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Week 5: Water for LIFE
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Beth Moore: Awaken Now Part 1

James: Well, I welcome you to *LIFE Today*. I'm James Robison. Betty and I are thrilled to have you be a part of this incredible crowd of people, some 4,000 who came; actually over 5,000 registered from almost every state, many foreign countries. You may not have been part of that crowd but you're about to be a part of the Awaken Now Conference.

And then, the good news is, Betty, you can have every speaker, every one of these gifted teachers and communicators teaching under the anointing of God something that the church and the whole earth needs to hear, America needs to hear. You can get the messages on transcript and hear these great speakers. I promise you, you are going to be inspired and blessed beyond measure. So I look forward to you getting the DVD's, CD's. And now, here is under the anointing of God, Beth Moore.

Beth: I wish that I had just the right words to express to you how much I love these two people. They are the most generous people I have ever known in my entire life. Nobody gives one day a week of their Monday through Friday program away to someone. No one does that. No one!

No one is any more moved for the poor and those in crisis and need than these two people -- no one! I've never known anyone more real to the bone. We have vacationed with these people, stayed in their home, been with them in hard times and been with them in good times and they're exactly the people you see on this platform today. I get opportunity after opportunity to see people when I'm out and about and in this airport or this Starbucks that ask me about them and it is the most beautiful thing to be able to say, "They are exactly like what you would want them to be. I love them so much!"

I want to say something to both of you. I cannot imagine what God could have done to say he loves you and favors you more than after 50 solid years of marriage and ministry to fall out on this house today in a way that I am not sure I have ever seen. I

cannot imagine anything that would have conveyed his love any more to the two of you than to say after these decades, "I am still mighty on you. And I'm mighty in your house, and I am mighty on what you do." His hand is on you.

Let me tell you one reason why they continue to be on the edge of what God is doing is because they continually ask him to do a new thing. Keith and I have been with them on vacations at times when we would get up in the morning, they had already been up since 4:30-5:00 a.m. both of them Bibles out listening for Jesus; constantly welcoming a brand new work. When they do mission outreaches in the outreaches of LIFE, they mean what they're saying. I've seen it on the other side of the world. What Peter talked about today, listen, you need to hear every one of these messages because it was astounding; and all four of them from four different corners. It was an explosion in this room. When Peter reminded us of the aspect of loving Christ through helping people and meeting needs, I see that continually out of this ministry. It is an unspeakable honor for me to work with the two of you. I love you so much I can hardly express it.

When I was sitting with them just a moment ago, I just watched James hold Betty's hand and I nearly started crying because they're just crazy about each other. I mean they're just nuts about each other. Just watched the way he held and rubbed her hand, and I thought, God! He knew what he was doing. And you know what I love about them? They don't have to make you think they've got it altogether. They've made room in their lives for someone as flawed as me and someone as flawed as my man when we came together in such an explosion of baggage took place under one roof. Let me tell you, they just make room for people like us... just make room for us. I'm just astounded.

It is my pleasure to serve you. I do not in any way deserve this. It is such a grace gift and I gladly am your servant tonight, want so much to be used of God as he'll allow me to.

I told him today James and Betty, because we had such a marvelous time in the Word today, such an outpouring of God. But they also got to be funny. So I told the Lord this afternoon, I said, "I can be funny." [Laughter] "I can be really, really funny. And I

don't really understand why there is not one funny thing in my notes. That's what I don't get, Lord because I want to be funny. I want to make people laugh. I don't have to be like this intense."

For whatever reason, God has placed it on my heart that not only am I not to veer off, as close as I've ever come to reading notes, I'm going to do it tonight because I felt like he said in my spirit, "You know what I want you to do? I want you to say exactly what I told you to say. And I don't want you to look to your right or to your left doing it. I want you to take it down and say it as closely as you can possibly understand to what I put on your heart." And that is what I'm going to try so hard to do.

