

Week 46

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James: Thank you so much. What a privilege it is to come into your home or wherever you are watching. I'm James Robison. My wife Betty and I welcome you.

Louie Giglio -- now his name would be hard for some people to pronounce. Not for me, Robison seems to give people more trouble. I think they've done better with Giglio. Louie Giglio, it's an unusual name.

Let me tell you something. This guy really really impacted me. I'm going to tell you how he impacted me. I come into the area where she has her computer and she is watching something and she is totally captivated. And I'm quite impressed because I'm seeing almost like the unfolding of a galaxy; I'm seeing something pretty special. And we're hearing about how big God is. But it's not long before I'm watching this girl weeping. And I had to go do something and I had come back later and now, we've lost you. I mean you're just gone. But I could tell this is a huge crowd and it mostly looked like college students.

Betty and I, I know we're very youthful looking. We're not your typical college couple. She's captivated by how big God is. I found myself just -- I buckled my seat belt and I just settled in to watch Louie Giglio. And he has the Passion series and conferences and works with Chris Tomlin, a fabulous praise leader and musician, and I think Matt Redman. But this is incredible.

And we've got Louie here as our guest. Would you welcome Louie Giglio to *LIFE Today*?

Good to see you.

Louie: Thank you. It's great to be here.

James: I love the way you dress. You hung out in Texas a while and... you see what I've got on.

Louie: I love it! I love it.

James: Yours looks a little bit like boots. But you really -- God really has given you an

incredible gift. I've got enough wisdom to know, you may be pretty sharp but what you've got is a real touch and anointing of God.

Are you finding yourself a little bit amazed and surprised at exactly what God is doing right now with Louie?

Louie: There is no one ever more amazed and surprised than the person God is using because all of us know who we are. We all know what we struggle with. We all know what we're up against internally, externally, and we all know that we are weak. We all know that it's all Jesus. In fact, I've never figured out how anybody God is using can be anything other than humble, unless they don't know who they are. And when you know who you are and you see what God does, you don't have to worry.

People say, "Do you ever worry about getting proud?"

"Not as long as I'm living with me, I don't."

[Laughter]

-- Because I know who I am. And the fact that God chooses to use any of us is an absolute stunning miracle.

James: It really is. By the way, that's the reason I wrote *The God of All Creation*. Why in the world would you make a short legged dog that's as long as weenie, and got long ears? And she jumps in my lap and I spend five minutes telling her how beautiful she is. And she is lapping it up and loving it.

I asked God, I said, "God, why did you make them? And we love them so much?"

And he said, "I wanted you to understand how much you can love something so less significant than you are so you would understand how much I can love you so much less significant than I am." And I'm beginning to catch on. Well, buddy, you've caught on. I'm going to tell you this.

Listen, college universities love this guy and they ought to. But I've got news for you. Everybody likes this guy because he has got a message. I want you --

By the way, I'd love to show you all this stuff. Let me put his web site up. This is Indescribable. This is so fantastically beautiful to just go through this. It's like you

went to some great astrological center and began to look at all of space and you're seeing what God did because it is indescribable. The way Louie illustrates things it is fabulous. God has just given him a gift. But what you were doing in this series, and this is five of these Passion messages where you do these conferences and you call them Passion?

Louie: The conference is called Passion. It is for 18 to 25 year olds. It's trying to inspire them around the idea that life is not about us, it's all about Jesus. Our lives take on the greatest significance possible when we make our lives as small and finite as they are about Him and about His glory.

James: So you say 18 to 25, so all the people that are older than that who are sitting here saying, "Well, thanks a lot!" We're trying to...

Louie: Two good things I'll tell you. You can come and be a door holder, which is what we call our volunteers. And it doesn't mean literally holding a door. It means opening the way for the next generation to experience the greatness and the power and the glory of God. And we'll have about 2,000 of those in Atlanta, come January for Passion 2013 and they're all ages and they love it. God touches you no matter where you are serving.

And secondly, anybody that is older probably has a daughter and maybe even a granddaughter and I'm telling you, they might like a ticket to Passion 2013 for Christmas this year.

James: There you go. Now that's a great idea!

Betty: And if you're older, like I did, you can watch it.

Louie: You can watch it. The conference is streamed live online. You can watch the videos later.

Betty: The inspiration and the spirit come across as if you were there. I mean when I watched it I thought, I hope those young people that are there in person feel what I felt as I realized again... and I'm nearly 70 years old but I had to go back as I was listening to you and think, how great God has been in my life, personally, and it just grows and grows and grows. It's endless. It's unlimited.

