful...

James: Receive a tremendous amount of tax dollars, which means it is our dollars, those of us who don't agree with all the things that they're doing at all and yet we're funding it, not with permission. I don't get real happy and I love to give. I love to give to worthy causes. I live to give. I enjoy sharing. I'm full of life but I'm not real happy about writing a check to our federal government when it's being misused in any way and being mismanaged. Does that disturb you? Well, who do you think is going to correct that? I'm talking to you. Well...

Lila: It's shocking but in just the last year, the money they're getting has gone up from a federal level and they got almost half a billion dollars. The biggest abortion chain in our country, Planned Parenthood, they do over 300,000 abortions. They kill 300,000 people every year in our nation, legally and they're getting almost a half billion dollars from us, from taxpayers to do it. They're in our schools, they're on our college campuses, they're at U.C.L.A. promoting internships and things like this and they're trying to build bridges with young people to encourage them to live lifestyles that are sexually promiscuous saying that experiment, sex outside of marriage is good actually.

And then they're also promoting abortion as a way to deal with pregnancy saying, "Oh, pregnancy is a bad thing. It's a disease. Something bad that happens to you so if you get pregnant, just come over and we'll give you an abortion, no questions asked." And that's the system they've set up.

So when I first got to U.C.L.A. I just thought I want to find a way to expose this. I want to find a way to communicate what's really happening to my peers because so many of them just didn't realize that Planned Parenthood was not their friend. That Planned Parenthood is a group that is killing innocent human beings and perpetrating a human rights abuse and they're also victimizing women -- they're hurting women and they're hurting women that are the victims of abuse.

So that was my first investigation, to pose as the abused victim who was facing an unplanned pregnancy and asking for help at a local Planned Parenthood clinic.

James: And did you -- did you go in and act like you were in need of an abortion possibly? And did you portray a certain age; how old did you present yourself?

Lila: Well, it wasn't that hard because I was posing as a 15 year old and I was 18 at the time.

[Laughter]

So I didn't have to act too much. But I just went in and just said, "I'm 15." I had some flip-flops on, I had a T-shirt on trying to look younger and I had a camcorder in my purse. This was before we used -- now we've upgraded to police quality undercover equipment and we're kind of figured it out better. But at the beginning it was just what are they going to say to me? And I walked into that first abortion clinic and it was on Third Street -- on Third Street, Santa Monica Promenade, a beautiful shopping area in L.A. And they had a Planned Parenthood clinic right by a coffee shop on the second story.

I walk in and I tell the clinician at the front desk, I say, "I'm 15, what do I do?"

She says, "Oh, let me talk to you behind the counter." -- Because they must get a lot of young girls.

I said, "He's a lot older, he's 23."

I'm indicating statutory rape and they're required to immediately report this to the police, to child protective services, but instead, the Planned Parenthood worker when I said that, she looked at me and she said, "Just figure out a birth date that works. Lie on the paperwork. Say that you're older than you really are and nobody needs to know about the abortion. We won't tell anybody."

That was my first piece of advice at an abortion clinic. "We won't tell anyone. You can go back with the 23 year old guy, it doesn't matter and we'll give you that secret abortion."

James: Betty, what do you think when you hear this?

Betty: It's just astounding that we've come to this place in our society. As you said earlier, they would say, "Don't change your lifestyle. We can always take care of any problem you run into." To me, that's very, very sad in the first place that it's whatever feels good is okay. If you run into a problem, we can fix that. But it just breaks my heart that... it is a business, isn't it? Just like you walked in there. They weren't concerned at all about the emotional side of it or the fact that you would be taking a life.

James: They weren't concerned about the law and it was a total disregard of the law.

Betty: Or the abuser. Yeah.

James: What I said in the beginning of the program, when you diminish the value of life, you disregard everything of value including the law. You do whatever you need to do to keep whatever you're doing going. But don't -- what do you think the American people should do about this? Can the American people do anything about it? Or are we just helpless?

Lila: Absolutely! First off, I believe in the pro-life movement, in the movement for life, for family for freedom in our country. Victory is within our reach. I think we can have an amendment to our U.S. constitution. I think what's happening among young people where there are conversions, not only conversions to Christ but conversions to life, to the culture of life, to being pro-life. More young people identify as being pro-life now than being pro-choice, the recent polls say. They're among the biggest pro-life demographic in our country. So there's so much momentum for life and for good.

Now people, maybe watching this program, people who care about life, who care about faith, now more than ever, we need to be standing up getting politically involved making sure our churches, our faith communities are involved; making sure that young people have the message of truth.

We have a pro-life magazine that we distribute and we'll send to young people for free. We're doing stuff all the time online; getting out truth through visual media. There are so many ways to get involved with local pro-life organizations, local community pregnancy centers. The opportunities are endless.

