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Week 49
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Betty: Welcome to *LIFE Today*! Thank you so much for spending this time with us. I'm Betty and this is James.

James: Well, Christine Caine is teaching *Moving Past Your Past*, turning trials into triumphs. This is a series that she's done that I really pray you'll get because all of us have a past, many times we have pain in the past and the sad thing is a lot of times we get stuck in something in the past and we become prisoners to it. Christine understands that. All the things that she went through are pretty incredible.

And you know, she is from Australia. She literally helped light a fire there and, of course, which has been a blessing around the world, she then felt like God led her over here.

I think, Betty, we really do need a lot of help. There are a lot of folks in Australia praying for us, we pray for you too. We appreciate your prayers. We appreciate Christine. Listen to her talk about something very, very important.

Would you welcome Christine Caine? Here she is!

[Applause]

Begin video clip

Christine: The scripture tells us in the book of John chapter one, verse 14, I love The Message translation. Peterson puts this beautifully. He says: "The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood."

I love that because God wants to move into the neighborhood of our wounded souls. He says, "I want to come in."

But what we want God to do, we don't want him to move into the neighborhood, we want him to visit, or better still we want to visit him. And so we visit him on a

Wednesday night or we visit him on a Sunday or we visit him when we tune into this broadcast and we think, awesome! I'm visiting.

Well, you know what it is like when you have a visitor. You go in and you make sure all the kids' bedrooms are tidy, you take all of the dirty underwear, put it in the cupboards, lock the cupboards. You go into the bathroom, you get rid of the sand paper and you put really nice soft toilet paper because the visitors are coming!

[Laughter]

You get rid all of the cheap cookies; you get the really good cookies. You put them in there, but if the kids touch them, they're dead because that's for the visitors. Everything is set up for the visitors. It is all awesome!

And what does the visitor do? They come at the appointed time. They sit; everyone is on their best behavior. You have threatened the children with no Christmas presents for 45 years if they even fight when they are there, if they look at each other the wrong way.

And you know if you're a mother watching this, you know we have this sixth sense that we could be talking to the visitor eyeball to eyeball, never lose line of sight but you've got a sense that your kids are about to fight and you can give them the evil eye without ever taking the eye off of your visitor and they know they are so busted. They are so busted!

So what happens is that the visitor stays for the appointed -- we are on our best behavior. But the minute that front door closes and that visitor is out of there, I mean World War 63 breaks out in our house. You start -- your evil twin sister comes out. You don't know where she came from but she is the anti Christ's sister-in-law. It happens! And you are just like going for it.

And then... we are the same with God. Like we're coming to church on a Sunday; we've nearly committed murder in the car. We have nearly killed, we've cussed out our husband, we've nearly killed the kids but as soon as we pull into the church parking lot, it happens the world over, whether you're watching this in Australia, in Europe, here in America, the world over -- as soon as we get into a church parking lot, the spirit of hypocrisy comes upon us all. It is unbelievable!

And we have gone from saying the worst things in the world to just all of a sudden a holier than thou persona comes on. So we get to the front door after we've just nearly

killed everybody and the greeter is there with the church bulletin. And they're like, "How are you?"

And you're like, "I'm blessed! I'm blessed! I'm sanctified and justified by the blood of the Lamb. And here are my cherubim and my seraphim that I almost killed. Yes, yes! They are! And they're going to the kids' church and we're just going, me and my beautiful husband to worship." And we raise our hands in worship hypocritically; I worship you, almighty God! I'm going to kill him when I go home. If he thinks I'm ever going to cook for him again or he's going to get anything else, no, no, no! That's not going to happen."

Oh, it is amazing what we can do between "how great" and "thou art." It's amazing -- amazing what we have worked out in our minds!

[Laughter]

And then pastor's preaching the sermon. We barely get into the car, the doors shut, we hit, "Did you hear what Pastor Robert said? That was for you! Every word of that was for you!"

And then we normally might be able to stay saved Sunday night. Maybe Monday but by the time Tuesday's kicked in we are back to everything. And we are just backtracked and we wonder why our kids who see us holier than thou at the prayer meeting and then we can't even say two normal words at home.