James: Betty, the way you were enjoying it and the way we've enjoyed it, you can enjoy it in the series. And you know if you watch us, as a matter of fact, anybody that

watches me, they don't have to wonder, "Is James going to ask us to help somebody?" If they turned it on, get ready buddy because I'm going to ask you to help somebody. Because I'm going to tell you, there is nothing that gives you greater joy than knowing that you helped someone else and you made a difference in their life because of what? Love! And love expresses, shares life. So we'll actually send you this whole series which means older folks like us can watch it like Betty did.

But one of the things you were talking about that just so captivated -- this just blew us away. You can tell it did those young people too because they lit up. Because you were telling us what holds everything together. You're going scientific and you're going irrefutable. I don't care what a doubter you are. I don't care if you claim to be an atheist or you think you're smarter than believing in God. And you say, "Let me show you what's holding everything together in your body." Explain a little of that.

Louie: Well, let me give you a little bit of the back story. I did a message called Indescribable, which I had the privilege of sharing all around the world. And the message was about how big the universe is, how small we are in it, but how we are loved by this God who is the God of all creation.

And after that tour, in fact, we were at the end of the tour, Chris Tomlin and myself, at the Oil Palace in Tyler, Texas. So our next to the last stop in about a 60 city tour, I finished the night, Chris' hometown is nearby so all his family is there so it's late and there is no green room at the Oil Palace. Oil Palace is not the nicest venue we play at but we love it and we love Tyler. So I'm just hanging out.

And a guy walks up to me. He says, "Hey Louie, I'd just like to say hello."

I go, "Hi! Nice to meet you."

"My name is Kevin."

"Hi, Kevin. Nice to talk to you."

He goes, "Enjoyed tonight. Loved the message." He goes, "Where do you go from here?"

I said, "Well, I'm headed home and I'm going to be preaching for my pastor the next few weeks." We hadn't planted Passion City Church yet.

He goes, "What are you preaching on?"

I said, "It's a message on God and the human body. This has been God in the universe. We can talk about God's glory in the human body."

He says, "Well, give me your outline."

I say, "Well, it's this about the eye, and this about the lungs, and this about the brain."

He goes, "Well, you always have like a big left hook at the end of your talks. What's it going to be this time?"

I said, "I don't have the left hook yet."

He goes, "Well, it's a good thing we're talking because your left hook is laminin."

And I'm like, "What is laminin?"

Turns out this guy is a molecular biologist at the university down the street, at Stephen F. Austin University. So I've been giving my little talk outline on God's glory in the human body to a molecular biologist this whole time and I didn't know it. Right?

So he said, "Your left hook is laminin."

I said, "What is laminin?"

He goes, "It is a cell adhesion molecule."

I'm like, "Mmh, don't know."

"It's a protein molecule."

I'm like, "Don't know."

And so he starts telling me about all the proteins in the body; they all have different functions. This one's function is it's a cell adhesion molecule. "It's the rebar of the human body, Louie." He's telling me like I should know this. "It holds our bodies together."

I'm like, "Okay, great! What is it?"

He said, "You need to go look at it." He said, "You go Google laminin."

I'm like, "I don't even know how to spell laminin."

So he takes his card out and he writes on it, L-A-M-I-N-I-N. I can't get out of there fast enough to get on my computer, get on Google, search laminin. If you go search laminin now you're going to see pages of stuff. That's because of this talk.

James: She did it.

Louie: You can get a laminin necklace and some laminin earrings and a laminin key chain and a laminin bumper sticker. Well, when I searched laminin, nobody had ever searched laminin before, except a molecular biologist and just a few images came up. I think we're going to show a clip from the talk where I sort of reveal in this what laminin is really all about.

James: And what holds everything together. Nothing is going to work without this.

Louie: This is a base membrane is what it's called. It holds your skin together, your organs together, it holds you together. It's what keeps the human body together.

James: All right, let's just look at a clip from this series. Let's watch it.

Begin video clip

Louie: He said, "No, no, no! You've got to see laminin."

I'm like, "Okay. Let's see it."

He said, "No, no, no. You need to go look it up online. You need to go Google laminin."

"I don't even know how to spell laminin."

[Laughter]

He takes his card out and writes on the back, L-A-M-I-N-I-N. Okay. I cannot wait to get to my computer and get on Google, click on images and type in laminin and I'm waiting and these little thumbnails come up on the screen. I'm like... wow! That's laminin? The cell adhesion molecule! Whoo! I'm so excited. I'm beside myself. I can't

believe what I'm seeing. I love laminin! I'm so fired up. You should see laminin, I guess. That's the thing. Here is a scientific diagram of the laminin cell adhesion molecule that's holding your body together right now. This is what I found right here.