But more than ever people need to say, "Hey, Lord! God, how can I be involved?" Examine their lives, examine what they're involved in now and be willing to make sacrifices, maybe take some risks to get out there in the fight because the fight needs all of us to bring us to victory.

James: Don't you think it is a tactic of the enemy of life, the enemy of truth, to try to get something politicized, even though it is spiritual, moral, it is a matter of life, if they can get it politicized then they think they've discounted, dismissed, or written off or discouraged people in the faith community and those who are committed to family from being involved because it's become a political issue. Don't you think that has kept a lot of people out of the fray, so to speak, and from speaking, that's why a lot of people are not even registered or involved? They just say, look at all the dirty stuff that goes on politically so they stay out of it and it just gets worse.

Don't you think that's the biggest mistake believers can make is to stay out of the battle for life and not be involved in choosing our leaders and insists that we make the right decisions and the right choices? Don't you think the responsibility is on the shoulders of a lot of church people who have not been involved?

Lila: Absolutely. First of all, Christ teaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves and then he says, "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do it unto me." So how we are treating the people that are the weakest among us is how Christ says we are treating him. And the way that we're treating the weakest among them is by funding the biggest abortion chain, by allowing politicians to somehow make it okay to have abortion in our country by having a constitution that is not protecting them and that's having communities, that's not caring for unborn brothers and sisters, allowing the abortion chains to make relationships with our local schools, to have fast tracks for our little girls to have abortions. It's crazy what we've allowed.

So I think now more than ever the church does need to rise up. We need leaders of faith to stand up and say, "Enough is enough." This is our nation. This is a nation founded under God for the protection of human life because they are endowed by their creator with these rights and we need to remind people this is a country that is based on Judeo-Christian values. That the reason that we're great is because we value human life; we see human beings as being made in the image of God, human beings as being stamped with that beautiful mark of the creator God, and we need to remind people of that otherwise our nation won't succeed and the liberties that we've gotten to enjoy, and I've gotten to enjoy even, we're going to be losing them.

So I think more than ever, people need to rise up. And young people want to be led and want to follow the example of the older generation to stand up. So whatever you do, you're setting an example. You've set an example for millions with your ministry and with your love for each other and with the way you've touched the world. Young people take notice. We want to be inspired, we want to be led, we want to be a part of the fight too. So this is a responsibility for everyone.

Betty: We set examples by not doing something too, just as much. We say, "I'm not going to vote for that person." Or "I'm not going to vote for that. I just won't vote." Well, you are voting by not voting. You're saying, "That's okay with me. You can do that." And we're just passively letting -- my little family is okay. But some day they might not be okay because how can you separate what's happening in the world from the family?

James: The German pastor Bonhoeffer said, "Not to act is to act, not to speak is to speak." We've got a lot of people who are choosing not to act. And listen, the abortion issue is a major part of all of our problems.

God says that your sins have separated between you and your god. The problem is that you have rebelled and in that list of sins in Isaiah, in that specific context he says, "You shed innocent blood." Where can there be more innocent blood than in the womb? What do you say to a woman who says to you, "It's my body. It's my right. My body! I have the right to choose." What do you say to them?

Lila: Well, first of all, women that say that and men that support that, there are a few things they're not understanding. First of all, yes, women, it is our body, it is our choice. Yeah, we should have the freedom to do what we want with our bodies to an extent where it doesn't hurt somebody else's freedom to be born or to live or to practice their freedom. So rights have to have a limit. I don't have an absolute right to do whatever I want. Nobody has ever -- we shouldn't be teaching that to people.

So a woman's right to do what she wants, to do what she wants with her body stops when it starts to hurt somebody else's right to live, to life; That unborn child as a right to life. That unborn child has a right to enjoy life and the freedoms that we have in this country. So my right to my body stops where it's going to hurt another person.

That's the lesson, that's from a perspective of human rights but there is that deeper perspective of dignity. And the dignity of a woman -- I mean if a woman is pregnant, a woman needs to be cared for, needs to be loved, needs to be supported but it's against our dignity as women -- and this is where some of the ideology out there that's claims to be feminist, that claims to be pro-women is so bent and broken. They somehow preach and

teach that being a woman, living out your woman-ness, your femininity is to choose an abortion so you can go on to have your career, to go on to do what you want with your life. Choosing an abortion, having an abortion is against our dignity as women.

Our dignity as women is to be nurturers, to be beautiful creators, to give life to the world and to serve and love other people. And hurting that unborn child is against our dignity as women as potential mothers.

James: I agree. Do you agree with what Lila is saying? I don't know how anyone can question it.

[Applause]

I thank God for what she's doing.

Lila, I was listening to you there and I felt like you were preaching out of the book, *Indivisible*, that Jay and I have written. Honestly! Because what you were talking about, a major part of the book is talking about life, the right to life.

But we also literally show people how an upside down worldview, where God's on the bottom, not acknowledged, disregarded and everything sacred is being trampled down, when you have that upside down worldview, everything is flipped and everything of value is devalued. We're making a terrible mistake.

