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Week 9
Brian and Morgan Bosworth

James: Hey! It's great! We have people you can't even see sitting out here. I think they're out on the street. We welcome you to *LIFE Today*! I'm James Robison; Betty and I are thrilled to have this opportunity to share with you.

I grew up in the shadow of the Texas University football stadium. I was a Texas Longhorn little guy. I've got to be honest with you; I've got a little disappointment in the Cowboys and the Longhorns. But I remember somebody in our area very well, Brian Bosworth; they called him "The Boz." He had all kind of unique hairdos and he was tough -- and he was tough! -- And didn't appear to have any interest in God at all.

I can't tell you how happy I was when this year my son, our son came in, father of four of our wonderful grandchildren and said, "Dad, you know who really impressed me of all the people I've talked to in a long time?"

I said, "Who?" He said, "Brian Bosworth, 'The Boz.'"

I knew he was talking about this man has had a head-on collision with Jesus. He and his sweet wife are in love in with the Lord Jesus. I want you to welcome Brian and Morgan Bosworth to *LIFE Today*.

Glad to see you. Brian, you look great! You look like you're still in pretty good shape. I know you're doing the movies. You've got the Revelation Road, one and two. This is a powerful movie.

You can get it on DVD. I believe it will impact. It will capture the attention of some folks that wouldn't really listen and really can be effective in reaching young people.

I want you to know that I can see in your countenance something has happened. I want you, as much as you can, to kind of cover the ground story, from the bottom up; what happened when you were the tough guy, it looked like you were out of control, with a tremendous amount of ability. Tell us a little bit about your journey and what brought you where you are now.

Brian: Well, I was an Oklahoma boy with a dream. Was captured and transported to

Texas and held hostage here.

[Laughter]

So I had to live with all the Texas people but my heart was in Oklahoma. And I had a dream to someday go back and play for the University of Oklahoma, and that's what my goal was when I was a young kid.

I was a very rowdy young boy; spent a lot of time in the principal's office back when they gave lickings'. I got one just about daily. But it came a point in time where a coach came to me early in my career, when I was in junior high and he said, "Son, you've got great abilities, you've got a God gift but I can't let you on my team because you're going to be such a disruption to my team."

And my moment stopped at that moment. I thought, here's for the first time something that's going to be taken away from me that is precious to me. So I asked -- kind of made a promise with the Lord at that point in time. My grandmother was a devout Catholic, and I didn't understand it, was forced to go to church when I was a young kid but didn't really grasp into it but my grandmother had a relationship. So I thought it seemed to help so I asked the Lord at that point in time, "Can you help me calm down? Can you give me focus?" And he did! He did amazing, amazing things.

And along that journey, when I got to Oklahoma to try to condense this thing down, all my dreams came true. I got to play for Oklahoma; I got to be with Coach Switzer and have a very relevant career. We had a fantastic team. I got full of myself. At some point in time I pushed away from God and said, "You know what? I got it. I don't need you anymore." -- That's kind of when "The Boz" took over.

Once "The Boz" took over, you're young, you're just trying to figure out how do I cope with all of the things that are happening and maintain my success and all the expectations people have of me? I just tried to do it on my own.

Then I went to Seattle and it all came crashing down and I got mad. I got just furious, and he and I had a feud. We just feuded.

I'm sorry, it always chokes me up.

We had a feud for 25 plus years. This movie came around at a time when I frankly was lost; didn't want to do the movie. I got a call from my agent and he said, "I have a film for you."

I said, "Not interested. I'm moving. I'm going to go home." Because that's what you do when you're scared and you're lost, you go home.

He said, "I think you should really read this script."

I said, "I'm really not interested. I'm getting married. I found love again and I need to go back and put my life back together if I can. I've got to find that."

And he just insisted, "Read this script."

So I said, "Okay, fine. Send the script over."

He warned me just before he sent it. He said, "I've got to let you know, it's a Christian movie."

I go, "Oh, great! Perfect! No one is going to see this movie."