You know what? We resent ourselves because we want to be different. I sincerely believe that most Christians actually don't want to do that, but we don't know what's going on. And what we don't realize is that it is not a spirit issue. We try to pray more, we try to give more, we try to serve more, we try to do more, we try to read more, we try to fast more and God says it is not an issue of that, it is a soul issue; your soul is wounded.

And in my own case it became where there was a sense that Christine, are you going to let me go into those deep innermost recesses of your soul where you have double deadlocked padlocked me out of there? Because Christine, you made vows as a little girl, "I will never trust like that again." "I will never love like that." "No one ever will do that again." And with every one of those vows I was locking God out of the very places that he needed to come into that darkness and bring life and hope and healing and restoration.

John writes in 3 John 2: Beloved, I pray you prosper and are in good health even as your soul prospers. A prosperous soul issue is so vital and if that muscle is not worked all the time, you will default into this yo-yo Christian behavior, three days good, two weeks bad, two months good, six weeks bad and you will not have a stable Christian life.

But as you allow God to get into those emotions, to get into the core of that area and to strengthen it, you don't have to be ruled by your feelings. You don't have to be ruled by your emotions. You can move past your past because a lot of those emotions in your soul realm are connected to things that happened in your past. That's what happens.

Your husband may say something and it triggers something. But it is not fair that I make my husband pay for something he never did to me that someone else did 40 years ago. And so at some point you've got to make a decision that my children, my husband, my relationships, my peers at work, in your single life, that I'm not going to default back into negative patterns of destructive behavior because of something that happened in my past. I'm going to allow God into those deep places so that I can move past my past, I can turn that trial into a triumph and I can fulfill the God-given destiny that he's given me to fulfill. I'm not going to keep going back.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, we've got to exercise that muscle. With all your soul, we've got to exercise that muscle. And then of course, our love with all your mind; your heart muscle and your soul muscle reveal your potential but it is your mind muscle that activates your destiny.

Many people don't step into their God-given destiny and don't move past their past because they will not do the hard work of renewing their mind. Our thoughts are like a train. They take us somewhere. The scripture tells us in Proverbs that as a man thinks, where? -- In his heart so is he. Proverbs 23:7: As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

You are the net sum total and the product of the thoughts that you think. Who you are today, who I am today is a direct result of the thoughts that I think; as a man thinks inside, not intellectually. It is amazing how we think reason and intellect is going to take the place of how we think in our heart.

That's why God looks at our heart because he knows what's going on on the inside. He says, "I'm not interested in what you say with your mouth, or how you intellectually stimulate yourself. You might know all the theology in the world, you might know

every book of the Bible, all 66 of them from Genesis to Revelation. You might know the Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic, you might be pre-trib, mid-trib, post-trib, all together, and you might be able to -- you might have all the gifts of the spirit and all of the fruits of the spirit but as you think in your heart that's really who you are. That's really who you are because our thoughts are like a train.

And I would say out of every muscle that I have to work the hardest on it is this muscle. And I've been born again for 25 years and there would be no other muscle than this one that I have to work on. I'm not talking about every day, I'm saying every hour of every day, that I have to arrest my thoughts and bring every thought into captivity to the knowledge of Jesus Christ where I do not have to pro-actively work on not conforming myself to this world but being transformed, not by the removal of my mind, but by the renewal of my mind.

Some people think being a Christian requires you to have a lobotomy and remove your mind but God says, "No, that's not the deal. I want to renew your mind so that you can prove, Christine what is the good, the perfect, the acceptable -- let's start with acceptable, and perfect will of God." You can have the perfect will of God but you've got to renew your mind to do that. And that takes a lot of work -- a lot of work to study the Word, a lot of work to memorize scripture, a lot of work to say, "I'm not going to default to patterns of negative thinking. But I'm going to renew my mind with this word." And it's a daily process. I don't know how people don't do it every day. This is the thing that keeps me alive. It is the truth of the Word of God.

