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Week 43

James: Wow! Hey! I like you. Thank you all! Welcome to *LIFE Today*. I'm James Robison.

Betty and I are thrilled to have you and to tell you that Christine Caine is sharing today. She is actually going to share a portion of *Moving Past Your Past*, how to turn trials into triumphs. Boy, this girl from Australia who in so many ways in a profound and positive way impacted that great nation that we love and now has come to the United States, in many ways I think as a missionary to help awaken the church here and to inspire Christians. And she is absolutely wonderful.

All of our viewers love Beth Moore. Beth Moore is so gifted and Beth Moore loves Christine Caine. Joyce Meyer loves Christine Caine. Everybody that hears her loves her.

Someone said to me... as a matter of fact, he is a former fighter pilot, he said, "I sure hope that people don't just think Christine's talking to women because men need to hear Christine Caine -- everybody needs to hear her." And I agree.

So she's going to be teaching a portion of this *Moving Past Your Past*. Please be aware of the book, *Can I Have and Do It All Please?* Yes, what does that mean? I think this is a phenomenal book. And then unstoppable is what *Undaunted* is implying; no matter what comes your way, you can move on, daring to do what God has for you and not allow that to be interrupted. These books are phenomenal. This material is phenomenal. I want to encourage you as you listen to just a portion of it to even now say, "I'm going to get that material."

Betty, I think our viewers know we really basically don't sell product on *LIFE Today*. What we do is we ask you if you want it, help us touch someone with love, and now we are emphasizing our feeding ministry to hundreds of thousands of children. For many of them it is the only food they can get. And we get them on their feet and we show them how to build a future. And it is an expression of love and giving life. Well, here is Christine and she is teaching from *Moving Past Your Past*. Here she is.

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Christine: How are you all doing? I am so excited to be with you. Y'all remember I'm like your Auzzie cousin from Down Under? And it is so nice to be up over here with James and Betty who I love so dearly.

Thank God for this opportunity to talk about moving past our past because that's what we want to do. If you're going to step into the future that God has for you, you've got to move beyond where you are. And the only way to move beyond where you are is to deal with where you've been so that you can step into where you're going. So we're going to dive right into the Word together. I love the Word of God.

If you've just joined us, you've been flicking channels and you didn't mean to get me and you thought, what is this accent here? This is kind of how you really speak English. I'm from the land down under, Sydney, Australia. And to all our Australian viewers at *LIFE Outreach International*, hi! I'm so glad, I'm one of us. It's fantastic. But I'm actually teaching from America where they say y'all. So I'm learning to y'all y'all.

So we're going to Second Kings; from the other parts of the world that say "two kings," I've had to learn to say Second Kings. So we're going to go to Second Kings chapter seven and we'll start at verse one.

The Bible says: Elisha said... (so here we have the prophet Elisha.) Elisha said, hear the Word of the Lord. This is what the Lord says: About this time tomorrow a seah of flour will sell for a shekel and to seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria.

So I want you to know where we're going to be. We're going to be at the gates of Samaria.

The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, "Look, even if the Lord should open the floodgates of heaven, could this happen?"

"You will see it with your own eyes," answered Elisha, "but you will not eat any of it!"

Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, "Why stay here until we die? If we say, we'll go into the city, the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let's go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live, if they kill us, then we die."

Now this is profound philosophy right here.

[Laughter]

I want y'all to know if you're on the other side of the camera and you've never really studied the Bible at all, it actually isn't that complex as you just realized.

So here we are, and the Bible says that we're sitting at the gates of Samaria. You might really be wondering why we're sitting here. Well, if you go back to chapter six, what happened here was Samaria was in famine. Syria had besieged Samaria. There was great famine in the land. In fact, it was really, really not in a good place. You know the famine was so bad in Samaria that they were eating donkey's heads and they were also cooking children and eating children.

It sounds very depraved and you think how could someone ever do that? But you know my husband and I are involved in helping to rescue the victims of human trafficking and much of that happens in places of abject poverty and famine. It is amazing how many people will sell their own children in an effort to maybe keep other children alive.

You know as a mother, you wonder how this can happen. But that kind of famine and that kind of depravity, it causes us very often to do things that we would otherwise never ever do. And that's what famine does.

So you're right here, you're right in this situation in a time of famine. Huge war -- there's no food; where we're at the last of the last. Now the prophet Elisha has turned up and said, "The famine is going to end by this time tomorrow." But these four lepers do not know that the famine is going to end. So we pick up the story essentially where

they're sitting there and the Bible says that they're sitting at the city gate. They're sitting at the gate of Samaria.

Now these are four guys with leprosy. If you understand anything about this time in history, these are the least of the least; the most marginalized of the most marginalized of all people groups. You could be sitting on the other side of this screen and feeling like you are a nobody. You were born into the wrong family. You live in the wrong neighborhood. You don't have the right education. You are marginalized. You might have a disease that has put a stigma on you and they've said that you're never going to amount to anything; you're not going to be any good. You've got generations of addiction in your family, generations of brokenness, generations of abuse, and you feel like a loser and you feel like the least of the least.