[Laughter]

Because I had in my mind what a Christian movie really was. And the last thing I wanted was somebody to beat my door down because I had already built the wall around my heart and I'd locked him out.

I picked the script up and I read about 15 pages into it and I called him back and I said, "I think you sent me the wrong script. The character, right off the bat does a horrible thing. This can't be a Christian movie."

He goes, "No, that's the film."

I went ahead and read it all the way through. And then I put the script down and it hit me like a ton of bricks because that's the first time that I've ever been handed a project that challenged me to look in the mirror, where are you? Where are you? And I knew at that moment that character was me and I hated it; desperately wanted to change but I didn't know how.

So the movie is a journey for me and that journey, was really something that was a complete unexpected journey of peace, something I hadn't had in years. I didn't know it at the time. I didn't know what I was doing and it took the process to go through, and it took doing part two.

Part two was a blessing because part two allowed me to let go and assimilate something that was near and dear because most people don't understand the struggles that a human being goes through if you have something that you desperately love and it's taken away from you.

We as humans, we want blame -- we want to blame somebody, and I blamed him. And the last thing I could do is forgive him for doing that to me. I needed to be able to get that message out. So when we talked with the producers and the film ran long and they came up with the idea, let's make a part two. I said, "That's perfect. I need it. I don't know why, but I need it." And it just organically worked itself out that my wife, Morgan got a chance to play in part two as my wife. And we created it in such a way that not to give it away --

Morgan: It was a big stretch for me. A lot of leg work I had to do on that one.

[Laughter]

Brian: We created it in a way that it assimilated my life as best I could in an artistic sort of way. When something that you love so desperately is taken away so senselessly and then how do you deal with it? How do you deal with that pain and anger? How do you focus it? How do you put it back inside? And then how do you take that journey and go forward with it?

It's a blessing and it didn't hit me until I went on the tour to go back and show the film in Oklahoma to a bunch of towns in Oklahoma. On the third day, ironically, in Chickasha, Oklahoma, Kim Hayes, the pastor there, came up to me and he invited me to church, and I hadn't been to church in years. I even told her the day before, "Hey, we're going to go to church tomorrow." She said, "Say what?"

Morgan: It was a first for us together after nine years. It was really another first.

Brian: It was. And we never talked about religion. The word *church* wasn't really mentioned in our relationship in the first eight years of us being together. She just accepted that this was the walk I was on and I just accepted that was the walk she was on and we just didn't cross those paths. I got up on that day, on Sunday, on March the third and Kim asked me, "Talk to my congregation." I said, "You don't really want me to talk to your congregation."

[Laughter]

But he said, "No! Get up there and tell it like it is." So I got up there and I told it like it is. I spewed a little bit. After it was all said and done, Kim came up to me before the screening of the film later that night and he goes, "You know what? I've been a pastor for 38 years and I've never had anybody ever come into my church and speak to my people the way you did today."

[Laughter]

I said, "I'm sorry?"

[Laughter]

I don't know if I offended anybody but I was just being me, I was just being truthful. He goes, "No, no, no! You misunderstand me. I've never been around somebody that has been so lost but is so desperate to be found. You just don't know it."

James: Thank God! Don't you thank God for what you just sense in the Spirit of God?

[Applause]

Brian, he found you. You found him. I want to hear from Morgan. I want to say something to somebody that may be watching; I want to say something to Barry Switzer. Barry, I can't tell you how much I love you.

Brian: Me too, coach!

[Laughter]

James: God, I love you, buddy. Boy, you'll never know. I pray to God that you're listening because you're so special and you know.

Brian, I pray you really have time to bless that man and so many others.

Morgan, I can tell you're moved by what you're watching because you saw the whole thing. Are you pretty amazed at what God's done?

Morgan: Absolutely! I'm amazed every day at just the path that both of us are on now. It's just a 180 from where we came from. We thought -- we thought we were doing good before and we had this thing knocked out and we were okay. But things

sure have turned around for us in such a positive way. I just get choked up talking about it.