Would you stand please and let's go before the throne of grace together? Lord, we are honored to be in this house; already so anointed by your presence. You've been so gracious and kind to us. You love your people. Lord, you have not forsaken this world. It is a lot of things but it is not god-forsaken. And we bless your name. And we say to you, you are all to us. Jesus, you are all to us, and you are worthy of this worship in this house tonight. We need so desperately to hear from you. Lord, I know this, I know this, that when we are desperate to hear, we will hear -- we will hear. So Father, I pray that this will translate through screens that everyone in this house will have a sense of your spirit, everyone on the other side of that screen will have a sense of your spirit. Pour on us -- pour on us! In the glorious, saving, beautiful, miraculous, delivering name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

You may be seated. Will you turn with me if you have your Bibles please to Isaiah chapter 44? -- Isaiah 44. God has pressed upon my heart messages this evening from the book of Isaiah, primarily. I'll depart a time or two but most of the time we'll be right here. Isaiah 44:1-5 is where we'll begin and soon turn right to Isaiah chapter 41.

Isaiah 44, verses one through five: "But now hear, O Jacob, my servant, Israel whom I have chosen. Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you."

Would you look at one another and say, "He will help you." [Audience repeats] "Your God will help you. Fear not, O Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen, for I

will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground. I will pour my spirit upon your offspring and my blessing on your descendants; and they shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, 'I am the Lord's'; another will call on the name of Jacob; and another one will write on his hand, 'The Lord's' and name himself by the name of Israel. But now hear my servants, he says, the Word of the Lord for I will."

This is a downpour that God has promised on this page of scripture that is not contradictory to the one that we would find in John chapter four with the Samaritan woman because he told her in that particular passage of scripture an account that he would give a living water that would well up within to eternal life, the in-pouring of the Holy Spirit. But this passage of scripture is talking about something just a little bit different. Not the in-pouring, which we're hoping for every single person of every single nation and tongue as God seeks them out for salvation but there is something else being depicted in Isaiah 44 and that is not just an in-pouring but an outpouring -- an outpouring. That we would have to quench the in-pouring of the Holy Spirit not too long for an outpouring.

I've come to ask you in this house today, do you long for the outpouring of the water of the Holy Spirit of the living God? Because I want you to notice something with me because it is talking about "I will pour water on the thirsty land." Anybody know a land that is thirsty? Anybody? Anybody? Because many of us may have that indwelling spirit in-poured, welling up to eternal life but we are desperate to see the Spirit of God fall around us on a dry and a thirsty land. And I want you to notice somebody about it and that's why I believe I can come and say to you that there's a prerequisite for this outpouring that we could step into and we could step into it today. We would not have to wait 'til next week. We would not have to wait to get programs together for ten years from now.

Today we could position ourselves for an outpouring of this very water of the living God because he says, "All it takes is for you land to be dry, and the place where you are to be thirsty." The only prerequisite in the scriptures is: I will pour water on thirsty land and streams on dry ground, and I will pour my spirit upon your offspring.

I'm going to tell you something, the Word of God -- God has just been piercing my heart and you said it this afternoon, James, with First Corinthians 4:20 that the kingdom of God is not just talk but a demonstration of the Holy Spirit's power. And I'm just asking you, have we seen in our present day the outpourings of the Holy Spirit like we see testified in the Word of God because I suggest to you we are thirstier than we are saying that we are. And I've come into this house tonight to ask you and to ask each one listening, would we own our thirst? I wonder, would we own our thirst because that's all it will take. Can we humble ourselves enough to say, "We are thirsty and dry for an outpouring of your spirit, God. We are desperate for your downpour."

Would you look with me at Isaiah 41 please? Chapter 41, I'm going to start at verse 17. Isaiah 41:17: When the poor and needy seek water and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I, the Lord will answer them. Do you hear these "I wills"? I the Lord will -- I will. Not I may. Not when the time is just right. He said, "I will do it."

When the poor and needy seek water and there is none and their tongue is parched with thirst, I, the Lord, will answer them. I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water.

Listen to what he will do to your wilderness if we'll own our thirst.

I will take that wilderness -- before I even move you out of it. You keep telling me that you want to move out of the wilderness. I'm saying to you children, I believe this is what God is saying to us. No, I'll do it right there in your wilderness. Right there where you are. I will make that wilderness a pool of water and the dry land springs of water. I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle and the olive. I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together.

