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In the studio:

James: Betty and I welcome you to *LIFE Today*. I'm James Robison. We're talking to you about something that I don't question for a moment that every one of you who are watching us will care deeply about. As a matter of fact, the issue that we're really talking about, Betty, is so hard to believe and imagine and fathom. You think, well, how can this... anywhere in the world, how can something like this happen?

What I'm talking to you about, so you really understand is if you can imagine the little children wherever you live, and I don't know what kind of community where you're in. Where Betty and I live, there are a lot of families with small children and they play in the street quite often. I drive by and I always greet them, and drive slowly to be sure we don't hurt any of them. We have an elementary school not far from where we live, and during the school times there is always the speed limits and the speed bumps and officers; to do what? -- To protect children. You think about people who would be indifferent, hit a child or hurt a child or not care about a child, it kind of gets to you. You think, "How could that be?"

Think about this. What if someone was coming into your area or into your house or maybe where your grandchildren are or your children with the intention of taking that child in whatever misleading way they could? A lot of times predators will offer a child candy or something to get their attention so they can take them captive. Pedophiles do this; sometimes they'll even talk about a pet or say they lost a pet. You think, how can they do this? How can anyone hurt a child?

In much of the world, and sadly even here in the U.S. but in many parts of the world, especially where children are poor, the predators are coming in and they're taking those children captive and they take them into the sex traffic, into sexual slavery, and use them from small children all the way through their adult life. Betty, I remember when we first started talking about this to our television audience we thought, we don't know if our viewers are going to watch it. I just wish I could reach out and throw my arms around you. Not only did you watch, you said, "We can't wait to help. What do we need to do to rescue those children and those women from being held as sex slaves?" And you've helped build an unbelievable LIFE Center. You've helped establish centers and outreaches for children. It's been unbelievable!

Betty, we're bringing another area of deep concern where our viewers cannot only start rescuing little children but build another beautiful place for them where they have a family and they have a chance.

Betty: James, when I think of children, they're so precious. Children are supposed to be cared for. They're supposed to be nurtured. They're supposed to be loved. They're supposed to have a safe place. And these children are stripped from any kind of security they might have had with their families and thrown into this lifestyle that they would not have chosen. They did not get to make the choice but yet they're trapped. They're just like animals put in cages and waiting for the time when they will be used and abused.

It just breaks my heart when I think about this. But to think also that we have an opportunity to change all that, we have an opportunity to make a difference for these children so they can jump around and play and laugh and be children again.

James: You referenced that waiting time to where they're used, that waiting time normally is very, very short. As a matter of fact, they will take them and cage them but normally within a matter of days, if not sometimes hours, they've got some client coming in to take advantage of that little innocent child, and then they hold them captive.

I want you to listen to Jeanne Rogers as she, in the midst of the heartache and the pain and what she has seen and what she has witnessed, she just begins to share her heart concerning the reality of what's going on, the pain, and really the hope that we can offer -- that can only come -- it can only come from people who care and say, "You know what? I want to correct that. I'm not only going to care, I'm going to do whatever it takes." Listen to Jeanne.

Mission Clip:

Jeanne Rogers: I was vaguely aware it existed but I had no idea how horrible it was until I was confronted with it face to face. Human trafficking, the sex slave trade is happening in our world right now. When I learned that even children were being trafficked, I knew I had to go to those places. I wanted to see for myself.

It's dangerous to get a close look at human trafficking. You have to go under cover to do it. I had to travel around the world, basically to go to these countries where the sex trade is so prevalent. The first city we went to is a very large place and there were street after street after street lined with these clubs and bright neon lights advertising these young beauties that could be bought. It was horrible! One after another, guys would come up to us with a menu of all the sexual activity that could be bought with their person... that they were ready to sell to you.

It was very common at night as we walked through the streets to see some children just playing in an area and there would be no adult supervision at all. You know if I was one of the traffickers, I could easily grab this child and be gone and the parents would never see her again. You know what? She is the kind of little girl that they're looking for. That's how these human traffickers work, just snatching children off of the streets. That child would be raped, beaten, and drugged for the rest of their life. They might even be in a cage to break their spirit, to break any rebellion that they might have.

I can't even imagine what a child is thinking about his life and about his future when that's being done to him by these evil men. What a big business it is and how profitable it is for all these evil people that see nothing in taking a precious child's life and destroying it because they can make some money off of them.

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In the Studio:

James: Do you know that next to drugs, that's the second largest illegal business in the world? What Jeanne was describing -- and you saw the images of the little girls that like she said, they could be taken to quickly and that's exactly what's happening. They're being taken and they're being taken captive.