I had so many wrong thought patterns. I thought so many wrong thoughts. I would jump on the wrong train of thoughts every day and I still can do that if I'm not careful, that's why I have to get the Word of God into me first thing in the morning.

When I was at Sydney University, I lived in a city called Seven Hills and I would catch a train from Seven Hills to Sydney University to Red Fern station in Sydney. And it would be a 45 minute train trip every day. It left every day platform four, 7:30. I would do it like clockwork.

This one day, I didn't check the destination board and it was -- I pulled in, I ran up the stairs at the train station. It was 7:30 and it was platform four, a train had pulled in, I didn't have a chance to check the board so I bolted down the stairs just as the train doors were closing. I jumped in the middle of the train doors. Got on, I thought, awesome! I'm on!

Now, where I'm supposed to go is 45 minutes in that direction. Well, I knew I was in trouble when the train immediately began to move in that direction, and then didn't stop for one hour. I had caught an express train to Katoomba, to the Blue Mountains in Sydney. So instead of going 45 minutes that way, I'm now an hour express that way.

I will never forget this. I remember the train doors opening. I got off the train and I looked at the station master and I said to him, "How did I get here?"

[Laughter]

And he just looked at me. And he said, "Well love, you got on the wrong train; didn't you?"

That's exactly what we're like at the end of many days, we get there and we go, "God, how did I get here?"

He said, "Honey, you just got on the wrong train of thought."

I promise you, before you wake up in the morning the devil will make sure that the wrong trains of thoughts are coming into the platform of your mind. But just because it comes into the platform doesn't mean you have to jump on that train of thought. You need to check the destination board.

I want to show you, often... this is what happens spiritually. Look at these destinations and this is what happens. The departure train will pull into your mind and it will land and you go, "Why do I always end up angry? Why do I always end up depressed? Why do I always end up jealous or comparing myself or full of unforgiveness or full of bitterness or full of offense or full of greed or full of lust?" It's because you jumped on that train of thought. You didn't even think about -- most people don't even think about what they're thinking about. They just think, I'm going to jump on this train because it came.

But you can choose, do I want to end up there today? Do I want to end up in that argument today? Do I really want to end up depressed again today? Do I want to go down that train of thought where I'm jealous of my friend today or I'm bitter or offended because you can change if you just get on a different train. You don't have to go there just because the enemy pulls it in, and he will make sure... and those of us that have been hurt and abused and violated and broken and betrayed, you will instantly just think to jump on that train of thought because you always have. And so you have to fight pro-actively to say, "Just because it is in the platform of my mind," you

acknowledge that it's there, "but I'm not getting on you. I know where you're going to end up because you've taken me for the last 20 years straight and I'm just not going to get on there today."

And then you can choose. Choose your arrival. Go and look at the board in the morning and say, "Look where I want to end up. I'm going to wait until a train of thought is going to take me to love or to joy or to peace or to forbearance or to kindness or to goodness or to faithfulness or gentleness or self-control. That's the train I'm going to get on! And I might have to stand here for a while until I find that train of thought but I'm going to find it!"

And you know what? Maybe you think, oh no, Chris, I jumped on that other wrong train. It's okay! Jump off!

[Laughter]

You won't die. This is one train you're allowed to jump off on. It's fine! You're not going to die.

But you and I, First Corinthians 2:16 tells us we have the mind of Christ. I tell myself that every morning. I wake up and go, "Christine, you have the mind of Christ. Today you can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens you. You have the mind of Christ. You can make right choices and you will make right choices. You will build your choices based on the Word of God, not how you feel. You will build your choices based on what's good for your future, not what happened to you in your past. Christine, you will do --." I talk to my mind. I stretch and strengthen that muscle.

I remember my daughter when she went to school and Catherine, my 11 year old just especially all her initial years, she traveled with me all the time -- all the time. So these are the only settings she was ever in; women's conferences and the church and everyone around her would tell her how awesome she was and she'd been in life-giving environments and just full of life and full of purpose and full of potential.

And her father, always since the day those kids have been born, "Daddy loves you." "You are daddy's princess." "You are beautiful!" "You are intelligent." Everything I never had -- my daughters are getting that and more and as it should be. "You are beautiful!" "You are intelligent!" "You are awesome!"