Well, these guys were all that and more. In fact, in this time in history, if you were a leper, you'd have to literally walk down the street and scream out, "Leper coming! Leper coming!" So that people would cross the street and not walk on the same side of the street as you and you could go to different cultures in our society today and it would be the equivalent of that with people that suffer from different diseases or perhaps live in different neighborhoods and it's almost like I'm not even going to walk down the same side of the street as that person. And so these guys had no rights, no property, no nothing.

But they were sitting there and I love it -- I love it because they were profound philosophers. As they're sitting at the gate of Samaria, they don't know that the famine is going to end in 24 hours and they're having this great discourse and they ask a question.

And really today, I want to talk to us all about the power of a question. If you are going to move past your past, you have to ask some questions because if you don't you are going to sit at the gate for the rest of your life of your past.

But they said, "Why stay here until we die?" I love this! "If we stay here, you know what? Absolutely 100% we're going to die. There is no issue, that's a given. If we go on the other side of this gate into Samaria where there's war and where nobody is

surviving, if we go in there, well, best case scenario, there is a .01 percent chance that we might die. So if we stay here, 100% chance we're going to die. Go there, 99.99% chance we're going to die. Awesome! So here we die, there we die, everywhere we die die. We die!" And so they ask this great question, they say, "Why are we sitting here?"

And I guess my question today to you is why are we sitting at the gate until we die? I don't know what your gate may be: The gate of fear, the gate of insecurity, the gate of shame, the gate of lust, the gate of greed, the gate of apathy, the gate of indifference, the gate of pain, the gate of shame, the gate of abuse, the gate of brokenness, the gate of regret. There are so many people that spend their whole life sitting at this gate going, "I can't move. This is what happened to me. This is my situation." And we sit the gate somehow waiting for something magical to drop out of heaven until we can somehow maybe get through.

Or really what we do is look at it and we look at this gate as the exit point, as basically the end point of our life. I'm stuck here because you know what? I come from a background of addictions, and in my family, we've got five generations of addiction. That's just the way it is. I'm stuck at the gate of alcoholism. Or I'm stuck at the gate of drug abuse. Or I'm just stuck at the gate of divorce because that's just what we've always had in our family. Or I'm just stuck at the gate of immorality because that's just the way it's gone in our world. Or I'm just stuck at the gate of this is the job that I have to do, this is the profession that our family does, or I have made so many mistakes, I can't get past what I've done. I cannot get past what was done to me.

I sat at the gate of abuse and victimhood and pain and shame and regret for so many years of my life. I sat there thinking how can I get through? All these other people have this great future and they have this great destiny but if they only knew what happened to me, there's no way I would -- I would sit in meetings or I would watch people even at school and they would appear to be popular and they would appear to have all these opportunities and I would think, somewhere deep down I knew that there was this sense of more inside of me but I thought, you know what? I can't change it because I can't change what happened to me. I thought that meant I can't change the future. I thought I'm stuck with where I am because of what has happened

and this gate that actually could have provided and has provided the doorway to my future became a prison that kept me bound in my past.

And if I'm to move this chair, this is normally, what happens to most of us. Most of us sit here and we're like the lepers. We sit at the gate of our past. We sit here and everything we look at on the other side of this gate, we're looking at it through the prison bars of what happened in our past because that's what these bars do. Whether this is abuse, whether this is addiction, whether this is regret, whether this is shame, whether this is guilt, whether this is lust, whether this is condemnation, whether it's apathy or indifference or greed, we sit there. So we look -- this is the lens through which we look at our future. It is always marred by what happened in our past.

And we are sitting there but at some point we have to ask the same question that the lepers asked and this was the question I had to ask one day in my life, why am I sitting here? If the promises of God are in Christ Jesus, yes and amen, if Jesus Christ truly did shed his blood on the cross and rise again from the dead, why am I sitting here until I die? Why am I allowing the labels that other people put on me to keep me sitting at a gate in famine? What is the worst case scenario? If I get up, you know what? Maybe things will change. If I get up, there might be a future.

Worst case scenario is it is not going to be any worse than where I am right now. I'm bound and most of us, this is where we live. We just stay locked in the prison of our past.

And God has said, "I've got a gate, and I am the gate..." (And that is who Jesus Christ is.) "I am the gate into your future but you are so busy looking at your future through the prison bars of your past that you are just stuck at a gate and you have turned it into a prison door and I mean it to be a doorway into a future." This is not the gate of end point of your life. This is not where it all ends. This is actually what you're supposed to step through to move into your future.

But how do we do that? -- Because this is where the real challenge comes. The way to get up and move through the gate of our past into the future that we have is that you have to change your posture. But you become very comfortable sitting because we've

just learned to live in that victim world. Well, you know, poor me. I'm full of shame, I'm full of guilt -- it was not my fault! I was abused for 12 years. No wonder I can't submit to male authority. No wonder I can't move into the future. No wonder I have so much pain. No wonder I'm so angry. I have a justifiable reason. And what we do is we stay in prison by what we presume is a justifiable reason because something happened to us in our past and we limit ourselves and we never move past it because we refuse to change our posture because the only way you're ever going to change your perspective is by changing your posture.

