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Week 7: Water for Life

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Awaken Now Conference

James: It is exciting to know that you are going to get to be in the *Awaken Now* conference. Many of you who were there, you're excited you're going to be hearing these incredible speakers and knowing that the *Awaken Now* conference is available.

These are the transcripts, Betty.

We have got the DVD's and the CD's and we're going to tell you how you can get them. As you know, we don't sell products on *LIFE Today* television but we give gifts to those of you who help us change lives with acts of compassion and love.

Betty, we are right now giving people not only the water of life and truth but also water for life.

So, we'll give you information in a little while how you can get the *Awaken Now* conference tapes, DVD's and CD's.

Betty, the one they're going to hear today is when you shared your heart. And it was obvious, Betty's been on a pretty heavy journey this year that your prayers have lifted her, and then I come and share and minister very directly to you the viewers, as well as the people who were in the audience in the auditorium. We join that conference.

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Betty: Wow! This is kind of hard to follow but I'll try. First of all, thank you all so much for being here. What a blessing! It's so fun to be in the house of the Lord with his children; isn't it? It's just wonderful. I know James has, with heartfelt sharing about our daughter Robin. I don't want to bring you down, that's not what I'm going to do. But I just want to give you a little portion of the testimony that God's been working in my heart in these last months.

When Robin passed away, you can imagine the heart of a mother just being devastated and heartbroken. This mother fought the battle with her daughter as hard as a mother could fight. I gave it all I had, and God was right in the middle of all of it. God never left me. I'm not disappointed in God. He did not fail me in any way. He was right there in the center of the journey.

Well, God has her with him right now. I miss her a lot. But who better could she be with than with Jesus? She is happy. She is well. And as she said all along the journey, "Mom, I win!" And she did. She won that battle and she is with him. As that journey ended for her here on earth, a new journey began for this mother that never wanted to be on this part of the journey but here I am right in the middle of it. And as we came away from the service of Robin, the celebration time of her going to be with the Lord, when I got back home God said, "This is what I want you to do. You're in the recovery room right now and I'm right there with you. I want you to journal what's going on in your heart."

So I began to journal. First of all, of course, the tears -- tears flow like every time I thought of my daughter. Tears flowed every time I saw something that reminded me of her, and they still do. But as I was going through this recovery time with the Lord he let me express through my journaling what the hurt was. I mean there were days when I would just be on my face and say, "God, I can't go on. This heartache is too much."

And he said, "No, I'm here. I'm right here."

And there were times when he would let me be angry. He would let me express that anger. He would let me express that frustration and that wanting-to-quit spirit -- you know just wanting to go into a corner and hide or either say, "This has got to be a terrible nightmare, I will make up in a moment."

God said, "This is real but I'm here."

And as he has taken me through this journey, this recovery and I've been able to pen down in my journal the things that were going on in my heart and I don't have time to express them all to you and I may never be able to but this was part of my healing for

me at this moment. God was just almost quiet and he would listen because he knew what was going on. And he let me -- and there were times when I'd just be victorious and I'd say, "Okay, God. This is good!"

And the next moment I'd turn around and I'd be weeping and weeping and weeping. And he didn't condemn me. He didn't say, "Okay, girl! Straighten up. Get over that!" No, he put all of these emotions in me. He put all of these feelings in me. He said, "Just go with it! Go with it! It is part of your healing."

And I have to tell you that this week, when we came -- the first night, Thursday night, the praise music, I've got to confess, my biggest concern for being here and in this service was during the worship time because thus far as much as I thanked God and I knew he was walking through this pain with me, when it would come to worship time at church, I could not bear it because all I could think of, and the tears would come, would be Robin.

The other night sitting over here God said, "I'm walking you through the shadow of death but I want to show you some light because I'm here with you." For the first time since Robin died and went to be with Jesus, I was able to stand over here and my thoughts were on him, and I was able to praise him and be joyful in him. And he is so constantly with us. I just want people that go through hurt and pain, and if that's the one thing I learned coming out of this is yes, we want to be comforters to those that are hurting; friends and family are very important in these times. But when you experience that pain yourself, you know what it feels like and you really can express the love of Jesus that he put in me as he's healing my heart that he wants to give it to others. That's where I see God taking me is now you know go and share it. God bless you all. We love you so much!

