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Week 8

Andy Andrews / *Awaken Now*

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. This is the transcript, Betty. We have got the DVDs and CDs 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 in 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, DVDs and CDs.

You're going to have to be quick to keep up with this guy, Betty. If I jumped off platforms like Andy you'd have to come pick me up on a stretcher. He's all over the auditorium but, boy, how anointed he is. Here is Andy Andrews!

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Andy: Now here's something that you need to know about the corporate culture. Corporate people think that any speaker is a motivational speaker. They don't know how else to describe it. That's why they say, "He's a motivational speaker." So I always tell people right off the bat I'm not a motivational speaker. I don't know what you're expecting but to me motivation is a myth. I think encouragement is fine, I just think proof is better. I think that you can encourage somebody, you can encourage me and it might last as long as you're in the room with me or until Friday or until the first crazy things happen in my life but if you prove something to me, that's going to last forever. Proof lasts.

Now when I say "proof lasts" you think about big proofs but I'm talking about little bitty things that gather in your lives. When you were a little kid, there was some time, there was some point, you probably don't remember it, but there was some point that you did not know what two plus two equaled. And people would say, trying to get you to -- "What's two plus two?" And maybe you'd memorized it. "Four!" You didn't

really know though until there was that one day and again, you probably don't even remember it, but there was one day that somebody sat you down and they said... and they took like two apples and then two. And they said, "Two and two, when we add that that's a plus and that's four." Then it clicked -- it clicked at that moment. Again, you don't remember it but boy, it clicked!

Here's what I'm saying, from that point on, you never questioned that. I mean two plus two is always four. And you didn't get to junior high school and have crazy things going on in your life and I'm just going to have to rethink everything! And go back and redo two plus two; you didn't!

[Laughter]

That one was there. You didn't have to doubt it again because it was proven beyond a reasonable doubt to you. In addition, not only did you not have to rethink it, you used that as a basis because you actually knew why two plus two equaled four; you were able to use that as a basis for five plus seven and three plus nine, and then for subtraction and division and multiplication. And all of it was yielded from an original proof that you were able to apply in different ways.

There's a lot of people in our society who don't have a clue and then there's some people and they can do it. And then there's a few people, they can do it and they can also teach people to do it. And then there's a few people that can do it and teach people to do it and they can manage a few people that are teaching others to do it. But there's something happens in a business and in a family and in a church, an organization when suddenly there is a leader who not only can do it and teach it and manage it but they know how it all works, and because they know how it works they can do it again, and they can do it again and they can make it happen again. But until somebody asks the question and figures out the answer that most people never spend time with -- and until people figure out why they're not truly empowered as God meant for us to be empowered.

Now let me tell you something. You've heard over and over here two words, two different ideas. One is culture; you've heard that word. I've stopped counting. I bet Mike said it 40-50 times. But almost every speaker from the beginning of this event has used that word, has used that word culture.

The other thing that people have said in one way or another is that you matter. And as Robert said, God decided to partner with a person for anything that's going to happen on earth. Do you know that that's provable too? -- That everything you do matters?

That every move you make, every action you take or don't take matters -- forever -- for all of us? It is provable. I had a general call me a number of years ago, a guy in the Air Force. Started my whole -- the thing with them and the long story short is it was about suicides; that they had determined... they were about to reveal that they had more suicides than the civilian population.

So the USAF commander, the four star guy who was ahead of Europe, the Middle East, Bosnia, Serbia, everything but the pacific said to me one night over a secure line, he was in Afghanistan. And he said to me, he said, "It occurred to us, that we needed to call you."

I'm like, "Really?"

[Laughter]

And he said, "Yeah. I'll tell you why." He said, "All the research we're doing, our experts are telling us that these people are making this attempt and sometimes succeeding not when they're mad, not when they're depressed, necessarily, not when they're sad but the tipping point is when they figure out, to their own mind, that they don't matter. So I'm mad and I don't matter. I'm depressed and I don't matter." And that point is it.

And he said, "Frankly, Andy, we've told these kids they matter until we're blue in the face and it is not making any difference at all. So it occurred to us also that you say you're not into encouragement, you're into proof, so we need you to somehow prove they matter."

"Okay."

He said, "Prove they matter." So that was my commission, really is to prove a life. And do you know like many things that God provides for us in our partnership, as Robert talked about, it was like right there.

Have you heard of the butterfly effect? The butterfly effect was a doctoral thesis written in 1963 by Edward Lorenz and it was presented to the New York Academy of Sciences and laughed out of the place. It was crazy!

The butterfly effect stated a butterfly could flap its wings on one side of the world and set molecules of air in motion that moved other molecules of air that then moved other molecules. That somewhere along the line it could create weather patterns on the other

side of the world -- the butterfly effect. It was ridiculous but it was interesting! And because it was interesting, it hung around forever in myth and urban legend and comic books and bad movies until finally, physics professors proved the butterfly effect was accurate and viable and it worked every time. And not just with butterflies either! It worked with any form of moving matter, including people. They gave it the status of a law.

Today, the butterfly effect in scientific circles is just like the law of gravity. Its name is the Law of Sensitive Dependence upon Initial Conditions. Turns out it is just one of God's laws -- one of God's principles.

Now, curiously, principles always work. I mean always! God's principles always work. And they work whether you know them or not.

[Laughter]

You heard of ignorance of the law is no excuse. Well, ignorance of principle is no protection. Just because you don't understand the principle of gravity doesn't mean that if you stumble off a cliff, it is not still going to be in effect.

[Laughter]

Right? And so there are principles that God has laid out for us that we ignore at our peril because they work whether we know them or not.

