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Week 7: Water for Life

Beth Moore: Awaken Now, Part 2

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: 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.

Here's the thing. Did you notice with me that it says "when the poor and needy." See here is the prerequisite. This is all we've got; is that he is calling us to own our thirst and to come to him as those who are poor and needy. In his economy, it is the needy who receive, it is the way he does it. Only the barren miraculously conceive. Do we want something that we can plan and put together with our godliest efforts with our big teams, the big players, all coming together? Let's plan a move of God. It does not work that way. It takes us saying, we're poor and needy. We're desperate for you to work. We cannot do it on our own. We are barren, Lord. And when we come to him barren, that's when we miraculously conceive over and over again.

Do we want what can be conceived by our good and godly planning? Or do we want something that can only be conceived by the Holy Spirit? I believe if we stay apart, I believe in that togetherness we see and understand and consider the hand of the Lord has done this, but apart, we will not see this downpour. We're so spread out that a drop is falling here and a drop is falling here. Until the body of Christ unites, it will be scattered showers on planet earth.

But once we unite in common purpose to see salvation to the ends of the earth, through the great name of the Lord Jesus Christ, now we're talking -- now we're talking. All we have to do is own our thirst. All we have to do is say to him, nothing else will do.

I want you to pray with me and we're going to pray it tonight that God would begin working in such a way in all sorts of streams and traditions throughout Christianity that he would pick out key people and that he would cause them to have such a hunger they cannot stand but to cry out to God to do it for them. Their people are parched with thirst.

What would happen if we began praying, "God, go throughout Christendom into every denomination, every single sector, every single part all over the world. Go in -- go in!" Because here's what I believe with all of my heart, I think there are exceptions to this but I think this is the general rule. I believe the influence often comes from the outside. But transformation comes from the inside. You can almost take that one to the biblical bank because a transformation is something that comes from within.

We need to pray that key people throughout all of these different traditions in Christianity, that it will go -- that it happens within. People still have trouble trusting someone or do not see themselves identifying with them if they're always from the outside coming in. It takes people within those moves, within those traditions, within those streams. You and I want to pray that key people throughout every single branch of Christianity get hungry where nothing else will do but the spirit of the living God. Oh, that the honored would say, "I am poor and thirsty."

I'm just going to let that fall a second. What would happen if the honored men and women said, "I'm just going to be honest with you, I'm dying of thirst. I'm telling you, I do not know how I can manage another year of ministry if God doesn't come through afresh for me." What would happen? What would happen? I'm thirsty. I'm hungry. I want to own it.

I told him here recently, I'm desperate for it! I'm desperate for it! I'll even stop telling you how to bring a downpour. I'll stop turning in my notes to you and go, "This is how I really think it would work." I'm telling you how to do it. Just do it! Do it! But I want my eyes to see it. I want my eyes to see it. I know he can do more than this. I know he can! But we're not poor and needy yet. All it would take is for us to own our thirst because I think we really are thirsty. And when a hungry people persist in appearing full, there exists no provision of food. When a parched people persist in appearing wet with the spirit, there exists no promise of water.

Our persistent playing, I believe is part of the spirit's delaying. We just keep playing with the thing. You and I both know it, we're starving. We want something more. We know there's something more and we want it with everything we've got in us but we will not admit it because we are afraid for people that we think are lesser spiritually than we are to see our need. When honored people will drop down and say, "I'm starving here."

[Applause]

"I'm thirsty here. Lord, give it -- only you can give it."

I believe that out of his great mercy God is about to push this envelope with us. Now listen please test the spirit. I want you to pray about this and see if this is so but as clearly as I know how to discern, what he laid upon my heart, I feel like I am bringing it

to you as I understand it. But I think what we will see if not now, very, very soon is him pushing this point with us over and over because I think it is very possible that what has satisfied you before will no longer satisfy you now. That how you've been doing the Christian thing and the ministry thing and the -- the thing that has been working for years, decades, maybe you're pastors and teachers, or you're in evangelism, whatever it may be, that you have sought him and you have loved him and you've gone on -- I mean it's worked for years. I want to ask you a question, is there any chance that just here lately you've kind of wanted to admit, something is not working like it used to? Would anybody own that? Something? Something?