[Applause]

James: Is she pretty? Is she pretty through and through? That's what happens when you really let God choose for you. I used to like shopping for girls and finding my wife. And the Lord said, "That's not her." "That's not her." "That's not her."

I'd sometimes say, "Look a little closer, Lord."

[Laughter]

But he showed me her. Wow! Now, it really does... it's really tough on me to watch how some of these folks can preach. A lot of them grew up, you know, a lot of them grew up under my ministry.

Bruce, let's move this podium over. I'm going to kind of move things around here. I'm trying to obey the Lord, everything he tells me to do. He tells me to do some pretty funny stuff. Like here I am like Sammy, dynamic, I usually broke a pulpit or two while I was preaching; split them right down the middle. I broke Falwell's pulpit right down the middle. Later, when he got in trouble and everybody was trying to kill him, he had a solid bullet-proof pulpit. So when he put me in it he said, "Go ahead and bang on that one, boy. You can't break that one!"

[Laughter]

But during those days when the Lord had allowed me to go through this burnout process, you see, if you have a gift in the church and Sammy, I want you to not miss this. Sammy, now listen to me.

And Lisa, you know you've heard this speech but now listen to me, I just pray God will open the ears of the whole world to hear what God's put in your heart. You really need to guard that. He's given you a gift beyond any that I had. The fact that you can even read like you're not reading it. I wish I could do that. I can't.

God won't allow me to use notes. It was an order 50 years ago. And I never have. I'll read a quote, I'll note some things that the Lord says, "Read it the way I gave it to you" like that and I'll read a sentence or a statement but the church will use you up. They're users; they don't mean to be, but don't let them. The enemy would like to have you run your legs off going to places you have no business going. You remember how Jesus kept leaving the big events? Like the man didn't have good discernment about when something is happening.

[Laughter]

I mean all heaven just came down and he goes up on a mountain by himself.

[Laughter]

Or gets in a boat. Now he didn't go because he needed power, he didn't go because he needed something to say, he went because he needed to be with the father. And he also went because he just loved the father.

Now Sammy, don't ever stop doing that because I told God when he told me what he was going to do with me, that I wouldn't do that. But I would always come back to him like a child. But Sammy, listen to me, I didn't. I remember when I told him, "I'll always come back here and spend time with you."

Because He told me, "You're going to be speaking in stadiums" -- before I'd ever spoken.

And when I said, "I'll always come back here no matter what happens, God, you showed me, I'll come back."

It was like he said -- it's almost like I can still see it, looking down at me saying, "Really?"

I didn't. I know when I was drawn away from first love when I got caught up in all the minutia. Be careful. Okay? Guard the gift God's put in you. All of you need to take that word. You need to spend time with God; not to get power or something from him. Well, he gave me in this transition period, obviously he had given me a wonderful ability to communicate. Would you agree with that? In any setting? Any place -- it didn't have to be church, it didn't matter where it was. Like T.D. Hall, it could have been parking lot.

By the way, he is giving you the same ability to communicate the message he's put in your life. I may -- well, I am offering it. I'm offering Gateway an opportunity for me to take everybody that wants to know how to begin to share your faith effectively, and I

think I can teach you probably between one and two hours. You'll leave... The man that I went and hugged the other day, that preacher over there that gave me my first invitation, that's the man that taught me how to win people to Christ. He's the one that showed me how to close the deal. He also showed me how to approach people.

See, I had the gift to preach but I didn't know how to close the deal. I can show you how to do this. The point is, you can speak wherever he says, "Let the river flow."

By the way, you were impressed with Lisa and with Sammy and with Betty and all the different speakers because what they are, they're yielded vessels through which the river of living water flows freely. That's how you're supposed to live. So that means you can go out of here and be sensitive.

You can ask Betty, I used to stop the car going down the road, pull off and go over and witness to people. She would be eating at a restaurant with me and she'd be a total nervous wreck because she knows what is fixing to happen.

[Laughter]

We are dating -- we're not married, we're dating but God called me to be an evangelist and he wanted me to learn how to witness before I ever got in the pulpit. I didn't know how to close a deal, I knew how to witness.

