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Week 9: Water for Life

Beth Moore: Awaken Now, Part 3

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.

Begin video clip

Beth: No one in this room is in as severe a drought than the one who cannot remember the last time you cried a tear for a broken world. That's drought. What if we got courage enough to go, "Bring back my tears for the lost. Bring back my tears for the captives, those imprisoned, those dying on planet earth. Bring back my passion for what you, Jesus, are passionate about."

As we cry out for a downpour and I'm going to tell you something, I believe its coming. You know why? Because I believe the truth is we are thirsty. And if the only thing we have to do, James, as much as I understand, the only thing we have to do is just go, "I'm thirsty. I'm poor and needy, Lord and I'm just crying out. I'm just crying out." He says if you do that, I'll pour it out on a thirsty land. But a land that says we're just like plenty wet here, you'd just scare us half to death. We don't want anything new, just as long as you do what you've done before, we're good with it. But you know how we are here.

[Laughter]

Amen? I'm just tired of saying that to him. I'm going with him. You know what? I don't even know where we're going. Right here.

Not very recently -- I mean just very recently, rather, I just wrote a post just going, "I'm sick to death of telling him where I want it to go. I'm just going where God is going. I'm going where God is going. I'm going where God is going." Well, the next morning I was putting on my mascara at my mirror and I set the mascara wand down on the counter and I just turned around and I said, "Where are we going?"

[Laughter]

"Because I want to go where you're going; if you could tell me where we're going." Because I don't know about you but I'm always -- faith is such a blast to me. I love the adventure of it but I always love it best in retrospect. Looking back I go, now that -- that was an exciting time! I loved that! There you're just kind of going... because suddenly it is not concrete, it is like water under your feet. Water! Water! So you don't know where you're going. We just want to go with you, Lord.

I believe that God placed it on my heart to tell you that as it comes, and it will if we'll own our thirst, it will, if we'll be willing to stop telling him what it has to look like, it's coming, it's coming. But we must be prepared in advance for scoffers. I will say that again. We must be prepared in advance for scoffers. I want you to look at one another and say, "Be prepared for scoffers."

[Audience repeats]

And here's the thing. The unbelieving world scoffing is not going to bother us that much. We're used to them thinking that we are idiots. Can we just own that one? We're used to it. Of course, they think that. We've got that one down. That's not what's going to bother us so much. What's going to bother us, and I believe God is saying, "Get prepared for it so you know in advance it is coming" so when it does happen you're not

all disturbed and all rocked by it because it is going to come from some in our own Christian realm -- our own brothers and sisters.

We're going to have people that are honestly going to want to debate and argue with us about awakening and downpours. What do you want here? They're going to say, that's not the way it should look. You know what, dude? I'm just asking you, are you thirsty? Are you hungry? I can't think of the way to the semantics to get it like you want it. But I will say to you, I'm just thirsty and I'm hungry.

But there will be scoffers and they will be the far bigger threat, the one within our own brothers and sisters, our own family of God -- far, far more demoralizing. And yes, it will come from bullies, and yes, it will come from the mean-spirited.

I want to tell you, I've learned so many things. I could have spent the whole evening on what I have learned from these two people but they have lived something. They have taught me something over and over again and I've watched them live it.

James says all the time, "You know what? When people hate you, just love them. Just love them. You just keep loving them. The more they hate you, you just keep loving them -- just keep loving them. Get it in your mind that they cannot make you stop loving them. You just love them all the more. They hate you, you love them! You love them!" Blessed are you. Blessed are you. We've got to be ready. We've got to be ready.

What God began to show me is that it would not just come from the mean-spirited it will also come from people who are just genuinely concerned about us.

[Laughter]

Not mean about it. Just "Man, I hate to see that happen!"

[Laughter]

I'm so glad y'all are laughing. I wanted to be funny so bad today.

[Cheers & Applause]

Thank you! Thank you!

Because they're going to go, "Bless their hearts! They were really balanced for a while." What is balanced exactly? Because I'm not sure I've ever met anyone like fully -- on full throttle spirit effectiveness and abundance that I could walk away from and go, "Now that's a balanced person." Maybe! If you're here, I'll meet you afterwards.

[Laughter]

Well, just don't know where we're getting that, that that's the big goal. Let's all be balanced in Jesus' name. Let's all be balanced!

[Laughter]

They're going to feel sorry for us. They're going to say, "What a shame! What a shame!" In that early downpour of the New Testament church, Paul said in Second Corinthians 6:8: We are treated as imposters and yet are true. That's going to be us.

The scoffers, I believe that God put on my heart, please test the spirit, pray and see if this is confirmed to you in prayer and in the study of the word. I believe that he placed it on my heart that the scoffers will have an alternative answer for everything; An alternative for every single thing we see, there will be an alternative. They will not see it as the hand of God, an alternate answer.

