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Kelly Greyson

James: Well, thank all of you. You are great and gracious. We thank you for giving us this opportunity. Welcome to *LIFE Today*. I'm James Robison.

Betty and I have been talking this week about the movie and the book, *Alone Yet Not Alone*. We discussed the song that Joni Eareckson sang, "Alone Yet Not Alone" that was actually nominated for the Academy Award for the best song and was in the lead, according to all the polls, and the ones who had listened and watched and so forth -- and then it was eliminated. But it has just gone everywhere. You can watch it along with millions of other people, I'm certain by now, who are watching it.

We actually played it on the program earlier in the week with our guest's sister who is one of the actresses in the movie, *Alone Yet Not Alone*. It is actually a part of their family's history, the line of her family. It's really quite an interesting story and you'll want to get it.

And one of the family members, and one of the actresses is Kelly Greyson and she is here. She's not only in this movie but she has a real mission desire to communicate effectively in the entertainment world, a very difficult world sometimes and we're glad she's here to share her story and her heart. Would you welcome Kelly to *LIFE Today*?

We're glad to have you. We enjoyed talking to Tracy and to your dad.

Now I want to know about *Alone Yet Not Alone* and how you feel about the journey these girls went on and how it has moved you and your family.

Kelly: Well, I think it is definitely a multifaceted thought, it could go lots of different directions. But I think for me, what I hope people walk away with from this film are a couple of messages.

One is really knowing what it is that you believe, being anchored in that because that's what's going to carry you through those hard times.

And then the impact that parents can have on their children, that's another message that I think is so well communicated is when you see these girls, what their parents

taught them as young girls around the dinner table and how that impacted their lives and carried them through these incredibly challenging times and ultimately, reunited them by the things they learned as children, it just impresses me the impact that parents can have on children and how that is not something to be overlooked.

James: Well, we really do. When I found myself weeping at the end of the movie when I actually saw how they came back together and you saw what you just referenced, the seeds that were sown in the family, which tragically is not happening in most families. We have very dysfunctional families.

You were blessed to have a mom and dad that were very serious about loving God and loving you all. And then you saw that in the film and you were able to portray it. And what you just addressed, it just breaks my heart that so few people have it.

But I think when they see the movie, as you just said, they can see the impact that that had. I would like to show just a brief trailer from the movie and then we'll talk about it.

But then I want to know, because you really do have, I think something God put on your heart to try to really do something that impacts people in a way that oftentimes they're not impacted in a positive way but to see something positive.

Would you like to see one of the trailers from the *Alone Yet Not Alone*? This is in the theaters. You'll be able to get it soon on DVD. It is the kind of thing you'll want to share because it is not only related to a true story but it has an high impact message. Let's take a look.

Begin video clip

Announcer: In a land of newfound plenty.

>> Yah! We're blessed here -- 200 bushels of corn from our own land!

Announcer: At a time when freedom belonged only to the brave.

>> If we were still in Germany, John and Christian will be forced into the duke's army for seven years, fighting wars that never seem to end as I did at this age.

Announcer: The true story of a simple family of unshakable faith.

>> Each of you will have times of testing in your lives.

Announcer: For them, it was a new beginning.

>> That no matter how hard the trial...

Announcer: But for others...

>> God will never leave you or forsake you.

Announcer: It was the beginning of the end.

>> We must attack the weak villages. Reclaim the hunting ground of our fathers.

>> No savage shall ever inherit this land; is that clear?

Announcer: Pioneers in an untamed wilderness.

>> The survivors tell us of savage killings, Indians taking scalps.

>> You no escape.

Announcer: Caught between two worlds.

>> Now you become Indian children.

Announcer: In the ultimate test for survival.

>> Women and children being taken captive, cabins being burned.

>> Inform me immediately when you ascertain what we have done to offend the Delaware chief.

[Battle cry]

Announcer: They had an oath to keep.

>> You'll never leave me.

>> I promise!

Announcer: A faith to uphold.

>> Father, I don't know what to do.

Announcer: And a destiny to fulfill.

>> God will never leave us.

Announcer: *Alone Yet Not Alone.*

End of clip

In the studio

James: I hope you like that. In the theaters and available soon as DVD!

Here is the book. If you'd like to have this, this is actually the movie edition. We will gladly send it to you if you will just simply do what we ask you to do for someone in great need and that is give clean water, fresh water. You're going to want to do that.