Bill Baker taught me how to close it. I'm going to try to help you learn the whole picture, if Gateway gives me that opportunity we'll share it and we can go off all over the church world and show people how to witness because they can learn how to be witnesses on the hill.

So Betty would be sitting at a restaurant and she would be nervous, because she knows something is fixing to happen at this restaurant. A lot of times I'd address the whole restaurant. And I'd been in country clubs and addressed the whole country club. I've been in nightclubs too and get Jeanne Rogers and say, "I have a lady here who can sing better than anybody you'll ever put on that platform. Would you let her sing?"

She would get up there and sing a hit song. They would go crazy and the next thing she would sing about Jesus, and the next thing you know I'm standing up on the platform at a nightclub. Next thing you know people are shoving cocktails back, putting beer under the table and they're under conviction. It's been that way my whole journey. It's a crazy fun journey. It will make your wife nervous, but it's a crazy fun journey.

[Laughter]

So Betty would know these things were going to happen. Now, when God started using me and all this dynamic is flowing and then I went through that time of being brought back to the Lord, I am in a meeting one day and the Lord showed me a chair in the corner and said, "You're going to be more effective sitting over there in that chair than you've ever been standing on a platform."

Boy, I thought, my goodness! So you know how I interpreted that? My delivery is too dynamic, it's distracting from Jesus because they used to teach my gestures at the seminary. They would teach them.

[Laughter]

And Lisa was talking about fencing and what her son was told. See, when God called me to preach I was the shyest kid in the school. I got zeros on reports because I wouldn't give one. Terrified! And God tells me I'm going to be an evangelist.

And then when I was up at college and people could tell I was -- they said, "Well, you're going to have to use your hands; you've got to use gestures to be effective." I'd never used gestures. I was too scared. I wouldn't shake your hand. You walk up and stick your hand out to me and I'd think something was wrong with you. That's how -- no home, no life, dysfunction, scared. And God said, "Those guys are right, you've got to use your hands."

So what did I do? For the next weeks I'm standing in front of a mirror.

[Laughter]

And I said, "God, how do I stand?" And I'm saying, "How do I do this? They tell me I've got to gesture." And so help me, the Lord showed me. He showed me how to hold my hands. And I want you to know I know how.

And he showed me how to point and I learned how to point where every time I pointed 10,000 people said, "My God, how did he know I was here?"

[Laughter]

And then God said, "You see, I was a football player and I was a guard playing in the State Championship, the day I got married. I hate to tell you this; I made 24 points in the first half.

[Laughter]

And that wasn't with three pointers, and all my shots were three pointers or follow-up shots. I don't think I missed more than one or two shots out this 24, which would have been 35 or 36 today's world. I didn't get to shoot the second half because I had three people guarding me. I knew how to move. I didn't know much about how to pass, I was a gunner and everybody knew it. Just give it to him and watch. I stood in front of that mirror and God said, "You move like this."

And I even had people ask me when I began preaching, "Did you take ballet?"

[Laughter]

I said, "No, I just stood in front of the mirror." Listen, when God told me to sit down I obeyed him. I want you to understand why he told me to because it really took me a couple of years. I started preaching my crusades sitting down. Jerry Falwell didn't have anything but those great big chairs so when I went back to Thomas Road I sat on the edge of the platform. I went to Atlanta for city-wide meetings, the whole thing sitting on the edge of the platform. I don't want to be in God's way. That wasn't what God was

saying. He said, "I want you to spend the rest of your life" -- don't you miss this -- doing what every one of you can do. He said, "I want you to spend the rest of your life sitting at my feet listening to my words." And he said, "You're going to be more effective sitting down than standing up because I'm going to show you what it looks like to be a servant, and the servants are the greatest in the kingdom."

I have met with many world leaders. I am meeting with church leaders from every realm that you can imagine. And Sammy, am I not meeting them sitting down? Always. I have become a servant. Now here's the thing I don't want you to miss. You may think, boy, I bet it is exciting he preached to those 200,000 people and they went crazy. I bet it is great you preaching -- I preached to two different crowds of over a million. I bet you thought, "That's great! Man, James, to think that you've influenced so many people's lives!"