Betty, in Nepal, there is such extreme poverty and if you don't know where it is, you've got Mount Everest as one of the incredible beautiful vistas that you can see and its right where the children can be taken straight into India and end up in the areas where there is the most, let's say, more people trafficking, more people there looking for something. They take these children in those areas out of the poverty areas where people are so desperate that when somebody comes in and says, "We'll do something for your child," the parents want the little child to be helped and have an opportunity. A lot of times they promise them they're going to take them and give them a good education, even ultimately have a good job and they'll be able to help the parents, and they've got them. But many times they'll just come to a poor area and take them.

We have found that there are people who are in the trade who have children who are afraid that their children are going to end up there. As a matter of fact, you're going to hear such a story. But let me make sure you understand what we're doing. I think sometimes you ask the question, "Well, James, we see something. What can we do about it?"

Here's the beauty of the LIFE Center. Do you remember the incredible LIFE Center that we built in Thailand? Well, we -- do you understand the "we"? It's not just we, LIFE Outreach, or we, James and Betty and our team. No, "we" is you -- viewers all over the world. You're the "we." Well, that incredible LIFE Center that we built, so beautiful, you see images of it in pictures, you see the children singing, happy. Many of them were taken from predators; many of them were taken before the predator got them. And then we're continually ministering to children, not only to those who stay there and learn to speak English and get a good education but they learn to sing and praise God and they love God, and they go out and bless others. But we have people coming there continually where they're bringing children from the community and they're being touched.

This is what we need to do in Nepal. We need to build a LIFE Center in Nepal. We need about a quarter of a million dollars. This is above normal responsibilities that we have, and that's in addition to raising the support, \$128 per child or per person to get them out of the sex trade. We need a lot of \$128 gifts. Remember this, because of the concern of others your gift is going to be doubled. Whatever you give, it is doubled. But we need not only you to help rescue a child or a woman, but we need you to help us build that LIFE Center. We need that. And we're asking you, I'm impressed there is someone who can give several thousand dollars. What better place could you put it than to rescue children from this awful possibility?

Would you make a large gift? It will be doubled. We're asking for \$1,000 gifts to build the LIFE Center, along with the \$128 gifts to rescue a child. Whatever you give, it's doubled. I want you to listen to the cry of a mother, a prostitute who was concerned about her child.

Mission Clip:

Announcer: Our missionary partners in Nepal are motivated by love as they seek to reach children who are at risk of being trafficked into the sex slave trade. Knowing that children are literally trafficked every day motivates them to travel into the far reaches of remote mountain areas and down to the depth of the city slums.

Giselle: We work together here. This is Dhruba and we come out to these slums with our team and try to go out and help all of these children that right now are in danger of being trafficked.

Announcer: This day was no exception for our team as they learned about a mother named Suma and her daughter Shepa who are in a battle to survive, not only grinding poverty but the dangers of human traffickers.

Giselle: Suma and Shepa are just barely surviving. It is freezing here. Their conditions are so horrible. Suma, the mother is forced to sell herself. She has been selling herself every night to traffickers in the slum area just to be able to provide something to eat for little Shepa. The traffickers have already asked the mother if they could take her. At any moment, these traffickers could come through and steal Shepa from her and she'll never see her again.

This mother is crying out to us to help her, to take her little girl and put her somewhere safe. And my terror is that I'm going to come back and walk through that slum and I'm going to find Suma and I'm not going to see Shepa anymore. If we can just go in there and provide a safe home for her, we will see her again.

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In the studio:

James: You hear the heart cry, a mother saying, "Would you take my little girl?" That's because she knows that she's likely to be literally taken by someone who is taking her back into the same kind of situation that the mother ended up in. So she is saying, "Please take my child because I know someone will come to take her that is going to destroy her and use her."

Well, how do we take that child? Well, we have to have a place to take her. That's why we're asking you to literally get up and go and get your checkbook or get your bankcard and dial the number that you see there on the screen and say, "I'm going to help you build that LIFE Center." I don't know what you're capable of doing. I know Betty and I never see a need that we think we could address at any level and God touches our heart that we don't try to do it. Obviously, we can't help every need.

That's one reason we were reluctant to even bring this need to our viewers because you're a precious people, most of you are not associated with the wickedness of the world. Some of you may have been delivered from it but you don't see that and you don't like it. So we didn't know if bringing it to you would be effective. But sure enough, you said, "We care so much."

So that's what I'm asking you to do. Make the best gift you can right now to help us build that center and know it will be doubled. What you give will be doubled. Now remember this, the average cost to rescue a child or a woman, and this is what the missionaries have proven out over the years, it's \$128; that will rescue someone. It will be doubled. You say, "I can do that." That's quite a step to give that \$128 but it will now be two. You give \$1,000 toward the LIFE Center, it's \$2,000. If you could give \$5,000 it becomes \$10,000 all because someone said, "We see that need and we're going to meet it."