Listen to this, verse 20: That they may see and know and may consider and understand together that the hand of the Lord has done this, the holy one of Israel has created it.

I want you to just go back to that verse 20 and hear it out of the E.S.V. You would hear it in the authorized version as well. I'm not sure why it is not translated in several of the other formal translations but you'll hear it just brilliantly here in the E.S.V. as it says that I will do this when the poor and needy seek water and there is none. I will open up rivers in the bare heights, fountains in the midst of valleys, make a wilderness a pool of water. I will do all of this that they may see and know, may consider and understand together that the hand of the Lord has done this. The holy one of Israel has created it.

The beauty of the word together because it is conveyed in the Hebrew language and the beauty of it is it means with people and with bits and pieces of what God is doing.

One of the most blatant messages, life messages that James and Betty bring into any environment they get to serve is the unity of the body of Christ regardless of -- he's not talking about uniformity, us coming together as the body of Christ knowing that we are saved by Christ alone, and we have put our trust in him, that makes us brothers and sisters. And it is not until we come together that we even realize what God is doing because we get so isolated in all of our corners.

But when we come together and the bits and pieces of what God is doing all over the world, to go to another country and go, "What is this he is doing? What is this marvel?" And it gives us courage and we come back together and we put it altogether. We come back together and we see and know and consider and understand only the hand of the Lord could have done this. Only the holy one of Israel could create this. Only he.

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In the studio

James: Well, I am so glad that you, if you didn't get to attend the conference you are attending it right now. Many of you who did have been saying for some time... I mean we heard from a lot of people say, "When do we get the DVD's; because we ordered them there." And of course, we got them all ready and edited and packaged beautifully so that we could get them to you. But many of you who did not get to go to the Awaken Now Conference are now going to get to attend virtually every session

of it; hear all the truly anointed speakers. And if you will make a gift to help us drill water wells, \$100 or more, we're going to send you the DVD's, CD's, and a transcript -- a written transcript of the messages. I'm telling you, this is something you'll want to share with your church.

I really believe, if you were to take Sammy Rodriguez's message, which is really, in total, about 20 minutes and then the prayer that I pray with him at the end, if that was played, Betty, in every church in America, I believe we would experience an awakening. I really believe that.

Dr. Tony Evans, what a message -- Governor Mike Huckabee, really speaking as a pastor, leader, as a statesman to the nation; Dr. Ben Carson, gifted neurosurgeon. All of the other speakers that were there are so truly anointed of God. You get these messages.

I want you to look in on something that I know beyond any doubt is going to grab your heart. Betty and I have found the greatest joy in becoming a helper, a servant to people who feel like no one ever noticed. You may feel that way. I know there are people who feel like nobody notices me. But God does! And you are so vitally important in his kingdom purpose. And you're the ones that can show the most overlooked, forgotten people on the planet that God notices, God loves, and God cares. And what you're about to see is going to inspire you to take the most profound, positive, transforming action possible; you're going to be moved by love. Watch very closely.

On the mission field

Subtitles:

>> My name is Chao. I am a mother of three.

Announcer: Yes, Chao is a mother. And with love and tender care she has given all for her children, whatever the cost. But there are times when commitment, diligence, and sacrifice are not enough. Not when the conditions around you are beyond your control.

Subtitles:

>> I know the water is bad.

Announcer: Bad water: The term hardly characterizes the horror it creates. For though Chao was a mother of three, this water made her a mother of two.

Subtitles:

>> I took my son to the hospital, but the doctor could not help. It was too late. He died at midnight.

Announcer: A dark moment on a dark night. But unfortunately, it wasn't the last because in one year this water also attacked the life of her two-and-a-half-year old girl.

Subtitles:

>> She would run and play and sing so beautiful. When she got sick she would call for help. I would hold her hand when she cried, but there was nothing I could do to help her. If someone helped us with clean water, I would not have lost two children. I'm afraid my other boy will die.

Announcer: With every drink this life hangs in the balance. Will their water give or will it take? Will it nourish or attack?

Subtitles:

>> I don't want to lose another child.