Can I tell you the most fun thing we ever do? It's like what I did for Jim Garrett last night when I pointed to him in the wheelchair, and how we had Jim in our home for Christmas with our family. He hadn't got a family. Oh, yes, he does. It's a real good family! Holding little children. Do you realize on the mission field, many of those children you see me holding, you know how they got in my lap? I prayed them in my lap.

You know the picture I treasure the most is the Rwandan orphans who had crawled out from under the mangled bodies of their parents who had been cut to pieces with a machete. And had they not been under those dead bodies they would have been dead also but they couldn't see them. Those little children were terrified of adults, and they were really terrified of white people.

But I can show you what they did when I went into Rwanda with skulls and skeletons and bodies laying everywhere. I can show you. A gifted black artist, the greatest pencil ink sketch artist in the world painted a picture of me with those children. It's hanging when you enter into our office building, our media building, all those little children in my lap. I just sat down and they started coming in my arms.

Didn't they, Peter? You remember how we all emptied our pockets. We didn't have any money. We went over there where everybody is being killed. You couldn't even land there. We had to go into another country and come over. You told me how scary it was. But we dumped everything we had on the table; didn't we? They came. I'm sitting there. That's joy!

Now here's the deal. Millions of people speak to millions of leaders. The most fun thing I've ever done is what you can do every day -- love somebody overlooked. I pull in Starbucks, they know, there he is, there is the witness. He loves us. There's the guy with the little dachshund in his lap that wants some whipped cream that we're going to put on his drink. She loves everything.

You can do that. You don't have to go to a coffee shop to do it. Just get your eyes open and start looking. You got it? God so much wants to speak through us as a body to the people you need to hear. What you have heard in this conference, if you take out of here -- if you take the things that Andy... and I said, "Andy, do you realize when you put those notes up there you said you're a noticer." I said, "You're a much more than a noticer. You're a noticer with discernment! You recognize what should be noticed, the way it should be noticed, how it should be applied and processed. And that gift you've got to expand. You need to take us from faith and show us what will shape our thinking. What is it that renews our mind? We present our bodies totally, a living sacrifice, yielded clay in the potter's hand. And then we're transformed through the power of the word, the reliable standard by the what? -- The renewing of our mind. It is the truth that transforms our thinking.

Do you know that you can get so in this word and I know -- I still pick this Bible up and carry it around -- it's been re-bound twice? Do you see that? Ten or twelve hours a day for approximately 16 to 18 months, I poured over this after my deliverance because I had sermons but I didn't have the Word in me anymore.

Josh Huffman, you remember this, when people got so hungry for the Word, just like you and your wife, and they're eating the Word and they're business people and hundreds of people are working for them, big corporations, God's changing their life. And I said, "Let me tell you how full of the word you ought to get." You don't go in like

little babies waiting for somebody to feed them some scriptural Pablum and just sit there and say, "Come on! Give me the little plunger." We had these little things you used to shoot the little baby food in with. They would be –

The first time I fed Rhonda, I thought it was fun. I'd just go splpp and she would go splbb splbb. And so help me, that's the way church folks come. They come and they sit down and say, "ch ch ch." Then they go, "Phlbb-bb." And they're bloated mean because they don't eat the Word.

I'd gotten that way. I had sermons from the word but the Word wasn't in me, it wasn't carrying me. I carried it, it didn't carry me. What's in the Word was consumed by me and that was my restoration process after I'd crashed and burned because the burning inside was consuming. I wanted to die and God set me free. And I needed my mind renewed and I still do continually.

And I would say to the people, "I want you to fall so in love with the word." I've said, "Our preachers ought to be able to stand up and say a verse and just point. We don't need preachers, we just need pointers." And I would say open to a verse and we didn't have screens and you'd see people open their Bibles and all the sudden the whole church would shout and the preacher never said another word except point. The Word was alive! It leaps off the page and lodged in their hearts. That's how you are to go home!

Yes, you ought to listen to these messages again because chances are, if you're like me, I don't have time to write down all that stuff because I just missed three other great statements. It's like you like the Word of God, "Well, I liked this verse." Well, God liked the one before and after it; read it sometime.