You know what? Sometimes it's just like our lack -- like we've just gotten lack somehow. I just want to suggest to you that it may not necessarily be that. It may not be an accident at all and it may not be chalked up to just personal weakness as weak as we are. Sometimes God will stir a sense of lack when he wants to give us more. I think I can say to you, what has worked for you before may not work for you very soon. What yielded results before will not yield the same results now.

It is a new day -- look at one another and say, "It is a new day."

[Audience repeats]

And yesterday's outpouring is not going to carry us today. It is not going to do it. I believe he is going to push this with us because I believe that we're seeing -- I believe that we are having sort of an angst of spirit. I truly believe that we are. And it is very, very biblical. We so desperately need -- so desperately need a fresh awakening and that's everything this weekend is about. I believe that this will have... this thing that is not working the way it used to work will be for us, not against us, it will be a blessing and not a curse, unless we sit back with it. But if we say, "Lord, my same thing, the way I used to get up, have my same time every day, do the exact... the exact same thing is not working the exact same way because it is not the exact same day.

[Applause]

Has he got you in a holy dissatisfaction? By any chance, anybody notice, it's just not going the way it used to go? Matthew 6:7 and 8: And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do for they think they're heard for their many words. Do not be like them. For your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

I was studying that just here recently. I felt like God just penetrated my heart with a truth that sometimes he'll know what I need before I ask him and I'll get up and have my entire prayer time and never mention what it really is I need. He's going, "I know what you need but you haven't said it once."

[Laughter]

"I'm glad you said all that, that's good but that really wasn't what you needed. What you need is that you feel bored and drowsy. And what you really need is for me to wake you up -- wake you up!"

[Applause]

We are so over-stimulated in our culture we are numb. You tell me today that what we're not really looking for from God is just to feel something again -- to feel again. Chris told us this afternoon, we will live off our passion, what we're passionate about it; if we could get our zeal back, our passion back. Nobody would have to tell us to share our faith. One reason we don't share our faith is because we do not have enough to spare.

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What if we did? What if we did? Lord, I need a fresh awakening. I need a fresh awakening. I want to feel my heart again. I want to feel it pound with passion for you. Lord, I need a fresh awakening.

One of the mysteries of faith is that faith does not easily satiate. I want to see if I can explain that because our souls are meant to be satisfied. Our souls can be satisfied within us but faith is much harder to satisfy and I'm going to tell you why -- if you'll think of it in these terms because faith always believes for more than it sees. That's why for some of you that really do walk by faith, you're not satisfied right now because you know good and well that what you're seeing, there is more than what we're seeing because your eyes continually look ahead and you know this is not it. I'm glad of it, I thank God for it, but this is not it. This is not it. And wouldn't it be something for us to just say instead of writing a new chapter of The Emperor's New Clothes is like, Lord, we're naked here and we can stand to be clothed with some power. Amen? We could

stand to be clothed with some power? Anybody but me? -- Because like I'm just done with anything less than that. I'm absolutely done with anything less than that.

Faith says what my eyes have seen of God in my generation is not enough. What my eyes have seen of the lost saved is not enough. I'm not seeing enough people saved in my conferences -- I don't know about you. I'm not! I mean this is going to end because I'm telling you, I'm ready to say, "I'm barren. I'm barren! I'm hungry! I'm thirsty! I'll own it, Lord." I want to see people saved. I want to see people saved. What my eyes have seen of the captives set free is not enough. What my eyes have seen of the Holy Spirit's power is not enough! We know there is more -- we know there is more. I want to feel that fire burn in my bones.

Our eyes have been dry toward a fresh move of God for too long. I believe that God pressed it on my heart that for many of us, the first drops of rain, this outpouring that he has promised to the thirsty and to the dry, these first drops of rain will come in the form of our tears. When was the last time you just wept before God and went, "This isn't enough. I want you. I want to see you! I want to experience you. I want to know your presence with everything." Man or woman, when was the last time we just shed tears for a lost world? When was the last time? Because our revival, our awakening, our downpour will start down our cheeks. I believe it with all my heart. It will begin with our tears.

Listen, as long as we pretend we've got what we're longing for, when we don't, we will woefully be left to our lack. No one in this room is in severe drought than the one who cannot remember the last time you cried a tear for a broken world. That's drought.

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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

Announcer: Friendship... the word can be stated many ways. The idea is one which is universally celebrated: A loyal companion, a trusted ally, a cherished playmate.

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But by providing these children with fresh clean drinking water you could be the friend that helps to save their lives.

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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.

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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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In the studio

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.