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Betty: Welcome to *LIFE Today*! Thank you so much for joining us. I'm Betty Robison and this is James. You're interrupting me!

James: I'm sorry! All these beautiful people out here.

Betty: I wasn't through.

James: I'm so sorry. They are beautiful. They just have the glory of God on them.

A lot of them have heard our guest, they've heard Christine Caine. She is from Australia but she's been spending a lot of time here. She's gone all over the world. It's amazing that wherever she goes, the glory of God just settles and it is just beautiful.

Some of you have heard Christine and you appreciated her; you like what she has to say and you appreciate her?

[Cheers & Applause]

Well, welcome Christine.

Christine, good to see you.

Christine: Hi, James. Hi, Betty. How are you?

James: Say "Australia" for me.

Christine: Australia.

James: Australia. Do I say it funny?

Christine: You say "awesome" more funny.

[Laughter]

James: Do you think because we notice your accent, in Australians, and we like it. We

really like it. It's not like we don't like it, we notice it. Is my accent, is it just extremely noticeable?

Christine: James, there is the American accent and then there is the Texan, the nation of Texan, and you have a distinct one anyway.

[Laughter]

And so y'all -- I've learned to say y'all.

James: Why do the Australian -- I've never said it exactly right -- none of our English is exactly right -- but why is it that the people in Australia, so obviously -- I wish I could give you a big hug, all of you -- why do they love me and Betty in the way they express it and they seem to like what we do, and they seem to like what we represent. What is that?

Christine: There is no doubt about it, down under, and I know people that watch your show, love you because you're authentic and Australians are just real deal people. We don't like a lot of fluff and bubble. You just tell it like it is and people like bottom lines in Australia and you're the real deal and that's what we like.

James: Now when you look at us because I'm concerned about our country right now, I think we've been digging a very deep ditch. I think it is beyond just the debt. I think we're making some very unbiblical, even anti founding principles -- decisions, kind of an upside down worldview. Do you agree when you look in and you see us and you see us in need of a spiritual awakening?

Christine: A definite awakening. I'm just thinking, when I first became a Christian 25 years ago, I remember just what an influence the American church had on us Australian believers.

Our heritage was a group of convicts, we didn't have much Christian heritage and all of the sudden we kind of got saved. The Lord began to really move in our nation and I'm from a church in Australia, the Hillsong Church, the Lord's just really, really blessed that movement. And American Christians and the American church has been so foundational in helping us to grow and become the men and women of God that we are.

Now, it is very interesting, in the last few years I've been spending more and more time here. There are things that I'm seeing in America that I would never have

believed I would ever see in my lifetime -- like never would I have believed it. In fact, there's been a bit of a shift. I think that perhaps what's happened is a lot of believers tended to fall asleep and forgot the urgency of the mission we're about and we need --. I do a lot of work all around the world and I kind of feel like saying, "Hey, American church, we need you. We need you to wake up and step up to the plate and take your place in the kingdom so that together we can advance the kingdom of God."

James: So does that mean when you have a responsibility, democracy, that is a constitutional republic, meaning that we have a constitution; we're governed by constitutional law, which is the safest way to, as our founders understood it, to keep evil people who have evil tendencies under control without putting a monarch or a dictator... but the law.

And we have that and as we've drifted away from that it's as though Christians have refused to assume the responsibility of even participating. Since they have dragged in the political arena so many of the moral issues, everything from marriage to behavior, to education, to prayer, to faith, to what the church must and can't do; all of these things have now been imposed and Christians have just -- don't do anything with politics so they kind of stayed out.

It looks to me like people suddenly have a decision to make in our community whether or not we're going to have pedophiles playing randomly in our park so we're going to have to vote on it. It is as though they would say, "Oh, that's political, we're not going to vote." It is actually that preposterous because people wouldn't say that or like say, "We're going to now violate the speed zones in our school zones and you can go through them at 50 miles an hour at school time. It doesn't matter because church stay out of it." They don't have to obey the law or they don't have to keep the rules, they can do whatever they want to do, and the church just keeps going to church and singing while we make these decisions that the church is not even involved in because they said, "Stay out of it." To me this sounds foolish.

