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Week 26

Andy Andrews:

Awaken Now Conference

In the studio:

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.

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!

From the *Awaken Now Conference*:

Andy Andrews: 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 sheet, my jaws around my knees. Norman Borlaug, I didn't know who the dude was years ago but I knew who 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 -- stay with me.

This begs the question, okay, we've got to pay attention to what we do so what do we do because there seems to be a little confusion about that in our society today. And I don't use the word *culture* intentionally. The word *culture* has been used over and over and over again since we started. And I just smiled to myself because I deal with it every day. Every time I go into a team, every time I go into a corporation, every time I go into an organization or church, one of the things they tell me is, "We're trying to create a winning culture here. What we need is a culture of this or a culture of that. What we want is this kind of culture. We'd like to change our culture. And what we want to do is start from scratch and have a culture that is this or that."

Let me tell you something, here's the thing that people don't ever seem to understand, you already have a culture -- you've already got one! But this is the question that people have a hard time with and that is: Why? Why is it? What is the deal with the culture? Let me tell you why this is so important. Because until we figure out why we're never going to be able to create and manage what we want for Jesus Christ in the way that we know it should be done.

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.

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Christine Caine: 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 Bevere: 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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Announcer: Regardless of your net worth, estate planning benefits you and your family before and after death, and results in peace of mind. As a free service to our friends and partners, *LIFE Planning Services*, a ministry of LIFE Outreach International can help you with your estate planning needs and chart your financial future! Don't put off this important step to peace of mind through better planning. Contact *LIFE Planning Services* today!