Kelly, I thank God for a story that is based upon something that actually happened to members of your family years ago. And you actually see in your own family the importance of faith.

I know you're rejoicing over the movie also, what happened with the song, even though it got pushed out, it has become something that people can go online and see the "Alone Yet Not Alone" with Joni Eareckson -- fabulous! You though, have I think a real heart for let's say the movie industry. You've made another movie I think that's been out. What was it?

Kelly: *Return to the Hiding Place* -- I want everyone to see that movie! Such a powerful, powerful movie! And an amazing story that I was so excited to be a part of.

James: Does it connect back to the book, *The Hiding Place*?

Kelly: It is actually the same story but different characters. So it is about Corrie ten Boom, her nephew, I believe is the main character and it's her "teenage army" is what

she called them. So it was the young people who basically did the resistance operations during World War II. And they would get the Jews to the hiding places, they would do the raids and get the ration cards and all those kind of things. Just an amazing and powerful story about people who not only had something that they live for but something they were willing to die for and how rare is that in our culture today? So to be able to see that and just to watch that on screen and just be so impacted by that was really awesome.

Betty: Is this something that you really want to continue doing is like true stories like this with really a Christian background to them?

Kelly: I'm so grateful to have been part of Four Films already; so be looking for them. Go to my web site and all of them are on there.

James: Tell us what your web site is.

Kelly: Kelly Greyson.com. So K-e-l-l-y-G-r-e-y-s-o-n.com.

James: This is where you've been in various features that are already out and then they can know what you're working on for the future and hopefully pray for you because it is a mission.

You talk about *The Hiding Place*; name some of the others that you've been in that you think might be of interest.

Kelly: Okay, so *Return to the Hiding Place*, *Alone Yet Not Alone*, *Little Boy*, and *To Have and To Hold*. So all of which I've been so grateful to be a part of because they're films that impact culture. They're value creating and family friendly.

At the end of the day I love to be part of good productions, with good production value and all those kinds of things; but to be able to on top of that have a message that's redemptive, that can help family and culture, and be a guide to so many people who are looking for something -- that they can put their children in front of and know that there's going to be a message that will impact them. I think anything that creates a desire to think for yourself, that enables people to question and be like "Why do I believe what I believe?" And get to the bottom of that because it is critical for life. So anything like that I love to be a part of; anything with a redemptive message in it.

James: Do you find that Hollywood is becoming more receptive to something that seems to have more of a positive affect? I know they boast in how realism and how

realistic and this is the way things really are but when I look at movies in the past that I think have had a positive effect, *Schindler's List*, in my opinion showed something that most people didn't realize that there was love motivating someone to do what a businessman and a wealthy man did in behalf of others. And then even talked about wishing he'd sacrificed even more in behalf. Do you want to see and do you think Hollywood is at all looking that way to where they would want to make something more family-centered and with a more positive impact?

Kelly: I think that this is the part where you, as a viewing audience, really need to realize the impact that you can have on culture because if there are people putting out these films, putting their money where their mouth is saying, "I believe in this message" and then people show up -- actually show up in droves to go see those films in the theaters, well, that speaks to Hollywood. And you can ultimately impact culture by buying a movie ticket, going on a date with your wife, taking your kids to the theater. What a more fun way to impact culture than doing that? I think that speaks -- it's like casting your vote. Tell Hollywood, tell the world what you believe in and what you want to see more of.

Betty: Yeah, instead of always just saying, "I wish they would make better movies like..." like this one was that we just viewed. You've got to be a part of helping that to happen by supporting it.

Kelly: It is so neat, like you were saying, the real world or whatever. Well, there is a lot of beauty in the hard things about the real world and to be able to find those stories and celebrate those stories and those parts of life is encouraging and is inspiring to people.

James: I know your family has been interested in our national direction. It's been a whole part of encouraging people to participate. You just said volumes when you just said vote. When you go to a movie, you're voting. And what we watch, we're actually casting a vote. Is it distressing to you or troubling to you at all that a lot of people who claim to love God seem to have so little interest in being well-informed and involved in the national direction and in our leaders that they don't seem to catch up? Does that disturb you?