[Cheers & Applause]

Now come on, that's crazy! That's just crazy!

[Cheers & Applause]

I just can't believe it. I e-mailed that guy so fast. I'm like, "Wow, wow, wow, wow! What in the world?"

He said, "You want to see an actual laminin molecule?"

I said, "Oh, no, man. The diagram was cool for me. I'm happy with that. Don't bother sending anything else." I'm like, "Yes!"

He sends me this image. An electron microscopic image of an actual laminin protein molecule. It looks just like this.

[Cheers & Applause]

End of clip

In the studio

James: And what...

Louie: It just came right on the backside of that with this passage that's just been there all along but now it comes to life. Colossians 1, verse 17 talking about Jesus. It said: And He is before all things and in Him all things hold together.

James: All of it! He is such a big and wonderful God. And yet He is such a personal God.

I see you going around, Louie and you're just opening up so many things. Why do you think that young people and students are listening to you like they are? What is it that's attracting you? Because you didn't even know what laminin was. I mean what's with you?

Louie: Well, I think these messages, Indescribable, How Great is Our God, I think they resonate with us because sin shrinks everything down. Sin shrinks our dreams down, our view of ourselves down; it shrinks our view of God down. And it's what ends up bringing us all to death at the end.

But when you just step out and begin to think about a God of creation. The scripture said: The Psalmist said, "The heavens are telling the glory of God, their expanse declares the work of his hands." So God put a permanent 24/7 billboard above us to remind us of how great he is and how small we are. And I think these messages resonate with us because they lift our eyes back up. They lift our eyes up to a great and powerful God.

You know we pray the puniest prayers. We stress out over the littlest things in our lives. And we've got to look back up to the heavens and say what David said, "When I consider the heavens, the sun, the moon, the stars, the work of your hands then who am I?" It puts us in the right perspective.

But then Isaiah, I love it, he said -- God boasts about himself and when he gets on a roll, you just have to let him go; when he starts asking all these rhetorical questions. And he says, "To whom will you compare me?" Or "Who is like me?" says the Holy One. He's not waiting for people to raise their hands. He's like, "I'm going to answer my own question, thank you very much." Then here's his answer: He who leads the starry host and calls them each by name. So he says, "I'll tell you who I am. I'm the one who calls forth the starry host, who puts every one of them in their places." That's 200 million stars in the Milky Way Galaxy and --. Well, its 200 billion stars in the Milky Way Galaxy, got to upsize and there is 200 billion galaxies in the known universe. And our God that we're praying to, talking to, walking with, living with put every one of those stars in their place.

Then Isaiah says, or God speaking for himself through the prophet says, "And I call them each by name. Because of my great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing." And that's mind-boggling.

But what's more mind-boggling than God can name the stars is that he can name every person in this audience and every person watching us right now and he can look at every person... He doesn't call anybody "sister" or "brother," he knows our first name, our last name, and every single thing there is to know about us. He knows more about us than we know about ourselves. And something inside of us rests when we know

that we are known and prized and loved by the God of all creation who is literally holding the universe together. It's exactly what Passion is really all about.

I think all of us have two choices. I can either be the starring character and have the starring role in the story of me, which is about that big and it's going to end with the two words: The end or I can come to know God and know that I'm loved by God and I can take a role in his epic story which is bigger than eternity and is never going to end. I think it's trading up. It's trading up from this little story of me where I'm the central character and everything revolves around what I want, what I think, what I feel, what I need and going, "No, you're the central character in time, in history, in scripture, in the church; you're the central character, Jesus. So I want my life to orbit around you."

And then to realize that God is giving us a role. He doesn't need us to do anything, but he chooses us, he invites us, he welcomes us into the story. He gives us a role to play and that's the greatest gift of all to think I have a role to play in the story of the God of all creation.

James: And you really make it clear. I'm going to say -- we're going to talk to you again. I want to talk some more to you because I think you just got started. I think you probably know another word other than laminin.

[Laughter]

But what I want you to do, I want you to know this now. By the way, I'm putting his web site back up because I want you to go to those conferences and a lot of door keepers... What if you have more door keepers than you've got doors? You've got a lot of older folks come?

Louie: We'll have to have a bigger conference.

James: I think this is going to be -- one of them is in the Georgia Dome.

Louie: The Georgia Dome, January 1st through 4th. Yeah.

James: So that would be, like he said, a great Christmas gift for a grandchild or child.

We're going to actually ask you -- I think you know we help a lot of people who are poor and hungry and I know you find university and college students like to do that. As a matter of fact, they really want you to show them how they can make a difference

in the world and it disturbs them that we don't make a difference in the world. They're about to help correct that because it is direction. We need a standard held up. We know leadership is failing because we don't even know the direction we need to be plowing but young people are going to help correct that. We're going to send this to you if you'll just help us. Look, help us feed children and save their lives.