There is Lila's web site address. She's going to be back with us in another program and we're going to actually show you where you can see on footage what girls are being told. We were going to show you in another program what a pimp bringing under-age girls in, in order to use them in sex and sets up with an abortion clinic to be sure you can handle the difficulty. You'll see that on another program.

Lila, Betty and I have been spending our life together sharing life. We not only have three children, 11 beautiful grandchildren, but we have spent our life sharing Christ with people but also rescuing people and giving them food, drilling water wells, because of you.

I honestly believe this, we're blessed to communicate with as great an audience of people as there are on the planet and you're all around the world who pray with us and for us and thank you.

But I really believe you identify with the heart of God and I believe you're praying about the things that we bring to you. I know what you're about to see. You are the answer to the need you see and we've got an immediate care -- an immediate correction. I want you to watch closely.

Now I ask you to respond as God directs. I think you're going to be anxious to.

On the mission field:

Clint: Normally, we have the kids in an orderly line and they stand patiently and wait for their meals. But these kids are just so desperate; they're so hungry that they just want food right now. They've gone days without food and they don't want to wait a minute longer.

[Child crying]

End of clip

In the studio:

James: You saw those children fighting for the food that they've stood in line to get. Did you know that right there where you were just watching, in Sudan, just recently, our mission team reported to us that of the children trying to get to the lines to get the food, two children were dying every day?

As you looked at that clip, you saw the three children there with the little beautiful orange bowls that you the viewers told us you wanted to give them, heat-resistant, and you saw those three children, Betty, that's one person, \$30 feeds those three. Then you saw the bowls disappear, that's what happens every six months in the cycle of feeding because we come to you, our viewers, every six months and we ask you to help us feed those children for the next months. And then Betty and I work continually at doing special outreaches to get enough money to feed between the feeding emphases.

Would you help us put food in those bowls? Would you assure the missionaries they're not going to run out, they're going to have the food? Would you dial the telephone number there on the screen?

If your heart was broken and you needed prayer, you call it any time, it's paid for by love. We'll pray for you, pray with you. We care about you. Right now that number is there as a lifeline. We're asking you to help us feed hundreds of thousands of children just like those who saw in Sudan, all over Africa and you see them three at a time, five at a time, ten at a time and here's the amazing thing, for \$30 we can feed three of those children for several months, for \$50, we can feed five, for \$100 we can feed ten, \$1,000, we can feed 100. It's not

total life support. It is not everything children need but it stabilizes their diet, it gets them healthy, it gets them on their feet and then we teach them how to live, and ultimately how to make a living -- and it's a miraculous transformation. It is where the compassion connection brings the necessary healing.

But without you, and the missionaries say you're the key, you're the greatest Christians. I always say the missionaries are. They say, "No, the people that enable us to do what we do are the greatest Christians."

Would you dial the number and take your bankcard and use it like a check please? If you could give \$100, please do so. Help us feed ten of those children. If you can give \$1,000, do it. \$50 will feed five. \$30 will feed three.

We're sending to those of you who would like to have it, the Jesus Storybook for children, children's Bible -- it is fabulous. For your children or grandchildren, the side-by-side parallel Bible with the New International Version, the New King James version -- beautiful study Bible -- to say thank you for helping us feed ten children.

If you'd like to have the DVD, *The Gift of Life*, talking about the importance and value of life, request it. We'll be happy to send it to you. Please help us care for as many children as you possibly can.

Begin video clip:

Announcer: At this very moment, a child is drawing his 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 him face death as well.

Today you can make a difference -- you can help save a life. Life's mission feeding teams are in place right now, ready to answer the hunger cries of 400,000 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 immediately! Your life-saving 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 the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. This beautifully illustrated book will help your children discover for themselves that Jesus is at the center of God's great story of salvation, and at the center of their lives too!

With your gift of \$100 or more to help feed ten children, you may request our New International Version and New King James side-by-side Bible with a two-column format for easy comparison.

Finally, 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 Lion and The Lamb bronze sculpture. Please call, write, or make your gift online today!

End of clip

In the studio:

James: I do hope many of you have actually asked for the beautiful collectible, the art piece, "The Lion and The Lamb" bronze by making a gift that will enable us to feed 100 children or several hundred children.

If you'd like to have the DVD, The Gift of Life, it's something you'll want to share with your church or your Bible study group I'm certain. Ask for it. I'd be glad to send it to you.

Lila, we want to say thank you. We really bless you in your journey and what you're doing because you are really a treasure in this day.

Would you join us in saying thanks to Lila? Thank you so much! There is Lila's web site address. If you want to know how you can get involved with her very directly in winning some real major victories, well you do it. Thanks for watching.

Announcer: Tomorrow, after leading an undercover investigation, Lila Rose exposes the nation's largest abortion chain participating in sex trafficking.