Christine: Of course, it is foolish and because we're people, we're part of society. And the only way that a nation can become so dark --

I know a while ago I was listening to a program and you talked about the absence of light and the light being covered. Well, darkness only prevails in the absence of light. And I think when Jesus told us -- he actually prayed, "Father, I do not pray that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They're not of the world just as I'm not of the world. Sanctify them by your word, your word is truth. As you sent me, I send them."

I don't actually see any precept in the Bible for Christians to abdicate their responsibility in their world. In fact, we ought to be that salt and light that you talked about permeating every sphere of society including politics. I don't know where a Christian ever thought we shouldn't be involved in the very fabric of our society. And I think the very mere fact that we've abdicated our responsibility, that we've equated the blessed life with the safe life is basically why we've ended up where we are. Jesus didn't come from heaven to earth and die on a cross and rise again to make our lives safe; he came to make us dangerous to the kingdom of darkness and that's our job.

I guess in a lot of ways, that's even what I talked about is we should not fear the darkness, we need to go and dispel the darkness with the life and the light and the truth and the justice and the mercy of Jesus that lives on the inside of us and we have nothing to fear. And I think running away and hiding is why the world has ended up in the mess that it's in. So it is urgent.

Ephesians chapter five verse 14, the scripture says: Awake oh, sleeper. And I feel like it's time to wake up. We've been pressing the snooze button on the alarm clock kind of going, "No, God, not yet. I like my life. I want to snooze."

And God's saying, "There is no more snooze left. This is it. The alarm is sounding. I need my church to awake --."

I think we are the sleeping giant and if we just woke up and we got up and we took action with the righteousness and the love and the mercy and the grace of God.

Betty: And he gave us an armor to put on. Why would he if there weren't going to be some battles in life?

Christine: I totally agree with you and I think when we don't get about the father's business and doing what we're called to do then we just end up, settling. Somehow, I don't know what it is that we're waiting for. I say most Christians don't take any risks and it is almost like the purpose of their life is to arrive at death safely. Now I don't know. What are we going to do? Fall into that coffin and go, "Oh, I got here. I'm going to die safely."

We're not called to live safe, we're called to live a reckless, godly, dangerous, abandonment -- I don't know, I've read the scripture. I don't see anything safe about the Christian life. James, you might but I don't see anything safe about it.

James: It's exciting though because it is an adventure. It's an adventure that is so exciting and so potentially perilous because of the pitfalls and because of the acts of the enemy that you need the watch care of the shepherd that is leading you beside still waters into green pastures, who is looking after you.

Now you wrote the book, *Undaunted*, and your journey has been one that one could be pressed back, pressed down. This is --

By the way, Christine can deliver the goods. She cannot deliver it all in one service or one place that she shares or teaches or testifies, whatever you want to call it, when she delivers the goods that God put in her heart, she can't get it all out, not in one setting, not even in several days. But she has put much of the journey that is so important in this incredible book. Do you see all of these little blue tabs? I mean it is awesome. As a matter of fact, I'm going to have a really, really hard time not just going through here and reading the chapter title.

I said, "Christine, I can just read the chapter title and you'll hit something. The problem is, I'm afraid you'll have to explain the whole chapter." This is absolutely fantastic! -- The Schindler's List Moment. I'm Not Who I Thought I Was. Scar Tissue. Heartbreak or Breakthrough? Love and Fear. I Once was Lost. Awakened. Divine Interruption. And facing the Giants. Conclusion of the Challenge. This is basically your story.

I want everyone to get it. As a matter of fact, we're offering a book that we've written I think is critical but if you help us do what God's put on our heart, we'll gladly send you this book. It's in the bookstores. You can immediately go online and order it. I pray you'd run to the bookstore and get it.

But Christine, tell us something about why you finally decided to put it down in print.

Christine: I think -- in light of a lot of what we're talking about, you just continue to see the darkness pervading everywhere and I thought, "Where are we? We who have been rescued by Jesus, what are we daunted by? Why is there so much fear? What are we scared of?"

