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[Cheers & Applause]

Betty: Thank you so much for joining us on *LIFE Today*. I'm Betty and this is James.

James: Boy, we must have somebody really special here! All this doesn't happen for me or for Betty -- maybe back when we were young like our guest, Christine Caine. Are y'all glad Christine Caine is here with us today?

[Cheers & Applause]

Well, let me tell you what she's done, and this is so phenomenal. She's come right here and she's done basically what she's done all over the world, and she's literally been around the world for the glory of God and putting God's arms around hurting people, devastated people, rescuing those who have been caught in the sex trafficking. We've worked together; we're a team and we've worked to put God's arms around people all over the world. Well, Christine came here and she taught a seminar teaching, *Moving Past Your Past* where people really get stuck. I'm telling you, it is phenomenal.

Now, many of you know Beth Moore teaches here on Wednesdays, and the thing is that Beth loves this girl so much. This is kind of like Beth's source of inspiration, and she is for so many people, Joyce Meyer, all the people who are teaching the Bible.

I'm going to tell you something, we had a gentleman walk up to me tonight, come here and say, "Boy, it better not just be women listening to this girl -- men better listen to this girl!" And I really do agree. So she has taught this series. You need to get it. Her book, *Can I Have and Do It All Please*; we're making that available -- also *Undaunted*.

We have a wonderful guest with Christine, Katrina Greer whose husband is a professional football player for the New Orleans Saints. You may remember in the Dallas/Fort Worth area we used to have a football team years ago. Well, anyway, he plays...

Betty: I have hope!

James: Miracles still happen. I believe in New Testament miracles. We need one in Dallas. We need a New Testament visitation from heaven.

Katrina: I've heard of them.

[Laughter]

James: Whoa! So anyway, being married to a football... professional football player is you can be kind of overlooked. Would you welcome Katrina to *LIFE Today*? Katrina, we're glad you're here.

[Applause]

Katrina Greer, she is married to Jabari Greer. Christine Caine is here. I'm really, Christine, I want to know, just what it was that inspired you to take this journey that you led us on *Moving Past Your Past*. Give our viewers a little bit of insight into something about you that they'll understand why what you shared is so important.

Christine: Well, just before I jump there, James, you do know in Australia we play the real football. I just wanted to... but um, anyway, okay?

James: This is a sissy sport over here.

Christine: We don't wear helmets or pads.

But in my own life, I was left in a hospital, abandoned when I was born, and experienced sexual abuse for 12 years. There are a lot of obstacles and hurdles, a lot of shame and guilt and bitterness and unforgiveness that I had to carry around. And yet, I would come to church and hear messages that God had a destiny and a purpose for my life. But I really thought if people just knew what my past was, you would never say that God's got a plan for me -- somehow it's different for me.

I had to embark on my own journey, which took many years to go, you know what? You can move past your past. There are a lot of things that happen to us, a lot of things that we do that we may even not get over in our life but we can still Move Past Your Past and fulfill the destiny that God has for our life.

James: I think when you hear the extremes, which you had, and of course, my past was extreme, a product of rape and not having a home, I think a lot of people, even

though they might not be able to give this dramatic horror story, they still feel stuck, they feel overlooked. This is really where Katrina... here she is married to a football player and yet, there was something about that situation that made you feel terribly overlooked and in a way stuck. Tell us about it.

Katrina: Well, I met my husband when I was living in Canada but I was born and raised in Trinidad so they play real football there too.

[Laughter]

You're going to love that one. But I was kind of thrust -- we met, and I was thrust into this lifestyle of being a footballer's wife and lost myself. I had no identity. People would meet me and, "Oh, this is the wife of Jabari Greer." I would meet people ten times and the tenth time it would be like, "Oh, nice to meet you!" And I'm like, "I've met you nine times already. Am I that forgettable?" So I really got lost and I kind of was thrust into this different life, this different culture and fell into a very dark place.

James: Did you despair of life in some ways or was it in some ways seem meaningless to you?

Katrina: It did. I have two wonderful children and they definitely... I kind of hit this depression. I became depressed and my two sons just kept me going. But as far as myself as an individual, I really didn't feel like --.

Betty: You felt like you didn't have your own identity. I think a lot of women can fall into that. Even as a minister's wife, the same as you, people have come, "This is James Robison's wife." And you kind of think, well, I'm standing right here. Who am I?