Now, to understand the butterfly effect, I was in a hotel room, this was like five or six years ago. I was ironing the left sleeve of a white shirt, and I was about to go down and talk to a bunch of people, and the TV was on and I was barely listening. I was running in the room and I was hurrying and ABC was on. I know it was ABC because I went back and said, "What the heck was that?"

[Laughter]

And they were doing this person of the week thing. And it's a Friday night; they still do that on Friday night. But ABC does this person -- they talk about how great somebody is and what they did and gave them "The person of the week award."

So I'm barely listening and this guy says, "And so the person of the week for..." and he gave the day. He said, "Is Norman Borlaug."

When he said, "Norman Borlaug," I put the iron down. I went over in front of the TV, my jaws around my knees. Norman Borlaug, I didn't know who the dude was years ago but I knew he was now. I just didn't know he was still alive. He just died in Dallas several years ago; 96 when he died. But I knew who he was; he had in the 1940s hybridized corn and wheat for arid climates. And they had determined that throughout the decades across the world, they calculated that his work saved the lives from famine of over two billion people. The guy saved two billion lives! And for that he was person of the week.

[Laughter]

I'm sitting there thinking, what? Because I'm yelling at the TV -- because I'm yelling, "Henry Wallace." No one said a word about -- because I knew it wasn't Norman Borlaug who really saved the two billion people, it was a guy named Henry Wallace. Henry Wallace was Vice President of the United States under Roosevelt.

A lot of people think, "Hoo! What about Truman?" Well, that's right but remember Roosevelt was elected four times; right? He had curiously three different Vice Presidents. He had Nance was one, Truman was the last one but the middle one was the former secretary of agriculture, a man named Henry Wallace, who while he was Vice President of the United States used the power of that office to create a station in Mexico whose sole purpose was to figure out how to hybridize corn and wheat for arid climates, and he hired a young man named Norman Borlaug to run it.

And Norman Borlaug got the Nobel prize -- and Norman Borlaug got person of the week!

[Laughter]

But when you think about it, it was Henry Wallace who saved the two billion people; wasn't it? Unless maybe it was George Washington Carver.

You remember Carver, don't you? The peanut? We think people don't know about Carver. When he was 19 years old, a student at Iowa State, he had a Dairy Sciences professor who on Saturday and Sunday afternoon would allow his six-year-old boy to go on botanical expeditions with this brilliant student. George Washington Carver was his babysitter!

Basically, it was George Washington Carver that took this six year old and pointed his life in a direction. It was George Washington Carver that took this six year old, Henry

Wallace, long before he ever thought about being Vice President of the United States and put a vision in his life about plants and what they could do for humanity. It's amazing!

To think of George Washington Carver flapping his butterfly wings all those years with a peanut; 266 things he developed from the peanut that we still use today. For years he flapped his wings with the sweet potato; 88 things he developed from the sweet potato that we still use today. And while nobody was even looking, he took a couple weekends and flapped his wings with a six year old and just happened to save the lives of two billion people and counting.

So when you think about it, maybe George Washington Carver should have been person of the week!

[Laughter]

Unless maybe it would have been the farmer from Diamond, Missouri -- a man named Moses lived in a slave state but he didn't believe in slavery. So this was a problem for these psychopaths like Quantrill's Raiders who would come through farms and villages at night burning and destroying.

And one January night, Quantrill's Raiders came through Moses farm and they burned the barn and they shot several people and they drug off a lady named Mary Washington who refused to let go of her infant son, George.

Now Moses, probably like me, kind of crazy and disorganized but he had a wife named Susan who was very organized. And Susan immediately went to work sending messages out and messengers here and trying to create a meeting with Quantrill's Raiders, and 48 hours later she had the meeting set. And she sent her husband Moses several hours north on a black horse to a crossroads in Kansas where in the middle of the night at the appointed time he met four of Quantrill's Raiders who showed up on horseback carrying torches with flour sacks over their heads and the eyeholes cut out. And there Moses traded the last horse they had left on that farm for what they threw him in a burlap sack.

And as he caught it and they thundered off he went to the ground. And there in the darkness with that breath coming out against the black night, he pulled out of that burlap sack a cold naked, almost dead baby boy. And he jerked open his coat and his shirt saying, put the baby in next to his skin and covered him up. And he walked that baby out and all the way home.

And the next afternoon when he stumbled through the door and put that baby in the arms of his wife, they went to the fireplace to begin to massage the child and try to get his blood going. Try to get him to cry, anything!

And they told God right then, they pledged to God that they would raise that baby as their own. They promised God they would educate that baby, to honor his mother who they knew was already dead. And that was the moment they told that baby they would give him their name. And that's how Moses and Susan Carver came to raise that little baby, George Washington.

So when you think about it, maybe it was a farmer's wife from Diamond, Missouri who saved two billion people. Unless...

[Laughter]

I mean we could do that all night; right? How far back could we go? How far back could we go to show whose move at what time was really the move that saved two billion people, a number that continues to increase as we sit here? How far back could we go?

And how far forward could we go in your life? How far forward could we go to show the difference you will make with the moves that you make and the actions that you take or don't take because everything you do or don't do matters forever?

You know, there are generations yet unborn whose very lives we shifted and shaped by what you do tonight, and tomorrow, and the next day, and the next because everything you do matters.

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.

For every gift over \$100 you ask for the DVD's, the CD's and you will also get the written transcript of the messages from each one of our speakers, and you will get

them in their entirety. We can't get all of that on a single *LIFE Today* program but we will send it to you in this incredible series.

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.

Subtitle:

>> 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.