My testimony came many, many years ago when I was a senior in high school. It was something that was very near and dear to my heart although I didn't grow up going to church every Sunday and my parents weren't big church goers. But I found faith on my own in high school and I was baptized when I was a senior. And then your 20s hit and then you just forget everything that is really what's important to you in life.

I'm so thankful that Brian signed on to do this film and what it did for him and then grateful that he asked me to be in the second because it really did bring us together.

Brian: It made us cohesive; it did!

Morgan: It really did. We have a very strong faith now.

Brian: You know what's funny, as a couple, she mentioned, I thought we were really close. We did everything together. But having a relationship with your best friend and your soul mate, and then being able to have conversations -- I know a lot of couples that are good together but they don't have conversations about God and what's God and Jesus doing in your life? And what can he do today to help us today? And "Having a hard time, would you pick up the -- on the road, would you pick up Jesus Calling, tell me what it says today." To have that kind of relationship with your spouse, takes you to a completely different level of love. And I didn't know that I could be more in love with somebody.

But every day you have a friend in Jesus that just keeps pushing you down the road closer and closer together. And you're doing it for all the right -- because he gives you instructions. It's nice to get instructions, whereas before it was just static. For years static -- nothing! And every day is a blessing now. All the things that we were fighting with before you just let them go and you give them to him and he figures out a way to make them work.

Betty: When you look back on, really the beginning of the change, it sounds like, came when that movie opportunity came.

Brian: That was his knock on the door saying, "I'm still here."

Betty: Because you had said before you were mad at God, you were blaming him for everything and then when that happened, and now you look back, can't you just see

the beauty and the love of the Lord? He's like, "Brian, I'm just waiting for you. Here it is!"

Brian: I was just intimidated by it because I'm the one that walked away.

Betty: He was waiting for you to let him turn loose in your life.

Brian: You have to be humble enough to just get on your knees and say, "I'm inadequate. I can't do it. I can't do it alone and I need some help" -- and that's all good.

James: What do you see God doing now? I want to put the web site up and you can get Revelation Road. There's the second Revelation Road two, which is where he expands what --

Brian: I think we brought Revelation Road for every member of the audience today.

[Applause]

James: You did bring it?

[Applause]

Brian: It's truly a gift and it is something I think you guys don't take home and watch by yourself, you invite people over. You invite them to come into your homes and family. Invite people that aren't Christians because the Christians, we got it. We get it, and it's good. But as Christians we have to go out and plant the seed. Those aren't willing to see that there's a better life, this will give them that opportunity to say, "You know what? Maybe I'm on the wrong road." Because when the train does leave, when he comes down and takes us, you can't go, "Well, I'll just DVR my life back and say, 'I was really with you!'" It doesn't work like that. You've got to walk it, you've got to talk it, it's got to be inside you. It's got to be in obedient instruction that you give to others because you feel it inside; it lives inside you.

James: Well, use this. What God gives us are seeds to sow. This is a transformed person. You never know what can come from this. Use it as a witnessing tool. There's the web site and it will be on LifeToday.org. If you ever lose track, say, "I want to know -- I'd like some of my friends to hear what he shared." Well, we're on a number times a day all over the world and you can find us on the very satellite or inspirational networks and various stations in your area. But you can also go to LifeToday.org and

say, "I'd like to watch it." And you can get your friends or family to watch this program but also to find out how do I get that which he gave, the videos to everybody here. Have you enjoyed Brian and Morgan?

[Applause]

I'm going to shift gears, and as hard as it may be for you to believe, we're actually going to step up a notch. And that doesn't mean that what we haven't heard wasn't totally, supernaturally, indescribably inspirational. It was! I want to take you where Jesus looks and I want you to hear as Jesus hears what he hears. Then I want you to respond the way you know Jesus would.

On the mission field

Announcer: Cambodia's history is a rich one. But 1975 brought four of its darkest years imaginable. Cities were emptied and innocent millions murdered as a maniacal dictator tried to reset Cambodia to what he called "Year Zero." Families were torn apart and lives left in ruin. Recovery has not come easy. Samnong remembers. His whole family was killed and everything lost.