[Laughter]

Nothing ever intentionally done wrong there, it's just who they related you to. So I can kind of understand how you felt in times like that too.

James: How did Christine impact your life because there is no question she had a profound impact?

Katrina: She did. I just happened upon your book, actually. I've told her this story.

James: Is this *Undaunted*?

Katrina: *Undaunted* -- in a women's small group and literally did not go to sleep one night. And if you have two toddlers, it's rough!

[Laughter]

But just read it and could not put it down. It made me realize, it's not about me and my identity is... I'm something to God; it's placed within him. It just transformed my life, *Undaunted* -- it really did.

Christine: I think that's definitely the hope that I had saying, look, if an unnamed, unwanted... I mean my own birth certificate has typed in... the section that says "child's name" it's got typed in the word "Unnamed #2508 of 1966." So I had to really work through a whole lot of identity issues. And we all do.

Here the wife of a famous football player, well, at the end of the day people get stuck in moments because even if you're a famous football player that can be your identity. Like how many people do we have that go, "Ten years ago I played football" and their whole identity is in the fact that they played football ten years ago and the accolades and awards that they have from back then. Then you get lost as someone's wife or someone's husband or whatever it might become.

And I think for all of us, whether you were left abandoned in a hospital, whether you're the wife of someone famous, whether you are the famous person, you still have to fight to find your identity in who you are in Christ because everything else can move and everything else will shift. It's only in him that we can find our identity.

I think for me, obviously, Nick and I go through a lot of that as well; it's like when one partner is a little bit more prominent than the other. But if you know on which foundation you're solidly built on then you really can't be shaken. I think once you know that, whether someone says hello to you or not, actually, it doesn't matter as much because you know who you are because you are a daughter of the king.

Betty: And that is the key because even though my husband gave me all the encouragement that anyone could ever want and still does, and lets me know that God created me too, and I'm an individual, I had to seek that identity through Christ and let God tell me who I was. It makes a difference!

Christine: Of course, it does! And you received it. Everything in our world is geared to tell you that you are not enough. Even if you're the best football player, you're not

quite enough. You could score better goals or however it would work, all of us have grown up in a world -- and I think we're bombarded with this every day -- you're not enough: You're not good looking enough, you're not smart enough, you're not educated enough, you're not talented enough. And so whether you're the best of the best or you didn't have a great start, I think the greatest issue for this generation is to find out who their identity is.

When you are brought up in a school system like in Australia where basically you're told that your great grandfather was an ape, you're essentially told that you have no value, that you're not -- that your great, great grandfather was a cockroach, it mutated and there was the frog. And then it had a genetic mutation and then there's your grandfather the ape; he went to the hairdresser and had a cut, shave, and blow dry and here you are today.

[Laughter]

It takes a lot of faith to believe that. You have to be profoundly, profoundly educated to believe that. But essentially, they're trying to mess with your whole identity. They're saying you came from nothing. You live for no reason and you're going nowhere. If you tell a generation for long enough that you came from nothing, you live for no reason and you're going nowhere, then I don't know why we're all surprised when they start acting that way. So you have to find your identity in Christ, I think.

James: And people are not only stuck there, they're in a sense in a living death, they're existing at best. She teaches about the gate situation; you're sitting there. It's one of the illustrations you use in *Moving Past Your Past*, and that gate is either an entry into destruction or devastation or an entry into a whole new life. You really related to that in some way; didn't you? Where you saw yourself and you actually found the right way through the gate?

Katrina: Very much so. It sounds silly but when you're in a dark place, when you're just so self-absorbed, why me? I didn't sign up for this, this lifestyle. It seems glamorous but there is a different side to it that people really don't see. When you're in that, it's very hard to be on the outside looking in. I actually recently had a friend who is, well, she was the girlfriend of a basketball player. She recently committed suicide.

James: Because she felt like she was stuck in where she was -- lost. Not even visible to anybody? Is that what seemed to happen?

Katrina: She was -- she was actually famous in her own right. But for some reason

you just -- I don't know what it is. You feel overshadowed, you feel worthless, and you can really get trapped into that place. And reading *Undaunted*, it just changed my posture. It made me realize that God had a plan for me. My husband says that when he retires he will be a stay at home dad.

[Laughter]

And people will start saying, "Oh, so you're the husband of Katrina!"

[Laughter]

James: So do you feel that something really opened up in your life to where you no longer have that feeling of being in a dark place? You feel like you're in a bright place?