Kelly: I think -- yeah, as parents or teenagers or whatever your role is, I think there is so much self-focus today and it is something that our culture has trained; there is so much instant gratification and all of that. And so instead of having an other's perspective, being others-centered and looking beyond yourself that's kind of the result of that. So yeah, it's not a good thing at all. Again, something I want to be part of

is projects and even in my own life and things that I participate in outside of that, charities or organizations that help other people, just being other-centered.

James: I want to ask you to pray for Kelly, but not only for her but for Kirk Cameron, for others that we've talked to. Many of you might have seen Senator Rick Santorum promoting *A Christmas Candle* that Max Lucado did just to say let's do something worthwhile. Here's a national leader saying let's support something that works, something that matters. So that's what I hear Kelly saying.

So number one, pray for her, pray for all who are involved but like she said, support -- in other words get the DVD's, pass them on. Go and see the good wholesome films. Don't you think it's been positive and encouraging the way the Bible series caught on? And then they even took it into the theaters and it went over really well. To me that's encouraging.

Kelly: Yeah, I think there is a hunger. There is a hunger for truth. I think when people have experienced everything that the world has to offer and they realize that they come up empty, they're looking somewhere else. I think that's a reflection of that. And I think something personally that I want to be is someone who is truly a follower of Christ. It sounds bad but I hesitate just to say I'm a Christian without like the caveat of this is what a Christian is to me. Because Christians, sadly, don't love like they should so many times; I'm sure we're all at fault sometimes.

James: At least religious people or church people don't seem to.

Kelly: And Christian then gets associated with religion and that's the furthest thing from that relationship. So to me, if Christian to you is believing in the Jesus who spoke against hypocrisy, told us not to judge, loved people for who they were, saw their hearts and elevated women to positions in society that culture had never seen before, that's the Jesus that I have a relationship with. So if that's a Christian, then yeah, I like claiming that.

James: That really -- the sad thing is that we see so many people who talk about Jesus, who seem to be so unlike Jesus. And I know that in this movie, I saw faith like she just referenced that was real that carried little girls through the most extreme circumstances to come out at the end where you're coming back to what you've got at home.

And, Kelly, one of the things that breaks my heart is there are so few people at home who have a mom and a dad who really pray and spend time with them.

So to all of you who don't, I didn't -- okay, I didn't. So I can identify. But hear this, God is father and he wants to be father to the fatherless. He wants to be the comfort of those who hurt beyond explanation or understanding. Give him that opportunity.

There is a phone number there on the screen. If you want someone to pray with you, say, "Look, I want to know Jesus. I've had it with religion." Somebody will pray with you. Don't hesitate to call and commit your life to God as father.

I want to ask all of you to pray for Kelly. Again, there is her web site and you can go to LifeToday.org, we'll give you more information about the movie and the others she talked about and you can find out more about what she's been led of God to do. Would you join Betty and me in just saying thanks to Kelly? And we pray God will bless you on your journey! Bless your family.

Betty and I want you, if you will, to listen to one of our best friends sharing the heart of God and the concern that I think we all share. I'll gladly send you a copy of the book if you'd like to have it. We have some other things to help you grow in your journey. We're going to ask you to hear, I believe more than Tammy, hear God through her and see something you can do that will make all the difference now and in eternity. Watch closely.

Begin video clip

Tammy: Having the chance to sit around the edge of the water with Jennifer, and you know she is young so there's not a whole lot that she understands in life yet, but the one thing she understands is that this source of water is making her sick.

>> It hurts me right here; from there it hurts my head. It makes me want to vomit.

Tammy: We keep coming to different places and seeing something, as simple as water, and knowing that there's nothing she's done to deserve something like this, this kind of backdrop in her life. This is her only choice is to come to these water sources every day and drink from them. The water is contaminated, it's filled with parasites and disease, and I think it grips me with the thought of drinking water like that, putting that into their tiny little bodies.

But there is hope. We know how to come into these places that are out in the middle of nowhere and drill them a water well that will produce life-giving water. Wouldn't that be incredible? Something so wonderful like water! When you drink it every day, Jennifer, you know that it will give life to your little body; it will make you well. That's my hope and that's my prayer is that you would somehow catch the vision that we have and want to partner with us in that. So this is our opportunity to make a difference in the life of Jennifer and hundreds of other people in this village who have nothing.

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In the studio

James: Wow! I hear Jesus in Tammy. And Betty, that little girl represents millions of people that need water. We've been able to get -- we, you, us together -- millions of people water by taking it one village at a time like she was talking about.