In the studio

James: I'm really grateful that God moves my heart. Sometimes I think I feel a little bit embarrassed because my heart is tender and because I weep. But I guess I'm grateful.

I remember when Lazarus died and Jesus came to the graveside and everyone was weeping. The question comes up, why did -- that brief verse, "Jesus wept," is two words -- why was it there? What's the significance of it? I think the significance is, and I really believe it is important to grasp this, was not that he wept but why did he weep? Because he knew he was about to solve the problem; he was going to raise the dead.

Why did he weep? Because they were weeping; He felt their burden. I honestly believe this and I believe it is a supernatural thing that God does in our lives. I believe he will give us compassion, like a mother has for a child with fever; you suffer with them. I believe God lets us feel the broken heart of mothers, grandparents, family members who have lost a loved one for whatever reason and I believe we can feel that pain.

Many of you told us, "We feel, at least to some degree, what you and Betty felt when you lost your daughter, especially around holidays, Christmas, New Year's." And you really meant that. That lifted a heavy load, just the fact that you cared.

Now think about this. If you have compassion and you care, and you have the solution to the problem, and we do, it is literally as Jesus said, just a cup of water in his name -- that's literally how we give it. We show them his love. We show them he cares and we meet their need, and you make it possible.

Betty and I could weep and care with the missionaries but we couldn't drill water wells if you didn't help us. We might drill one or two but with your help we've going to drill 500 in targeted areas in 12 nations. If you will help us, some of you can drill a well. Please do -- \$4800, that's the average cost. Some of you could give \$2400 and immediately pray, "Someone join me!" We've got a well. Some give \$1200. This happens frequently. And then three others step up and we've got a well.

But the majority of our support comes from people who give gifts of \$48 and \$144; \$48, 10 people water the rest of their life; \$144, 30 people water the rest of their life. If you make a gift, we're going to send you, for any gift you make, the CD's of the Awaken Now Conference. If you make a gift of over \$100 we're going to send you the CD's, DVD's and the transcript; the written transcript of the messages. These are going to be a treasure that you're going to share because you shared the treasure of life through Water for Life.

Would you dial the number right now? Take your bankcard or go online, LifeToday.org and make the best gift you can. Please do it! If you write a check make it to *LIFE* because that's what you're giving.

I want to thank you in behalf of every family member you help, every child whose life you save and touch, in behalf of all the missionaries for making that call. Don't be distracted. Go to the phone or go online, please right now, and make the gift God put on your heart.

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Announcer: Every day millions of children are forced to make a dreadful choice: drink filthy, polluted water filled with deadly disease or die from thirst. No child should ever be faced with this decision.

The good news is there is a solution! *Mission Water for Life* is one of the most exciting and viable demonstrations of God's love in the world today. Suffering can end because clean water changes everything.

With your gift today we can establish and drill 500 new water wells for remote villages in over 12 different nations. Your gift of \$24 will help provide clean water for 5 people. A gift of \$48 will help provide for 10 people; \$72 will impact 15 people. And \$144 will help provide fresh, clean, disease-free water for 30 people for a lifetime!

With your gift be sure to request the *Awaken Now* audio series, a once-in-a-lifetime gathering of 23 anointed speakers proclaiming a powerful message for every believer in God's kingdom. With your gift of \$100 or more, you may request *Awaken Now* on both audio and video, along with the companion book containing the speaker's sermons and encouraging messages.

Finally, please prayerfully consider a gift of \$1,200 to help provide water for 250 people or a gift of \$4,800 to help sponsor a complete well. And be sure to request our new commemorative sculptured glass statue, "The Blessing."

Please call, write, or make your secure gift online today!

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James: Well, it is no exaggeration to tell you you're going to be blessed by every speaker and teacher in the Awaken Now Conference. This is something you'll want to share. You will treasure it and you will share this treasure. Thank you for helping us share Water for Life -- 500 wells, that's the goal.

"The Blessing," the glass sculpture -- beautiful! You will be amazed at the different areas you put it in how it reflects the color. And you and I are an expression of his life,

his light, his love and we release a river of living water. Thank you for having a part.
Thank you for sharing God's heart.