I think back in my own life and I came from a background where I'd been left in a hospital unnamed and unwanted when I was born. At 33, I found out that I had been adopted, that my birth certificate doesn't have a name on it. It has "Child's Name, Unnamed, number 2508" of 1966. So I was just given a number without a name and pretty much, most weeks of my life from the time I was three 'til about 15 or 16, I had

been sexually abused by several different men so there was a lot of brokenness, obviously a lot of rejection, a lot of fear, and a lot of unforgiveness. And I'm a trophy of the grace of God, a living testimony like all of us that Jesus Christ comes in and transforms your life. But not just so that you can survive and then I don't know what people think. It's kind of like Jesus healed me and then it stops and I'm waiting to go to heaven. I've got a job to do.

James: That sounds disgustingly boring to me. And yet that's what people look like sitting in churches who are waiting for the great escape.

Christine: That's what I'm thinking! I'm like, there's actually, and the whole book is found in Ephesians 2:10 that we're Christ's workmanship. We're created in Christ Jesus for good works that he created beforehand that we should walk in them. So the enemy's central assignment, obviously, is to steal, kill, and destroy my life and so many other lives but we're proof that Jesus quenched that and he not only forgave my past but gave me a brand new life and I hope for the future so that I could fulfill the good works that God put me on the earth to do. So when you're about the father's business and you're about mission and the kingdom, there is just a sense of purpose and destiny that I who have been rescued by Jesus have a responsibility to rescue others.

And then the book is, come on, what is it that daunts us? The disillusionment, the fears, the insecurities, the apathy, the indifference, what is it that keeps us as Christians from not doing the one thing that Jesus left us here on the earth to do? There are many things that we can do and there are lots of things we'll still be doing in heaven but there is one thing we cannot do on the other side of eternity, which is the only thing we can do now which is help to seek and save that which is lost and to go into all the world and be the light and life and hope and salt and truth of Jesus Christ to a lost and broken world.

So I think we ought to be undaunted by the darkness. Either we believe that greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world or we should all give up now. I actually am just old school enough to believe that we can do this... that with God nothing is impossible. That what's impossible with man is possible with God. And the reason I believe it is because it happened for me. And if it can happen for me, it can happen for millions of others and then specifically in the book I talk about my involvement with helping to rescue the victims of human trafficking like we are at *LIFE Today*, and we're involved together to do this.

Jesus rescued me and I know, I remember, James, what it was like when I was being abused with no hope of getting out, of the torment and the screams going on in my head wishing that somebody could get me out of this mess. And there are millions that have that cry and that scream day in and day out and night in and night out.

I remember one night I woke up out of my sleep and I could hear the screams after I'd seen the posters and realized there were 27 million victims of human trafficking on the earth today and I just screamed, "We're coming to get you! We're coming to get you."

We have a responsibility. How can I, after what I've been through, ignore the plight of so much of the world that still lives in darkness and call myself a believer? I actually don't know. I can't put the two together. I cannot -- and Jesus says all throughout the Bible, really, the bottom line, faith without works is dead. Does our faith work or doesn't it? And the place it works is in a dark world.

[Applause]

Betty: Sometimes I think just as you were saying, I think we need to remember where we came from and that moment when we felt desperate and we thought, "Oh, God help me!" And God usually uses other children of his to do that. So that's where our obligation, our responsibility comes in; and it shouldn't be an obligation. It should be, "Oh, I want to tell you what God did for me!"

James: It's a joyful assignment.

Betty: It's like you can hardly wait to get it out.

Christine: I think you've got to because it is a passion. Once God has so rescued you, it is a passion. Most Christians have turned it into a boring religious obligation. So we think it is an obligation and it is optional, and it's neither an obligation nor is it optional. So you do what you want from passion. No one has to make you.

And so people come to me, "Chris, you're always fired up."

I go, "I was dying. I know what it was like to --."

They go, "You're just..." As if somehow it's a personality profile. "Christine, this is just where you fit on the disk survey. This is your strength finder. This is your love language." I'm like we write books so we can excuse Christians from being Christians.

The bottom line is we're just saved. And this is called the normal Christian life, I was once lost now I'm found. I was once broken now I'm healed. So I was once living in fear but God has not given me a spirit of fear but of love, power, and a sound mind so let's go and do.