Well, then Catherine went to school. And I don't know if it is the same here in the American school system but the school environment is normally quite different to a

church environment, it is not as life-giving and people don't tell you all day you're beautiful and you're gorgeous and you're awesome. And so she goes and she's in kindergarten. And the teacher told me this; she was having a little fight with this little boy over a teddy bear. He was so angry with her because she got a teddy bear. So he ripped the teddy bear out of her hands. And this is what he said to her, I don't even know how my daughter knew what this meant because she would never have heard this anywhere that I would be aware of. So he grabs it from her and he says, "Catherine Bobby, you are dumb and ugly!"

And the teacher said, "Christine, you should have seen her. She just put her shoulders back..." And I honestly thought the teacher was going to tell me that my daughter king hit him.

And I was going to go, "You go, girl!" But I was! Us Australians, we're crocodile hunters so I'm like, "You go!"

But this is what she said to me. She said, "Christine, she just looked at him in the eye ball, and she said, 'No, I'm not. My daddy says that I'm intelligent and I am beautiful.'"

And I sat there and thought, my kid at five years old has got a revelation of what her father says.

It doesn't matter what anybody else says, it doesn't matter what anyone else has said in your past, whether they say you are useless, you are hopeless, you are ugly, you'll never amount to anything. You're a loser. When you know what your father says you can counteract the thoughts that the enemy will bring and you can say, "No, you are a liar. I am not that. My daddy says that I'm a daughter of the king. I'm created with God-given destiny. I'm filled with God-given purpose. I can be whoever God says I can be. I can do whatever God says I can do. I am who God says I am. My daddy says..."

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In the studio

James: Boy, if you get that! Really, the father of all lies, one thing about it, he's not lazy. He's consistent, he never gives up. He never stops lying because that's his vile nature.

God wants you to know who you are as a new creation in Christ, overcomers, you're children. You're heirs, praise kings, more than conquerors. And what Christine is saying is so true.

Father, I pray everybody will hear you, and as Christine said, silence the liar, tell him to shut up! In Jesus name.

I went through a gate one week, where Betty and I were at a retreat. And every time we drove across the gate there goes out three dogs, they were just going [grrrr] Have you ever wondered, when dogs chase cars, what would they do if they caught one?

[Laughter]

What would they do with it? Well, these dogs were driving me crazy. I honestly found myself, because they were just crazy dogs, and we love dogs. But these were crazy dogs! And I wanted to kind of go fast and then slam on the breaks, throw the door open, and they run into the door.

Well, that wouldn't be right. So, what I did is I just slowed down, and I looked out the window and I said, "Stop it! Stop it!"

And they went, [whining].

It was like the Lord said to me, "If you resist the devil like that he'd flee like that." I mean, if you really resist him, stop it! I really think that Christine is saying that we can stop the liar.

I tell you what I want you to do. I want you to shift a gear right now and I want you to listen to a still, small voice, I want you to listen to that inner sense. I honestly think there's something inside you and if you didn't really recognize just how big God is, he put something inside of you that has the capacity to be sensitive in the right way. If you are discerning, because you have the spirit of God in you, you're really going to be moved by what you see and what you hear. And as you're moved I pray you respond in harmony with the heart of God.

On the mission field

Announcer: Africa is a stunning continent filled with many beautiful sights and sounds.

But sadly, sights and sounds like this occur all too often. Like thousands of others, these children find themselves in a desperate situation. They are severely malnourished, others are on the brink of starvation, most are struggling to stay alive. Soon their sounds of anguish become weaker and weaker and then stop altogether.

This is the sad sound that no mother wants to hear. It is the sound of her child's grave being dug. Her child died simply because she did not have enough food to give them.

But this is the sound of hope: A vitamin enriched soup mix being poured into little orange bowls. This sound brings a promise of life each day. Mission feeding saves lives!

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In the studio

James: I want you to just kind of think about those three little ones with those three bowls like this, and picking up that soup mix, that porridge. Did you notice the little child that was lying there on the bed and the skin ulcers on that little emaciated body? I don't know what... I don't know what you see. I see somebody's precious baby.