[Laughter]

At different times you'll find out it comes alive. Are you listening to me? I'm not interested in sending a bunch of folks out of here that like the 50 year anniversary conference; let's wait another 50 years, we'll have another one. Now unless he comes, I'll probably still be here. Obviously, Betty will.

Are you hearing what I'm saying? Sitting down? I'm trying to talk to you a little bit like a father. I'm sorry a talk loud but you're way back there.

[Laughter]

Go out of here and get full of the word so that you no longer carry it, it carries you. Then let it be released like a river of love and life. And don't look at anybody like a scalp or a notch on your spiritual gun stock. You're not going out and collecting converts. You're going out and setting captives free because you've got the song of a soul set free.

[Applause]

We've got to go out of here as a body, as a mighty army, as a shining city on a hill because each one of us uncovers the light. And please hear this.

By the way, I want to go back to something I just said. You get these tapes, the reason you didn't write everything down because there were other things coming fast. That's the beauty of the tapes and the video is you can sit here and write things down. I promise you, on many single statements you're going to get a full day's study on it. You talk about becoming a mighty person of God, a mighty warrior, a soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ with the whole armor of God and the sword of the spirit and take the head off the enemy!

You sure are beautiful! Are you hearing? We're sending you out of here with a heart full of inspiration, and I believe, insight, and I believe your mind will be renewed. You started a process. When that carpet cleaner prayed for me I felt nothing, but something happened because he had authority -- free people can free people. He told the enemy to get off God's property -- me! And I woke up and I knew, that claw in my brain that had been there for so long jerking me around was gone.

But that's not the big deal. The dig deal is that once God opened my mind, I consumed the Word and it consumed me. And I recognized him speaking through everybody.

And I recognized people who didn't know what he really wanted them to hear but they were still part of his family and he loved them. And he said, I want you to go after all of them.

Boy, you talk about how -- the devil and make some church folks mad, I'm telling you! But like Beth said, you're going to get scoffed at when you go with God. You better not let it slow you down.

By the way, learn this lesson that I learned. No matter how anybody treated me. You know I actually paid the debts of a lot of my biggest critics who were trying to destroy me? I just paid their debts off. Unbelievable --

You say, "Well, did they quit criticizing you then?"

No, they kept criticizing me.

You say, "What did you do?"

I kept loving them. Do you know that those critics that tried to destroy me, and they spent years trying to destroy me, they were church folks, do you know they're my best friends? Do you know they're among the greatest, strongest supporters the ministry has had all over the world?

So when I tell you I'm going to sit down with Catholic leaders and I'm going to sit down with leaders from every part of this world and we're going to talk about Jesus, Jesus, Jesus' name above every name and his reliable word -- that's what we're going out here to do. Do you want to do that? This is what I need you to hear. This is what I really need to be sure you take out of here.

If I had to get right down here and boy, I wish I could move like Andy and get with God. If I jumped off this platform, you'd have to put me back up here on a stretcher.

[Laughter]

If I had to get down here before you leave and not tell you our daughter's in Heaven, but one of our grandchildren's on drugs, that we want -- they won't even talk about God. I would not want you to come down here and say, "Well!" I would want you to come down here.

If I had to get down here and say, "I blew it again. I did! I fell off the wagon. God!" I would want you to tell me what I told Josh Hamilton when he wanted to kill himself because he fell off the wagon. And I'm out there helping him hold his old big head up. And said, "Josh, don't you hang your head in shame. I don't care how deep your ditch is, I don't care how deep you dig it, I don't care where it goes, I don't care how you got in it, I'm in it with you. We're going to get out of it!"

That's what I need you to do for me! That's love with no limit. That's unconditional love! That's not merit, that's mercy -- mercy drops around us are falling below from the showers we plead. Could it be that when we really learn to bind up the broken hearted, really learn to lift one another up, that the showers will come that Beth talked about. That many of our friends here right now, I'm looking at some of them, we're fighting your battle with you. Nobody in your family can hurt too bad without us hurting right alongside of you.

Would you say thank you to Gateway Church for letting us have the conference here?

[Cheers & Applause]

-- For Robert, the elders?