James: And the New Testament Christian said, "We can't help but speak the things we've seen and heard because they'd seen and heard something. Most people go to church like they've never seen or heard anything of any interest worth sharing. It's like telling grandparents, "Don't tell anybody about your grandchildren." What? A preacher at a convention said to his friends at a convention, "Have I told you about my grandchildren?" They said, "No, and we sure do appreciate it."

[Laughter]

We always want to talk about what we're excited about. You talked about your little daughter being in a big department store and she bought a flashlight. Tell that. That was a great story.

Christine: It was also because Sofia wanted a flashlight. You know for an Australian, when you want to go shopping in America, the place that we love is Wal-Mart. It's like the biggest tourist attraction.

James: We live here and we like that place.

Christine: Because you can't go anywhere in Australia at 11:00 at night and buy a gun and breakfast cereal and... It's fantastic! You can't do that anywhere. Only in America, God bless it, we love it.

So we were in Wal-Mart and I bought Sofia a tiny little flashlight. She was flicking it on while I was paying. Because there was all the fluorescent lighting in the Wal-Mart she was turning her flashlight on but she couldn't see the light because there was already so much light. The magnitude and the immensity of the light that was already there was diluting that light. So I'll never forget it. As I was paying, she yells at me in her little three-year-old voice. She went, "Mummy, can we please go and find some darkness?"

I froze. I turned around and I literally out loud, the lady must have thought I was just - I don't know. I said to her, "Out of the mouth of babes." I said... to my three year old,

I'm just like prophesying over her. I said, "Sofia. You are saying more than most Christians understand at your age."

We were born for the darkness because she understands if you lock my daughter in a basement without a flashlight, she is so frightened of the dark. She is very, very frightened and you could hear her screaming from Sydney to here.

But if you give her a tiny flashlight, she will lock that basement door, she'll go further down looking for more and more darkness because she's got a revelation at her age, it is not the size of the darkness around you, it's the strength of the light within you that can dispel that darkness.

[Applause]

James: This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.

I'm going to tell you, here's the beautiful thing. When you go in a church, you've got women all over this place that said you just turned them inside out. When you go in a church you know what happens? They all not only let their light shine, they stand together and let it shine and they become the city set on a hill. And Jesus said it cannot be hidden.

Now here's what I've added to this.

By the way, the Lord has given me permission to add this. I'm not adding to the Bible, I'm going to speak prophetically. I'm going to speak a word of life that cannot be hidden, that will not be hidden and must not be hidden. Does that make sense? That's who we're supposed to be. And that right now in America when we make decisions for who our leaders are going to be and what policies are going to be in place and what kind of budgets we're going to adopt and who's going to assume the responsibility for it, that's big stuff. That means people who understand truth, who are what? -- More than conquerors.

How can you be more than a conqueror if you never even went to the battle, you never even showed up? It was like you didn't even know there was an enemy. You didn't even know there's a battle for heaven's sake. Well, why did Jesus say put the armor on if there is no enemy and no battle? Why did he say you've got an adversary like a roaring lion? Let's go to battle. Listen, we can win. You know how we win? By being an answer to the prayer of Jesus. That's how we win. We become one with the father and we're perfected in a supernatural unity with one another. We don't even know

what that looks like. It doesn't mean sameness. It doesn't mean we agree on everything. But we stop fighting over the issues that will never be settled in this lifetime and we stand firm on the rock-solid absolutes, the rock of hearing and doing what he said. This is what this girl is talking about all the time.

Get this book. I've already told you this -- by the way, do you appreciate Christine writing the book, *Undaunted* -- being undaunted? Challenging all of us to be undaunted. That's what... we're one. It's like she and Beth Moore are one. They have --

Can you imagine turning these two loose? I think that might pretty well straighten America and Australia out.

By the way, she loved being at Hillsong. She loved the Australian people. We do too. I know many of you have been wanting us to come down there and we're praying about that because we love you and we know you love us and you love our nation.

All over the world, thank you for your prayers. We want to send you the book, *Undaunted*, if you'll do what we just referred to, what she referenced about the sexual abuse that could have destroyed her life. There are a lot of people who are trapped and they're waiting for someone to come and get them out. Every few minutes you can't believe how many are being taken and sold into this -- as little children! Imagine -- I can't even imagine the awfulness of preying on them.