You know, we actually had some people say, "It would just be better for them to die; then they wouldn't have to live in all that sadness over there." If you knew those people and knew how precious those little children are to them because they don't have any other form of entertainment, they don't have what we call the simple pleasures of life, that is their pleasure, those are the most precious mothers.

And Betty, I'm telling you that we know what it feels like to lose a child. I was already spending a great part of my life trying to help people save their children. I want to save all of the little babies that are in the wombs that would like to have a chance to cry, have a future because I almost didn't. I was almost aborted in my mother's womb but a doctor with convictions wouldn't do it. So I obviously want to save all lives.

Betty, these little children, many of them in South Sudan, that's a nation born because the miracle of God. Recent -- it's a very young... youngest nation and people are plundering them just to disrupt their life, kind of the way things happened here.

Betty: From the moment they're born, James, so many of them they've known nothing but devastation and hunger. Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing to demonstrate Jesus' love and offering them hope and life through giving them food that they need? It is a simple solution. We can be a part of that. You and I can; all of us can that are watching,

be a part of giving hope and life to these precious children. What greater vision can you see than the last little baby we saw there with the bowl and he puts the food up to his mouth and he gets a little grin on his face? It's better than any gift or toy you can give them -- it's life!

James: I think it puts a smile on the face and heart of God. I really do! So would you go and get your bankcard and use it like a check? That's how you should use them. But go get it and say, "I'm going to give life today."

You can go to LifeToday.org and you can give online. You write a check, make it to *LIFE*. Here's what I want you to know. \$30, \$50, or \$100 we're able to feed three, five, or ten children for several months. Some friends, very caring friends, have put up a \$550,000 matching gift to say, "We will match what you give today." In other words, if you give \$100 to feed ten children it will suddenly feed 20; it will be doubled. You give \$1,000, and some of you can, I believe you will, to help feed 100 children, it will then double to 200; to feed three children with \$30 becomes six; \$50 becomes 10 rather than five.

Would you please go to the phone or go online and make the gift God put on your heart? Let's give those children a bowl. If you want to say, "Well, I want to give them the bowl with the food," tack a dollar on for each child you feed and we'll be able to give them a bowl, that's what they cost. They're heat-resistant; our viewers thought that up.

We'll send you the beautiful teaching material and books by Christine Caine to be a blessing to you. The commemorative bronze, "Brotherly Love," help an older brother feed a younger brother and have something to feed.

Help the missionaries. Please go right now, make the life-giving call. If you need prayer, we're always here to pray with and for you because we care about your broken heart but this is a chance also for us to mend broken lives and heal those little children, give them a future.

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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. But our food reserves are gone and we desperately need your support to replenish our supplies at more than 800 feeding

centers immediately. As an answer to prayer, a group of LIFE's friends have set a \$550,000 end-of-year matching challenge for Mission Feeding. This means your gift today can have a double impact!

\$30 to help three children will be doubled to impact six children! \$50 to help feed five children will be doubled to help save ten children. And \$100 for 10 children will be doubled to help feed and minister to 20 children.

With your gift of any amount we'll send you Christine Caine's powerful new teaching series *Moving Past Your Past*, on audio CD along with her book, *Can I Have and Do It All Please?*

With your double impact gift of \$100 to help save the lives of 20 children you may request both the audio and video series. And as a bonus, we'll send you Christine's latest book release, *Undaunted*.

Finally, please consider a double impact gift of \$1,000 to help save the lives of 200 children. And you may request our 50th anniversary bronze sculpture, "Brotherly Love." Please call, write, or make your gift online today.

End of clip

In the studio

James: I am praying that many of you will get the Brotherly Love bronze, make the gift to help us feed 100 children and know that it will immediately become 200. We only have a short time left now, for us to secure the funds and what's happening in South Sudan, a nation really founded, in so many ways, because of faith in God and being devastated by people who just hate. But we're going to show them love. Let's do all we can. Know whatever you do will be doubled.

Thank you so much for your help. Thank all of you for being with us.

[Applause]