Katrina: Very much so. My insecurities are gone. I was saved upon reading that book, actually. I'm very new to this Christian world. I was telling Chris that a year ago I thought you all were crazy.

[Laughter]

Christine: And now she's confirmed.

[Laughter]

James: She is crazy with us.

Katrina: But I did. But now I realize it is crazy for Jesus. But upon reading that book, upon attending a marriage conference for N.F.L. married couples, I was saved and I realize I am a steward. I've been put in this position to go out there and do God's work and help other people. And it's changed my life. I just want to...

James: Well, you feel like you have purpose now. You have real direction. Your posture has been changed. You talk about changing posture in the teaching.

Christine: We sit at the gate and then when you're crouched down you're looking through the gate like it's a prison based on what's happened in your past and your limitations. But if you can change your posture then you change your perspective, you begin to see what God has on the other side and then you can use the gate as an entry way to where you need to go.

I think a lot of times we wait for everything to change around us before we're willing to stand up in the middle of where we are and start to have God's perspective in our life. I think really, that's what happened.

At the end of the day, before you read *Undaunted* to now, nothing externally has changed. You're still the wife of a famous football star, you've got your kids but everything has changed because your posture has changed. You've suddenly stood up to understand what your identity is in Christ to see his purpose for you to begin to walk forward.

And in just a couple of months I'm coming to New Orleans and she's gathered the wives of footballers from 10 different football teams. After I finish teaching them what football really is, then we're going to go...

[Laughter]

Then we're going to know how we play undaunted football.

[Laughter]

We're just really going to talk about that. Where you feel trapped, it can change from feeling trapped and a gate can lock you in and you feel like you're a prisoner of your past and your circumstances or as soon as you change your posture, suddenly you're not prisoner anymore, you can walk into the future God has for you. So it's awesome!

James: When I listening to you share, I can never dismiss myself or remove myself from what goes on in my heart when I'm listening to someone who is in desperate need or great pain, I feel it. I actually do feel, if you described a painful experience, I would feel it. If you would describe a surgical incision, I would feel it. Compassion is something that is very much a part of me.

So when you're talking about being in a bad place, I immediately, my mind, it gravitates, it moves toward people who are listening and I know you're hurting. And it may seem silly, it may not seem as macho manly as you think, but I would love to hold your broken heart. If I were the surgeon, I would want to be the perfect surgeon. I would want to fix your hurt. And with all of the empathy and sympathy and compassion, I'm totally incapable. But I know that you can be helped.

So when I hear these beautiful ladies talking about finding help, then I immediately want to take that healing and that experience and I want to impart it to you. In other words, I want you to know it is for you. I want you to know you can get through the gate. I want you to know, listen to me, there is a surgery that doesn't really hurt; it can move you beyond the hurt. It's a painless procedure. It's a supernatural spiritual work of almighty God in your life that he calls "being born from above." It's what Katrina talked about, "Something happened to me. I not only went in through a gate, I entered into a whole new life."

By the way, you don't find that going through a church door, you find that walking through "the door" and Jesus said, "I am the door." Not to the church, I'm the door to life. I'm the door to a relationship with God. I am the way, truth, and the life. No one will even get to the father but coming through this door. I am the door. And if you'll come to me, you won't escape every challenge in life, you're just going to have somebody go through it.

I mean, you think the man of steel or Superman, you know Batman, they do some pretty cool things about evil, you ain't never met anybody like this man who will deal with evil and he's with you to help you fight evil, to help you as an overcomer to say, "I care about you. I am your friend forever. I am your Lord, your savior, your master, your best friend."

And really, Christine, that's what I hear you all talking about. You are talking about getting into relationship with this person. So you're not talking about wishful thinking, you're talking about absolute eternal reality but just not there but right here. You're talking about the presence of almighty God right here.

Is that what happened to you in your life, Miss Footballer's wife? Is that what happened to you?

[Laughter]

Katrina: Very much so.

James: And can it happen to everybody out here, Christine?

Christine: Absolutely! Everybody!

James: Is that not what you want for everybody?

Christine: There is no hope without Jesus -- none!

James: Let me just say this to you, the telephone number there on the screen is always there as a prayer line. You may be saying, "I wish somebody would just agree with me right now. I want this new beginning." And they will! And many of the people doing our prayer center are people who have found the gate, found the right way and they really knew what it was like to be defeated. So you need someone to pray with you?