And yet, if we're not careful in America, we're going to soon be asking to decide whether it is normal -- man/boy relationships, children relationships -- God has mercy on us! If the church doesn't be a light, it's going to be commonplace. But when we see a need and we can meet it, let's join hands and hearts and do it. We have found our viewers all over the world, when you show a legitimate need and a way to address it effectively, you want to help. Watch this closely because you really are the answer to this challenge.

>> No time to dream.

>> No one to care.

>> The love of strangers is all I know.

>> Another day I have survived.

>> Where to turn?

>> Who to trust? No future.

>> No hope.

>> No thinking about tomorrow.

>> Or dwelling in the past.

>> Do I live or do I die?

>> Tears are my only friend.

>> No time to dream.

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>> No one...

>> No one...

>> To care.

>> To care.

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In the studio:

James: Boy! Sold into the sex trade. Many of these children get into it because someone comes, some predator comes to an impoverished family and says, "We're going to take your child and we're going to teach them. We're going to give them a future."

Sometimes they give the parents something as meager and I've watched this happen. They'll offer them a portable radio, a cassette player, something that they didn't have and they'd say, "Now we're going to take care of them. We're going to educate them."

And they basically put them in a prison. That's why we built the *LIFE Centers* around the world. That's why we want to build one now in Nepal.

Betty, we've had, what I always call a miracle answer to prayer. We've had a group of our friends say, "We will match whatever the people give this week." In other words, it takes us \$128 -- this is what all the mission and rescue workers tell us -- to rescue someone out of the trafficking, get them on the road to recovery.

And this is our last week we're asking you to help us. This is critical. I've got to be honest with you, we need a surge of support. So it takes \$128. If you could make that gift that's going to be matched, instead of rescuing one person like those -- two went out in the last minute -- rescuing them, you'll be rescuing two with a \$128 gift. A \$64 gift is matched and you've rescued someone.

We want to complete the *LIFE Center* in Nepal. This is a haven, not only where people will stay but where they will come to be ministered to, where we'll be able to see them come out of that life and go into a new life. And one of the areas we train them in is they've begun to make beautiful necklaces like this, all different colors. Then with \$128 gift we'll send you one of the beautiful necklaces. Could you give \$1,000 toward that *LIFE Center*?

Father, I pray everyone watching will give. I thank you for the matching gift. In Jesus' name.

Would you dial that number and take your bankcard? Boy, you talk about a ticket out of hell, that's what you're providing right now, a home, a haven, to get a new future where they can learn how to be creative and do something. And we'll send you an expression of gratitude, something they did.

And we also -- and this is a critical time for us to pray and Governor Huckabee said, "You read this book and the scripture verse that says 'My people perish for lack of knowledge' will no longer apply." You think about the supernatural miracle of God bringing people together who have some differences, me a Protestant evangelical with a Catholic philosopher, Jay Richards, and both the Catholic leadership, Ignatius Press, the Catholic Press, and the Evangelical Faith Words Press joined together, it's almost unheard of, and published it together. This is, I believe, what Jesus prayed for.

We want to send this to you. It's like a textbook out of darkness so you'll know how to pray. You'll not only understand election decisions but the direction our nation must go and why, and you'll be able to explain it graciously and lovingly in wisdom. We

send this. We'll also send the Christian VOTE pins to remind people of their responsibility. Would you right now go to the phone? Would you go online at LifeToday.org? You can make a gift that way. Many people are led to do that now. Whatever you give, it's going to be doubled.

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."

This is the last week! Please call, write, or make your gift online!

In the studio:

James: I want to from the bottom of my heart express thanks for helping us do something so very, very important.

Also I want to mention whatever you do, you help us. We're sending the book, *Indivisible* but we'll also send Christine Caine's book, *Undaunted*. What an incredible inspiration; what a challenge. Would you join Betty and me in saying a big thank you?

She's going to be back with us on another program so this is going to be a really neat week. Would you say thanks to Christine Caine?

Christine, we love you!

Christine: Thank you so much! You guys are awesome.

James: Thank all of you for watching. Australian friends, I may never say it any way but like a Texan but we love you! God bless you! All of you!