[Applause]

So I can't -- I can't lay hands on every one of but in a sense I can. The gift that was in you by the laying on of the hands stir up the gift that's in you. I want to impart to you -- do you like the zeal you've heard from our speakers? Have you not heard a lot of them say they got it just from us being together? I want you to leave with it. And you agree, I appear to be fearless -- I am. I appear to be in love with Jesus -- I am. I appear to love people -- I do.

Do you agree I'm a blessed person? Do you remember what the Bible says? If you receive a sent one, a prophet in the name in which they're sent, the blessing that's on them will what? -- Will be on you. Would you like that? I want to pray that on you. All the blessings that are not only upon me but really the blessings that are upon the Lord Jesus will be on you and you will recognize, like she said, that cross is everything that's in it for you. Would you like that?

I want you to stand very quietly, just stand. I want you to -- I want you to join hands. I want those of you... and you can leave your things here.

I want this couple to come up right here, this yellow shirt, and this pretty lady here in the black. Are y'all married? Come right here. Are you African American heritage? Are you Asian? Korean. Look at this. See this is how God does things. See he is a God of distinctives. Do you not see the beauty of Jesus on them?

-- All of you. I love you. You're so beautiful! I want those of you right here let's say, will y'all come right here and form a little circle -- this front row right here. Come over here. The rest of you, hold hands. I want all of you to hold hands. Somebody at the end of the row, can you reach across the aisle? That will be great.

We're just going to pray that the full blessing of God, Sammy, you and Lisa just pray that all that you all have experienced and know will just come down on everybody in this building.

And then I'm going to tell you now, this is what I really need you to do, and I hate to do this, but I went ahead and used all the allotted time that we can have and not hurt the church's services and they've been so nice to us. I really do want to hug all your necks. I know I'm perspiring but my nose isn't running.

[Laughter]

Doing better in that regard. Maybe y'all have prayed me through the gap. But I really would like to hug every one of you. My arms are around you when you go. Boy, his

want to be, or his can be. I can't -- I can't go with you. That's why he said, "I've got to leave and send somebody who can, and he's just like me!" And then you don't just have to hug him, you can live in his arms. I'm going to pray that will happen. Okay? Bow your heads.

Jesus, I know I talk loud. Father, you know I do too. I've got to tell you, Father, I know you can speak like thunder but you do speak soft to me a lot. I don't ever want to misinterpret authority as being loud noise however high I shout or raise my voice. I don't think the people feel that. I think it is just something inside me that I get so full of the passion and zeal of what you put in my heart that I can't seem to hold it back. And if I need to learn to hold it back, show me because I will.

But Lord, the thing I want to say thank you for what a wonderful father you are, how you told me I can come boldly to your throne because it is a grace thing. And I don't have to be a beggar. So Father, I'm coming to you like a child in behalf of all your children standing here, many of whom are concerned about their children, and their neighbors, and rightly so.

So God, I ask first of all that you would move mightily in answer to their prayers. And would you move on our hearts to be totally committed to be an answer to your prayer that we be one with your father like you are? And that we really be sanctified and purified in truth, not divided by it? -- Brutalized and beat up with it? But consecrated by it, transformed by it until we have the unity of the spirit and we're perfected in unity so the world will know we really are your family.

I want all of these people to go out of here and you know there go my children. I want you to give this crowd a standing ovation, Jesus, just like you did Stephen because you know that what was in Stephen was about to come alive in Saul of Tarsus, the most unlikely in the community. You go back and through these people you'll stand up the most unlikeliest, the most overlooked, the most forgotten, the most rebellious, the most downtrodden, the most defeated. I mean go back and resurrect their churches, resurrect their ministers.

God, I believe that the laity, men and women are going to be the key to waking up the preachers and the priests in both the Catholic and Protestant community. Not because they scold their priests or their pastors but because they show them the light and the life and the glory, and the truth and the name above every name.

So Lord, we impart to them not just the blessing that's on us, but the blessing that's on you, Jesus. We impart it to everybody in this room.

Would you just say, I receive it gladly! I'm yielded to your will. A vessel through which you can flow your life. Flow it freely. Transform me, renew my mind with the power of your word; in Jesus' name. Amen and amen!