Subtitle:

>> I was 20 years old. My father was educated so they took my mother and my father and sister. I was able to escape. I was the only one.

Announcer: Today in this land, the suffering continues. Families are torn apart and lives left in ruin. But no longer from communism or dictatorship -- it's waterborne diseases.

Subtitle:

>> My daughter got diarrhea and then she started having blood. We took her to the hospital but it was too late. In the past, I lost my beloved parents and sister. I never saw them again. Even now, I cannot escape. I still love my little girl.

Announcer: Once again, Samnong risks losing his whole family but this time to waterborne diseases. How can you forget your past when you aren't promised a future?

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In the studio

James: I need you to help me, Betty.

Betty: You know as I watched that, I think that father who loves his family so much, he's already lost so much and yet there may still be pain to come. I think the enemy is right there where he lives, James. It's in the water -- the disease.

We've been there, James. We've seen that awful contamination of the water; it will just break your heart. And to know that that's the only source they have, you have to have water to even survive a few days. And knowing that it's going to kill your loved ones but you still have to give it to them. It must be torture to their own souls and their hearts.

But we have an opportunity, James, to do something about it.

I hope you will join us simply by being able to drill the wells. We can be a life source to these families that are so desperately hurting and living in the midst of loss to their families.

James: Lord, I don't think I can really -- I don't know if I know how to talk to the people about hearing that man crying like he was crying holding up that picture. I never knew I would know what it would feel like to lose a child and I do now. And the very thought that I might be able to let somebody keep their child, I just... I just want you to touch the hearts of everybody who are watching and they will just say, "I want to be the hands of Jesus right now, Lord." Let them feel that. "I'm going to give a cup of water." "I'm going to give a well of water." Please, dear Jesus -- please do what I can't do. Please move hearts. Please!

I can't even begin to tell you how many times I feel so inadequate to be a representative of -- an advocate for people who suffer. I've never been able to be satisfied. I used to ask Billy Graham when we'd have thousands of people saved and coming out of the stadiums and I would say, "Billy, how do you feel when you see the ones leave?"

He said, "Well, I can't think about them, I've got to think about the ones coming forward."

I said, "Billy, my heart goes home with the ones that leave. I want to go home with them." I've never been able to see something that I thought we could... you know we could give them something and not want to do it.

So I'm just going to ask you to go to the phone or go online and don't let anything stop you, and I want you to make the largest love gift you can to help us drill another 500 wells. I wish we could drill 5,000. The only thing that stops that is we need more laborers who see the fields of harvest and pain and hurt. But we've got areas, 500 in 12 nations where the missionaries said, "Here! We need it." That's one of them. Would you say, "I'll drill a well"?

The average cost is \$4800; would you just do that? Or give \$1200 or \$2400 and pray two people join you or three and we've got a well? Or would you give \$48 and give ten people water? There's a level you can participate at; \$144, basically breaks out to giving 30 people.

We want to send you some incredible teaching, the *Awaken Now* Conference; some of the most anointed people you'll ever hear. I promise you, you're going to be blessed. We want to bless you. But I'm asking you to help us show people the love and life of Jesus and give them the water of life by giving them Water for Life. Would you do it? Go online, LifeToday.org. Dial the number, use your bankcard. If you write a check, make it to *LIFE*. But please call and say, "I'm going to do it." And don't let a busy phone line, don't let anything keep you from doing it please. Let's be an answer to that man's heartache and that man's heart cry and prayer.

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In the studio

James: Betty and I want to say from the bottom of our heart, thank you! Get the *Awaken Now* transcripts, get the DVD's, the CD's -- get it all! I love what Beth Moore said, "Who in the world are all these people?"

I said, "They're the ones that birthed you, Beth. These were the ones that built the foundation." And then so many of the young speakers and preachers, oh, my!

This *Awaken Now* Conference will bless you -- get it! Thank you for helping us share water.

Would you give another thanks, all of you, to Brian and Morgan Bosworth?

[Applause]

Remember, thank you all. Go online. Go to that web site. Get this witnessing tool! God bless you. Thank all of you!