Unity will be called defection. Brokenness will be called instability. Grace will be called compromise. And the genuinely prophetic will be called false teaching. You see if this does not happen. And because of those things, defection, instability, compromise, and false teaching, because those things will be simultaneously in effect, you and I, who are believing God for a vivid downpour of his spirit and recognize it as it comes, we will have to be taking the risk of being lumped in with the ones that really are defecting, unstable, compromising, and false. And it will be hard for us because we don't want to be mixed-up with them. We will want to say over and over again, "No, ours is the true." Listen, people are not convinced by us going, "No, we're really true here -- we're really true here." That does not work. They won't take it by our words. We're going to have to risk being lumped into something not of the Holy Spirit to endure in that which is of the Holy Spirit, and this will be the hardest part, is that the weeds will be among the wheat. And just exactly as Jesus said in Matthew 13:24-30: To pull up all the weeds and cast

them out would run the risk of pulling up the wheat. So you and I have got to be prepared to be mixed-up with the false as we're trying to be the true. And we're just going to want to say it over and over again, "No, this is really us." And it won't do any good because the only test will be -- please stay with me here -- the only test will be endurance. What endures -- what endures -- what endures!

You and I will have to be patient while the spirit is tested, while our trials are used by God -- please hear me when I say this -- to prove us genuine. At the same time with the greatest outpouring of God on your entire life, you will simultaneously be entrusted with trials for the express purpose of proving us genuine.

[Applause]

I've watched my good friends for the last six months. I don't know people of more faith than them. I don't! I don't! I don't know anybody -- James will say this with me, I don't know anybody that prays like Betty. I don't! I don't. They knew God could perform a miracle with their daughter. They'd seen him do it. They'd seen him do it. They'd seen him do it. They know he is miraculous, they know he is able. God chose to bring about a different triumph. Now here we are and I couldn't help but think today, James and Betty, here we are after all that suffering. It's been hard.

You know, when I knew that their beloved daughter was dying, I just wept and wept and wept because I was with my daughter Melissa at the time and I'd been on the phone with them and I tell you, Betty and I were talking for a few minutes and we were weeping and I could hear her, James, weeping. I heard groanings. I told my co-workers, I said, "I may never get that sound out of my ears." I tell you these people have suffered -- they've suffered. But I cannot help but think that this is part of what has been entrusted to them to be proved genuine in a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. You have been proven genuine through what you have endured and it's broken our hearts to watch your brokenness. But you have remained steadfast before the Lord and you have been faithful. You have been faithful.

[Applause]

He, James Robison, he is going to bring that back to you in souls. He is going to bring

that back to you in souls. He has heard your cry. You have asked him over and over to retain a fresh work -- to always return a fresh work to you and he is doing it. I saw it today. I know nothing going on right now on the cutting edge that was more powerful than what I watched this afternoon. I know nothing!

You and I are going to have to do it too. I don't know what it will look like. We need not be afraid because on this earth suffering is not just for those who are saved. This planet is hard to live on but we have to know that while we're seeing like wild, wild, wild things of God, that simultaneously, we will also be entrusted with trials that are proving us genuine. You wonder, why are you doing all this but this is not happening for me? Why am I going through this suffering? Well, to show that you are different from the weeds.

Flesh gets bored easy, the spirit endures. We'll know it is of the flesh if it lasts like ten minutes. Like we have a downpour tonight and we are dry tomorrow. Spirit endures. Flesh dries up like this. Whatever we do, we must not try to manufacture a downpour of the Holy Spirit. Whatever we do, we cannot speed God up. What scripture tells us to do is own our thirst. Say, "Our land is dry; our land is thirsty." We cannot help God make it happen. All we can do is cry out.

Anybody have one of those little noise makers where you can set it on any sound you want to? You can do it like a fan to sleep with? A lot of us who travel, travel with this. I've got one on my iPhone. I can play any kind of sound you can imagine. I can play a storm, wind, rain. I can play a heavy, heavy rain and I play it all night long, seven hours long, the sound of rain and I wake up every morning completely dry.

[Laughter]

We can't just go to our churches and make the sound of rain. We're going to make the sound of rain, we're going to manufacture... we're going to make the sound of rain. We're going to get a sound system; we're going to make the sound of rain. We will still leave dry -- we'll still leave dry because it cannot be manufactured. We can play the sound of rain all we want in our churches and never get wet.

Isaiah 45, verse 8: This is God speaking, I love this. This is God himself, the Lord. It says: The Lord said -- in the very first verse of 45 in one. So it is God talking and then

he says in verse eight, "Shower O heavens from above and let the clouds rain down righteousness. Let the earth open that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit. Let the earth cause them both to sprout. I, the Lord have created it.

What is it we're going to do? We're going to ask God, "God, you speak to the heavens." Speak to the -- I love the way the N.E.T. Bible says it: O sky, rain down from above. Let the clouds send down showers of deliverance. Let the earth absorb it so salvation may grow and deliverance may sprout up along with it. I, the Lord created salvation and righteousness. Let the earth open.

I believe it is talking about an openness -- an openness. And as we cry out with our hunger and our thirst, I believe he says that the earth will be open, people will be open to salvation. So many more people are open to it than we think. They're having a hard time out there. People need Jesus! They need Jesus! Let's stop being ashamed to say, "I think I may know what you may need. Because I needed him myself, his name is Jesus.

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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.

For these children born into crippling poverty, the comfort of a best friend is all they have to look forward to each day. And although today may be spent fighting imaginary foes, a very real enemy, contaminated water looms over the friends they hold so dear. Because, for these children, the water they drink today means one of them might not see tomorrow. It's a tragedy to think that a friend's life could be taken by the water selflessly shared with one another.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.