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Week 26

Beth Moore: Awaken Now, Part 3

In the studio:

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.

From the *Awaken Now Conference*

Beth Moore: No one in this room is in severe 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. Endurance! We have to be willing to endure -- we've got to endure -- we've got to endure.

So we keep ministering, we keep proclaiming the greatness of our God and salvation through Jesus Christ and as suffering comes we endure because let me tell you something about imposters, people wearing masks, they get tired of them after a while and have to set them down. They do. Our only sign of authenticity will be our endurance. Will you endure? Will you endure? Will you endure?

And will you die and will I die to my hypocrisy because our hypocrisy will make us look like the weeds. We've got to endure in our faithfulness and keep it up and keep it up and keep it up. And that, over time, is how our brothers and sisters that have mocked us and scorned us will ultimately say, "That can only be the hand of God." We must bear up. Look at one another and say, "We've got to bear up." [Audience repeats]

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.

So what do we do? Would you look with me in Isaiah 45:8? You've been so patient with me tonight, I thank you. I have a hard time bearing myself in case you're interested in knowing that. [Laughter] I have said so many times that I would not sit under my own teaching but I have to go to class with myself. It is a lot.

But I want to see the spirit move. I read of more than we're seeing. And every day people just die all over the planet. We're making great headway but we've got a long way to go. I want to see it. James and Betty want to see it. We hope our generations afterwards will see it but you know what? I'm just bright enough to go, I want to see it myself. I want to see it with my eyes. Lord, I want to see it with my eyes.

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. He already loves you, like he's already in it."

The earth will open. It says: And salvation and righteousness will bear fruit -- salvation and righteousness, salvation and righteousness. Let me tell you something, as much as we may want to, we cannot separate morality from our theology. We can't. I know what it is like to be wigged out in sin. I do -- Lord have mercy, I do. It is just time to repent.

We need a fresh work of God. We need the world not to see hypocrites. They don't have to see perfect people, we're not. They're going to see very flawed people but we're going to own that. We're going to own that. All glory to Jesus.

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 could have quite an awakening in your church or your community by just getting people to come week after week and just listen to these messages. Remember, \$125 and you can get the CD'S, DVD'S, or the flash drive, and in addition you get the transcripts. If you just want the CD'S, we're asking you to make a gift of \$49.

We want to thank you from the bottom of our heart for watching LIFE Today, for listening to these great speakers and you're going to want to share the content and the inspiration that they bring with many of your friends and family. And hopefully, even your churches.

God bless you! Thanks so much for watching!

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>> And it ought to be clear, everybody else is coming out of the closet, you might as well come out too!

[Cheers & applause]

This is not a day for secret agent Christians, spiritual CIA representatives, and covert operatives. This is a day when you let your flag ring high in a culture in chaos. Jesus is not liking Christians. Yes, we want to win people to Christ but when it comes to his operation in history, he's having trouble finding disciples.

>> Don't order them if you don't want to be changed, because it will change your life!

>> Whatever awakening comes, and may God hasten the day, it will come only and all together because of the dangerous, wonderful, terrible, miraculous, unpretentious, uncontainable, unrestrainable liberty in the spirit of the living God, the Lord's power and presence through individuals. Come, Holy Ghost! And set us free!

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

>> It is a now word, for a now time.

>> That's a good way to put it! It's a *now* word!