Now in order to change your posture you've actually got to stand up. And the challenge is, most of us don't want to stand up because when you stand up, it changes everything. See when I'm down here, I'm looking through these gates and I'm looking at the future through the prison of my past so I never step into the future but if I want to see the future that God has for me, then I've got to stand up so that I can see the potential and the possibility that lies ahead for me. Now to change my posture, it changes my perspective, but to change my posture entails a lot of pain because you get stuck here.

You know I had a ski accident a couple of years ago and I had to have a surgery and I had a hamstring graft. I've got to tell you, it was extremely painful. Now the scar tissue that had built around my knee, it was built around there so that it could protect me, and what happened though, it had just locked up my knee.

So after the surgery, I remember the P.T. came to me and he said to me, "Christine, you have got to get ready that the pain of the recovery that you're about to go through is going to be far greater than the pain of the injury that you had." He said, "The degree to which you are willing to embrace that pain is the degree to which you will find full function and full movement in your knee again. If you are willing to allow me to keep breaking up that scar tissue, you're going to be able to run again, you're going to be able to ski again, you're going to be able to soar again but you've got to be up for it. It's going to be extremely painful."

So when something's gone from being just locked up like this for months to all of the sudden you're going to unlock it so that it can bear the weight of your body again, so

that it can have full movement again -- I don't know if you've ever gone through that kind of injury but having two children was far more pleasurable than going through a rehab on my knee. It really was. Maybe the epidural helped for that.

[Laughter]

But anyway, the point is, they don't give you an epidural for your knee. So he had to break up that scar tissue all the time. And my leg would move degree by degree. But the degree to which I was willing to embrace the degree of change all the time was the degree to which I was able to stand up and I went last year, I was skiing again, with some fear and trepidation, but I was skiing again.

And the truth is, a lot of people never go back to full function not because they can't, but because they won't embrace the pain of the healing. See we want our healing to be overnight. We want it to be instantaneous. There's a lot of things that took a lot of time to get us to the gate. And then 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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In the studio

James: Wow! Well, Christine, I have an idea that you are kind of like Beth, I think you're probably checking this out. I think you do like Beth. I wonder how it came over. But let me just tell you something, I mean we don't speak English quite as well as you do, we don't have that beautiful accent and I'm pretty fast, and Beth is, none of us is quite as quick as you. I want to tell you something, you really get it said well.

Christine, we love you with all our heart. And all of you who are watching all over the world, I want you to get *Moving Past Your Past*.

Betty, so many people get stuck. We could be stuck with the loss of our daughter -- it's 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 do both. I'd recommend both.

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 real 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 has offered, 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 is not an exaggeration. It's not total childcare, its 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 ten 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, 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 for \$100 or more, we'll send you the entire teaching on audio and DVD, and also, in addition, 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 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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Announcer: In remote and impoverished areas of Africa, families are suffering, facing death by starvation, and those hit the hardest are their children.

Life's Mission Feeding program is there able to feed and care for over 400,000 children in crisis areas of Angola, Mozambique, and Sudan. Our mission partners urgently need your support. Our food reserves are gone and we desperately need to replenish our supplies at more than 800 feeding centers immediately. Your life-saving gift of \$30, \$50, or \$100 will help feed and care for three, five, or ten children for the next three months.

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Finally, please consider a gift of \$1,000 or more to help feed 100 children and you may request our 50th anniversary bronze sculpture, "Brotherly Love." Please call, write, or make your gift online today.

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Christine: I was going to do this whole message with a frog on my head to go, "This is what a lot of us look like." We think, what frog? What frog? And everybody...

[Laughter]

I don't have a frog! Is there anything unusual about me? But the point is we actually... then we begin to think, isn't it cute? Oh, I like my frog! And we think, "I've got no frogs. Christine, I haven't gotten any issues. What are you talking about?"

And all I need to do is ask the friend next to you, "Does she have an issue?"

And the point is, eventually, you're not even defined by your name anymore, it is just your issues. "Oh, don't say anything because she's got an anger problem."

"No, I don't! No, I don't!"

And we just walk around with these frogs. And in fact, we like them, put them on our little shoulder. We like that little ribbit, ribbit, ribbit and we're just really used to that little frog. And so we just think, we can sit in a message like this, or maybe you've tuned in to the other side of this camera and all of the sudden you're thinking, "Whoa, she is reading my mail. What's going on?" And you just go, "What you're saying is really right. I've got all of this stuff, I've got these addictions, I've got this pain, I've got this guilt, I've got this lust, I've got this greed, I've got this -- I don't know -- I've got these frogs, and what you're saying is really right but I will deal with that thing but I'm going to do it tomorrow."

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In the studio

James: I am really thankful that you're helping us help others. Betty, isn't it a joy to give life to those who really don't have a chance?

Betty: It really is, James. And what we're giving you is twofold, it will help you, it

will help those that you love and in return, you can reach out and help those children that need to be fed.

James: It really is twofold. You see you may be feeding someone else, Christine is going to feed you spiritual food and bread, and boy, is she a treasure and a gift. Thank all of you for being with us and thank you so much for being an encouragement. Thank you for watching *LIFE Today*. And thank you for sharing life!