Betty: James, I'm glad that Tammy told us what the little girl's name was, Jennifer. All these children, they're so precious -- they all have names. God loves each and every one of them. And that precious little Jennifer even knew what was causing her pain, but there's nothing she could do about it. There is something we can do about it. We can stop that pain. Just simply by joining together and drilling the water wells. Let's give them the clean, pure water to put into their precious little bodies that God created.

James: Boy, I was watching you on the monitor while you were talking, Betty, and I... I remember Betty coming home from staying with our daughter Robin when she was so sick and she had such a wound that wouldn't heal. And she kept saying, "I just want -- I want to make it well. I wish I could do something." It didn't happen but she's fine.

But that little girl, her little stomach and that's where Robin, our daughter was hurt so bad, we've got a perfect cure. Do you understand what I'm saying? Perfect! It's just what we take for granted -- it's clean water.

So would you please, please, please provide the cure for that little girl, her family, children like that, so simple. I know we can't -- we can't meet every need; I wish we

could. God can through us touch every need; do what no government can do, we do it. You've always wanted to help so we've got some friends who said, "We're so concerned about Angola that we'll match whatever is given for the 68 wells that are needed in that drought-stricken country."

So that means if you could help us drill a well we'd have another one because it would be matched. If you could give part of a well and then it would be matched. If you give the \$48 that gives 10 people Water for Life, we now provide for 20 because it's matched, it's doubled with a challenge gift of over \$300,000 for people who just said, "Look, we've got a burden for not only the 500 wells but for the desperate situation in Angola so we'll help you there because it is so critical right now."

So would you please dial the number, take your bankcard, use it like a check; that's how you always want to use it. Or go online, LifeToday.org and use that card like a check and make the gift. If you write a check, make it to *LIFE* but call us and tell us you're mailing it. Please do it right now. Please! We have the cure. We have it in our hand, in our heart. Just dial the number, make the love gift God puts on your heart. Thank you for doing it!

Begin video clip

Announcer: Every day children of all ages 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 effective life-saving demonstrations of God's love you could ever be a part of. Suffering can end because clean water changes everything.

With your gift today, you can help establish and drill 500 new water wells for remote villages impacting over 20 nations. Your gift of \$24 will help provide clean water for five 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 new *Children at the Well* interactive book to help your little ones understand the blessing of clean water, as well as the *Women at the Well*

daily devotional with 32 refreshing devotionals for your quiet time. With your gift of \$100 or more you may request this beautiful leather journal to help capture your personal times with God.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1200 to help provide water for 250 people or a gift of \$4800 to help sponsor a complete well and you may request our commemorative sculpture glass statue "The Blessing."

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

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On the mission field

Peter: See, this is what completely breaks my heart. We were in Domingas' house just now. You see they've had drought here for nearly four years. There is no clean water. Even this water you're seeing here, people have to walk one and a half kilometers, and come with a donkey just to fetch it and it is horrible! It is green! Nobody should even be drinking this water.

Three children have died in this village of diarrhea in just the last two months. And this woman, Domingas' child has had severe diarrhea and was throwing up just a day ago. The reason is this terrible water.

You know what? We can do something. Together we can say we're going to change it. We'll put in a deep water well, we'll change their lives. We'll make it healthy, clean water. If you will work with us and if you will do something, we together can solve this problem. Let's do it for her sake and her children's sake.

End of clip

In the studio

James: Let me mention with gratitude for your help that if you'd like to have *Alone Yet Not Alone*, I think you'll enjoy the book, Kelly's sister, Tracy wrote the book. She started writing this book when she was nine years old. She was so moved by the story of these little girls and their family and their faith, and little did she realize that she would go on to write other books.

But also to then write a screen play that became a movie and she and her sister starred in it and sought to be an inspiration. There again is Kelly's web site because I want you

to pray for her. See what she's doing; some of these other movies that you mentioned, people can get those on DVD too it's the kind of thing they can share. You believe it would be a blessing to them?

Kelly: They're great, yeah!

James: We thank you! You're a pretty girl.

Kelly: Thank you!

James: We just pray God will bless you. Would you say thanks so much? And you pray for Kelly. You pray for the line of her family. Pray for all of these people that are trying to make good movies for the family and support them! And vote! Be a good citizen. God bless y'all!