I want you to watch something. I want you to see something. You all know and as a matter of fact, you've already seen some pictures. You saw the cross. It made Betty weep. Probably you did too. This is holding everything together. So we know that pictures always speak louder than words. But you're about to see that there is something that speaks even louder than that and I want you to watch this very closely. It is very important that you see this and that you get it.

On the mission field

A picture is worth a thousand words.

[Child crying]

Action speaks louder than words.

Mission feeding saves lives.

It's yours to give.

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In the studio

James: I'm going to -- I'm going to speak with actions and I'm going to speak effectively, with Betty, because of you, because we are limited and we joyfully do a lot because we ask God to enable us to do a lot. But it is so small compared to what we do together. It's like that shining city set on a hill when our lights join with other lights and we pierce the darkness and we illuminate the way. We literally, I'm telling you, this is something God showed me that moved me about as deeply as anything I've ever sensed. It was like I -- it was like I heard Jesus telling the Father when he was watching something going on that I was doing when I was sharing God's love with some people. And it was like Jesus said to his Father, "I think we're going to get to put your arms around the world." That's what God wants to do, and he does it one life at a time, one person doing what God wants.

So what I want to ask you to do is I want you to speak loudly with your actions. I want you to reach out and I want you to dial that number that's always there if you have a broken heart or you want someone to pray with you for someone. Here's something you need to understand. Today we're asking you to help us save lives and 80% of the calls that come will be from someone with a broken heart. "Pray for my family." "Pray for my child." That's okay, we understand that. But I'm asking you, if you would, while people do call with a broken heart -- we're so glad they do -- would you call and say, "I want to heal a broken life. I want to give food." \$30, three children for the next several months; \$50, five children; \$100, ten children. Now where could you better spend \$100?

I don't apologize. If there is any way you could give \$100; if you could be an answer to ten mothers' prayers for their children and say, "We're going to feed your children," ten mothers' prayers answered, give \$100. If you could give \$1,000 and thank God, we've got people who have been blessed who say, "You know something? I can give several thousand." Well, do it and rejoice that you are able to do it. \$1,000 will feed 100 kids.

Now we're asking you, please go online to LifeToday.org or just dial that number, take your bankcard, use it like a check, that's how you should always use it, like a check. Please do it! Do it now. Go get the card. Make the call, make the gift. Let us know what God put on your heart.

We're going to send *The God of All Creation*. I promise you, it will put a smile on your face, put tears in your eyes. The last chapter: How do you say good-bye to a little pet?

By the way, we're going to touch on our pets in heaven. I've got some people you really respect going to join me in that discussion. You're going to like that.

And Sarah Young, a wonderful missionary has written a great devotional. This is probably one of the most beautiful Bibles I've ever seen that contains her devotions. Here's one on peace. You will like this.

We're asking you to make a gift to help us feed ten children and give 25 bowls. Make a gift of \$125. "The Lion and the Lamb" bronze, what a blessing it will be to you.

Have you moved to the phone? Online? If you get a busy you be determined, lives depend on it. You get through. Thank you for making the call.

Pre-taped video:

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 worse 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 would like to send you James Robison newest book, *The God of All Creation*. Through his personal observations of animals and wildlife, James shares heartwarming stories and spiritual lessons of God's love and grace.

With your gift of \$125 to help feed ten children, you may request the new *Jesus Calling Devotional Bible* featuring 260 scripture insights from the author of the *Jesus Calling* devotional, Sarah Young.

Finally, please prayerfully consider a gift of \$1,000 to help save the lives of 100 children, and you may also request "The Lion and the Lamb" bronze sculpture. Call, write, or make your gift online today.

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James: With all my heart... and Betty, I'd love to see what would happen when this prayer's answered, everyone watching give something -- I'd love to see it. We're sending *The God of All Creation: Life lessons we learn from pets and wildlife*. It will bless you immensely -- a joy to write.

And if you'd like to have it, Louie Giglio's, *The Essential Collection, Passion Talk* series. What Betty talked about, it's one of the messages. Indescribable, How Great is Our God. Hope When Life Hurts Most. Fruitcake and Ice Cream. Symphony, I'll lift my hands. We'll send it to you if you'll help us feed as many children as you possibly can. Thank you. Join us in saying thanks to Louie Giglio.

Thank you, Louie. Bless you in all you're doing, buddy!

Louie: Thank you very much. God bless you.

James: Thank all of you. Thank you for helping us put God's arms around the world!