[Cheers & Applause]

End of clip

In the studio

James: I'm telling you, you're going to get the entire message. We can only give you clips of most all the messages but you want to get it all. I hope you get it on DVD. We're asking you to make a gift to help us drill water wells, 500 of them; \$144 gives 30 people water the rest of their life.

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Now, I want you to see what we do to totally transform lives with expressions of undeniable love and compassion.

On the mission field

Announcer: Village life might look primitive to the outside world but to these villagers the use of ox-drawn carts has been a way of life for centuries. Seeing content babies

swaying quietly in a cool breeze paints a picture of what one might call a calm and peaceful existence.

But there's an unsettling dimension to their lives that is dark and ominous. It's as if, literally looking into the face of death. What is it they see? -- Water. It's what they don't see in this water that produces death. It's the unseen parasites and water-borne organisms that will attack the body and if untreated can cause death within three to five days. The ravages of a water-borne disease in a young child's vital organs are excruciating as this grandmother knows all too well.

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>> My 7 year old grandchild got really sick... I took her to the doctor and he said her kidneys were destroyed. He said she needed good water but we only have this water so... I could not save her.

Announcer: These villagers are a resilient people, even when faced with tragedies like this they continue to carry on as normal a life as possible. Facing the reality of losing a child because a mother or grandmother does not have safe water to give them is unthinkable for most of us.

Let's be the ones to make a difference for these precious mothers and help them see life... not death.

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In the studio

James: When I see the heartache and the pain, sometimes, Betty, I feel like we don't have the ability to put in words what needs to be said in behalf of those who suffer and who die. And we have been appealing the needs of people for years and we've watched love meet the need but how do we ever really feel like we're getting across effectively when the need's so great?

Betty: James, we just know that we have loving supporters that do reach out and join with us and help us. If you haven't been before I hope you will start now because we need your help. Anytime that there's a need that we can present, that we know will

bring hope and love and a cure to disease such as this -- a lack of clean water -- it's a simple solution. They need the water wells so that these precious children that these mothers love so much and would die for themselves, they need our help! These mothers need our help, James. They don't have anything else they can do. They've done all they know they can do to help their children.

James: I think, as a grandparent, and as a parent, I think I do feel that I can come to you representing the heartache of parents, of grandparents when they lose a loved one. And we're asking you to provide the only answer. And for them, and their particular circumstances, the answer is a perfect one, it's a certain one, its clean water.

Every one of the 500 areas that we have surveyed with our missionaries, we know definitely there is water. We know that in most areas it's relatively shallow; that would be below 200 or 250 feet -- sometimes 150 to 175. Sometimes we know there's a pretty good level of water because bore holes confirm it; where they've dug down, just a narrow little bore hole, and found water but it gets filthy and contaminated because there's no way to protect it. So we give them an encased -- an encased with concrete and steel structure that protects the water shaft, down to the water, and we give them a mechanical pump.

If you wonder why we don't give them electric pumps, in so many areas, even where there is electricity, which in many of the areas we work there is none but even where there is electricity in these third world countries it's intermittent. It'll be off for hours at a time, almost every 24 hour cycle, sometimes days.

So we give them something that children can activate and they can get the water. Our goal: 500 wells. Could you drill one of them? Could you give \$1,200 or \$2,400 and pray that another person or three people join you? \$48 will give ten people water for the rest of their life; \$144 will give 30 water for the rest of their life.

Would you dial the number or go online and make the largest gift you can? We want to send you the *Awaken Now* conference tapes to be a blessing to you and to inspire you. And yes, to awaken us all to the purpose and will of God for us today. Thank you so much for making that call and making that gift.

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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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In the studio

James: Betty and I have the beautiful bronzes. We have every one of them. I saw today two of the same one because I know we went back and gave another gift. And I know we ought to give the other bronze to someone that it would just be a blessing to them as a gift.

But this is brand-new, and this is a glass sculpture, incredible art piece, "The Blessing." That's what we want to be. We are here as a family of God to bless the nations and people of the world. So, thank you for making a gift of \$1200 or more and pray three join you; or a well, and for any gift ask for the CD's. A gift of over \$100, the DVD's; I

think you will want to play many of these in your Bible studies, your neighborhood studies, or to the whole church. Thank you so much for helping give water for life so we can point people to the water of life.