Giselle, she was abused. She was trafficked when she was a girl. Horrible! Horrible! But it happened. She became a fashion model. She left that to go and help those in areas like Nepal and she is giving the women a job. She's teaching them to make necklaces and to do other crafts to make a living.

We're sending a necklace to those of you who will help rescue a child. We're sending the book, *Indivisible* for any gift that will help you literally correct our nation's course with wisdom and preserve freedom all over the world -- very, very important book. And "The Lion and The Lamb" bronze for those of you who will help build that LIFE Center.

Father, that mother said, "Take my little girl." We want that little girl to be in your arms, God, of love, and missionaries who care. And we want them to have a future, a hope that you promise. Move people right now to go and say, "Here's my gift, in Jesus' name."

Would you make the gift God put on your heart please? Dial the number, take your bankcard, use it like a check. If you write a check, make it to LIFE but call us and tell us what you're putting in the mail. You can go online, LifeToday.org and make the gift.

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.

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

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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.

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In the studio:

Betty: Well, I look at those precious children and I saw that one especially, just looking up with their big brown eyes and in their heart, I know they think, "Who is going to take care of me? What do we do next?"

These children don't have the choice to make whether they get into this lifestyle, they're caught in it. Their families are lied to. Their families are promised things that are never going to happen for their children and so they go into this lifestyle and these children are trapped. They never know what it is like to be a little child, to jump around and play, and to laugh. That just tears my heart out.

I know that as you're watching, it touches your heart too. We've got to do something! We need to give them a safe place, and that safe place is a LIFE Center where they can come and be protected and watched over. Please help us do that!

James: We were watching Carol Hart sitting there in the midst of the children; I think most of you know the story of the Thailand LIFE Center that's so beautiful. Carol and her husband served the entertainment industry, Hollywood, with great power plants, generators, for their out-on-location shoots and they made great money. She sold a seven carat diamond ring in order to have the money to go overseas. Our mission emphasis touched their hearts and gave them -- increased their burden. We literally found them over there working.

Betty, they were there working when we found them because we were looking to see what we could do to help, and they had already started renting properties and trying to have a place. When they found out our interest, and we saw their heart, that they were willing to go and plant their lives there, they never come back. They come back to visit but that's where they are. We find people that have that heart to, so to speak, leave everything in order to do what God called them to do.

Here's the thing you need to understand because see, the enemy, Satan, will try to make you feel like you don't love enough because you're not over there. Wait a minute, if everybody was over there, there wouldn't be anybody that had the resources or the wherewithal to help them stay there. That's why the missionaries always want me to tell you they think you're the most important link. The Bible says, "How shall they go unless they're sent?" Well, you're making it possible.

Two things: We need your help to rescue as many children, as many girls as possible. It costs \$128 -- that's the average to rescue a child. Your gift will be matched by caring hearts who said, "This is so important we'll match the gift." -- That's big love! Would you dial

the number? Take your bankcard, write a check, go online, LifeToday.org and make the biggest gift you can. If you can help us build that LIFE Center, we're asking for \$1,000 gifts or more. I know that's a lot but it will be doubled but we need about a quarter of a million dollars. You'd be building something here that would be probably several million dollars in facilities because of the labor and everything; the material is a lot less expensive there in Nepal.

Would you go to the phone right now? Would you make that call? Remember, if you help us rescue a child, Giselle has these girls making beautiful necklaces. We'll send you one to say thank you. You'll treasure it. It may just become a conversation piece.

We're sending, for any gift, the book, *Indivisible*. Let me tell you something, this may be the most important gift I've ever given you who are concerned about our nation, about what's happening here and all over the free world, in the U.K., things going on in Australia, you tell me. Listen, this is what you've been praying for; this is an answer to your prayers.

We're sending this to say thank you for any gift to help rescue life, to help build that center; "The Lion and The Lamb" bronze to say thank you for helping build that LIFE Center. Please make that call, make that special gift and thank you for doing it.

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James: Betty and I just want to say thank you so much for your help. By the way, if you should get a busy, just say, "I'm going to get through because I'm going to rescue someone. I'm going to help." The book, Indivisible, I think it is the most important thing I've done in a 50-year ministry, to join with someone else, to help you address the concerns that we not only need to pray about but that we need to understand, give us the answers we're looking for so we can find the direction we can and must go. Encourage your friends to get the book in the bookstores or online. We're offering hope. It is not too late. Thank you so much for your help!