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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.

This is 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. 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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[Cheers & Applause]

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 flowed 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 wake 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.

There were times when I'd 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: 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 a city-wide meeting, 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 was 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? 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. 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 everybody. 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 who 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. Once the Word was consumed by me and that was my restoration process after I'd crashed and burned, because the burning inside was consuming me. 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 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 I 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]

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 big 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, do 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 stories! 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 and strongest supporters of the ministries we have 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?

Bow your heads.

Jesus, I know I talk loud a lot. Father, you know I do too. I've got to tell you, Father, I know you can speak like thunder but you sure do speak soft to me a lot. I don't ever want to misinterpret authority as being loud noise, however high I can 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 is what a wonderful father you are; how you told me I can come boldly to your throne because it is a grace throne. And I don't have to be a beggar.

So father, I'm coming to you like your 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 unlikelies, 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!

[Audience repeats]

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!

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In the studio

James: Boy, what a day in which we live! God knows we desperately need the next great spiritual awakening. As a matter of fact, it really is the only hope we have to secure peace and to give hope to people.

And please understand this. As believers, we don't have to turn our lives or our land, our country, or our future over to the gates of hell or the powers of darkness and deception. If Christians will be salt and light witnesses, we can actually refocus the eyes of the world on a living savior and that's what we're talking about with the Awaken Now Conference.

A year ago, celebrating our 50th anniversary in ministry and marriage, we hosted 20 of the most dynamic, anointed speakers on the face of this earth. Many of them you've never heard. Some of them you have. You know Beth Moore, Christine Caine, and Lisa Bevere. You've seen them many times right here; and many of our speakers you know, Andy Andrews, Governor Huckabee, Ben Carson, many of the great preachers that you've heard like Mark Rutland. I'm telling you, these great men, Jack Taylor and Dudley Hall and Peter Lord – many of you have never heard them but they changed my life and many of us went through an incredible transformation by the power of the word together, and it's impacted people all over the world.

Our viewers have said, "We loved the conference! We want everybody to see it." They're playing these DVD's and CD's; many of the DVD's are playing in churches and

Bible Study groups. We're sending them to you if you'll simply help us continue to support the mission outreaches of LIFE, the television ministry.

As a matter of fact, you can get the entire conference both audio and DVD on a flash drive and we would love to send the entire conference to you. We're asking you for a gift to support our outreaches of \$125 to receive the CD's, the DVD's or the flash drive.

You will also get with that gift of \$125 the transcripts of all the messages and I'm talking about... here's Robert Morris and here's the transcript! What a great preacher! This is our pastor! Can you believe we had over 50,000 people attend our Easter weekend services at Gateway? A church that's only 14 years old but the power of God is there. And it was in Gateway that the conference was hosted.

So you are going to be blessed. You'll get the transcripts if you'll simply make the gift of \$125 to help us with the outreaches of LIFE. You'll get the CD's, the DVD's or the flash drive if you prefer it.

Now if you'd just like to have the CD's we're asking you for a gift of \$49. Again, that gift supports the outreaches of LIFE.

Go to the phone, take your bankcard or go online and say, "Send me the Awaken Now Conference now!" Twenty of the most truly anointed speakers you'll ever hear. And we thank you so much for your prayers and your support of the outreaches of LIFE. I pray you go to the phone or online right now. You'll be blessed if you do and you'll bless others.

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Announcer: Introducing the greatest conference in 50 years of LIFE's ministry! *Awaken Now* – a powerful message for every believer seeking their full potential in God's Kingdom. In this once-in-a-lifetime gathering of over 20 anointed speakers, you'll hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church as you receive insight and empowerment from God's Word and experience a fresh call to unity with other believers.

>> If you're a believer you need to hear what has been said at this conference.

>> This was a very appropriate message for these times.

>> You will catch the enthusiasm of this group. Trust me!

>> A fresh touch of God!

>> It stirred my heart!

>> Listen to it -- it's wonderful!

>> Don't order them if you don't want to be changed.

Announcer: *Awaken Now* is available with your gift of only \$49 for the audio series or request both the audio and video series, along with a companion book containing the speakers' sermons and encouraging messages for just \$125! For your convenience you may choose to receive the entire series on CD and DVD or now for the first time ever, on USB flash drive! This micro device contains all the messages in both audio and video. Simply plug into your computer to watch or listen.

Remember, your gift today helps offer the gospel in word and deed around the world. Please call, write or make your secure gift online today!

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In the studio

James: You know it's quite an amazing day of technology when you can get an entire conference on a little USB player. So if you want the CD's, the DVD's, here it is all in one. And you will also receive the *Awaken Now* messages in transcript. Awesome, awesome study guides! I think you could just go through and do nothing but the

devotionals here and you'd be blessed. Thank you so much for standing with us in prayer. You're going to be mightily blessed by the Awaken Now Conference. I pray we see a supernatural great awakening. God knows we desperately need it! Thanks so much for watching. Thanks for supporting the outreaches of LIFE.

Christine: We have a generation in the ditches of life because people have been careless and they've ended up lost and they don't need you and me pointing a finger of judgment or animosity or hatred or condemnation. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him!

Dr. Carson: Benjamin, it doesn't matter where you begin. It's where you end that counts. And a person that gets you there is God and your relationship with Him.

>> If you're wondering how can you make an impact and what is it going to take and why aren't things changing, this Awaken series is absolutely going to fill in all those blanks and answer all those questions.

Lisa: Because whether you know it or not, you have been entrusted with an invisible, invincible, eternal weapon and it is time that you begin to use it.

>> It's been awesome! Every speaker has touched our heart. We went back and we talked about it and we've laughed about it, we've cried about it. We just want what they're talking about; a fresh – a fresh touch of God that will change our lives.

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