I wrote a simple book called, *Knowing God as Father*; it's a little Bible study. Glad to send it to you. I want you to get *Moving Past Your Past*.

Betty, so many people get stuck. We can be stuck with the loss of our daughter; it was big.

This precious girl has had dozens of reasons to be stuck -- we all do! But God has given her the ability to help you go beyond. I want you to get this teaching. You can get it on CD, audio, or DVD, or you can do both. I'd recommend that. We're going to send, *Can I Have and Do It All?* This book is phenomenal; and then the book, *Undaunted*.

Now let me tell you what we do. I think it is really important that you understand this. We really don't sell product. You can buy products; you can buy these books in the bookstores. But when you watch *LIFE Today* we will offer you something that will help you. You know if you watch us, we try to give people fresh water. We try to give the hungry food to eat. We try to give little children that don't have enough food to even have good health, they're malnourished. Many of them are starving to death. We take care of hundreds of thousands of them.

When I say "we," I mean we, you, the family. So we're asking you so we can help you with what Christine is offering, we're asking you to help us feed these hundreds of thousands of children. Now listen to me, \$30 or \$50 we can feed three or five children for months -- think about that. That's not an exaggeration. It is not total childcare, it is life-saving nourishment, it is hope and it is given in love by people full of love. We show them love and they want to know where it came from, it comes from God and we're able to point them to God through Jesus Christ. So help us do that. For \$100 we can feed 10 children for the next months.

So here's what we would like to ask you to do, any gift you make, we want to send you *Moving Past Your Past*. We'll send it to you on CD, audio, along with the book, *Can*

I Have and Do It All Please? Let God answer that question; what that looks like. And then, if you would help us feed ten or more with a gift of \$100 or more, we'll send you the entire teaching on audio and DVD, and also, in addition to the book I just mentioned, *Undaunted*.

I pray you'll go to the phone right now, take your bankcard, use it like a check or you can go online and make the gift God put on your heart. Thank you so much for helping us save these beautiful children that just need to know somebody noticed because God surely does, and we become his hands and the expression of his heart. Thank you for doing that!

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Christine: We got stuck in the gate and because our posture became one of victimhood, and I can't change what happened to me and it's not fair! We end up just sitting here for the rest of our lives.

Now our life continues to move forward when it comes to years but nothing's changed on the inside. We're still locked within this prison. Every decision we make and it impacts for those of us that are married, our marriages. It impacts our parenting, for those of us that have children. For those of us that are single. It impacts the relationships that we have and we just never get beyond this gate.

But at some point, if we are willing to embrace that pain of changing our posture to stand up -- you've got to be willing to stand up and to say, "God, I'm going to allow your Holy Spirit to come in and to begin to heal those broken places where scar tissue has developed and kept me crippled and immobilized at the gate of my past." Whatever that might be, that gate of that addiction, the gate of that brokenness, the gate of that shame, the gate of that abuse, the gate of that guilt, whatever it might be in your life, and saying I'm going to embrace the pain of changing my posture.

Now when I change my posture, it changes my perspective. So where I once only saw limitation, I'm now starting to see possibility, I'm now starting to see potential. You won't even see the possibility that God has for you until you change your posture. And a lot of us are not willing to change our posture so we listen to the word but we listen to it through the prison of being down here locked in a jail. So everything we hear, and everything we see is impacted through here.

So God's trying to make us stand up so that all of the sudden we hear different things. All of the sudden, we see different things and where we saw containment and limitations now we see potential and we see this awesome future. Once you start to see a glimpse of what might be ahead for you, then that gives you more courage and strength to embrace more and more of the healing process. What the enemy tries to do is to keep us down and cowering so we never get a glimpse of what God might be able to do for us.

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James: I really want to thank you for helping us help others. I want to see you move past your past.

Earlier, when we were talking, and you all were sharing, I got deeply moved because I cannot describe how much I want people in the arms of God. Maybe when you grow up fatherless, feeling as Christine, unwanted, overlooked, not important, don't matter and you felt that way, God you are beautiful and special, and I want you to know how special you are. I don't think a something does it but I think Christine has pointed you to the someone who is your absolute solution. With all my heart I want you to find that, and I pray you do.

Thank you for helping us share, help with others. Would you say thanks to our guests again for being with us?

And bless your Saints, except when they play the Cowboys, who are so needy!

[Laughter]

Thank all of you for watching!

[Cheers & Applause]