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Week 45: Fall Mission Feeding

Steve Scott

Betty: Thank you so much for joining us on *LIFE Today*. I'm Betty and this is James.

James: Steve Scott is back with us. I want you to look at this: *The Greatest Words Ever Spoken, Jesus* -- because he is the one who spoke them. This is really one of the neatest presentations of the greatest words ever spoken. I don't really know how they did this. It's not leather bound but it really feels like it is leather bound. I think it is really important for you to understand; this is something you can carry very comfortably in any kind of situation or any place. And to read *The Greatest Words Ever Spoken*, the way Steve, with a real gift God's given him, I'd say he has the gift of marketing but it's really okay if you sell and you market and you close if you're really benefiting the person.

Let me tell you something, if you ever go in a store and you think the person is just trying to make a sale it usually has an effect that is like a turn off. But if you really believe that person is there to serve you and help you and assist you, really want to help you reach a certain goal or accomplish a purpose for which you may have stepped in, then they have your attention.

Well, here's a man who really cares about you and he has that gift. And when he recognizes the greatest thing you'll ever read, and it happens to be the words of Jesus, but what he's done is he's organized it several different ways, topically, different subjects that you can study. I'm going to have him address one of them that just really caught me before we walked out here and I said, "Betty, I'm taking this and I'm going to do that."

I really heard from God, "You do this, and James, you're going to learn something." -- Because I was a fatherless kid. So I want you to welcome Steve Scott to *LIFE Today*. Would you please? Steve, it's good to see you.

Steve: So good to see you again!

James: You're pretty sharp because you come on our TV show to talk about what you want to talk about and we pay for the air time. You're pretty shrewd to be able to do this.

Steve: You know what? This is my favorite show. It's not even close. Number one, I appreciate your spirit, your love for the Lord. James, I watched you when you were 26 and I was only in college and saw you minister in an amazing way in Arizona. I'm just amazed at what God has done through you, what he's done for you. Betty, the fact that you're involved in this ministry is so neat; it just has a warmth. I get to do a lot of interview shows, I've done Larry King and so on, but there's nothing like this place.

James: Thank you.

Steve: You allow your guests to really share their heart and when their heart is in sync with the heart of Christ then he gets glorified.

James: Well, we really want to point to Jesus in all the different parts of his beautiful family and his body. I think oftentimes we put too much focus on the person that say is kind of in the limelight or the spotlight. If we, who are in the spotlight, we're visible, people watch us, if we can really point to the light, to the light of the world, the light that's to be in us, it's really what we try to do.

You know that, Steve; you know because behind the scenes this is who we are. You're with me and Betty when we're not on stage, so to speak; we're not out where the public's watching and you can hear our heart, and our heart is really for the heart of God to be revealed. We want people to know what a great father he is. Now, you and I were talking a while ago before we came out here. You really got my attention and I'd really like, because I was kind of going through some of these divisions and various

subjects that you direct people to where they can read about a particular thing that might be of particular interest to them and you said something about Jesus. I want you to tell what you said to me.

Steve: First of all, let me say that most believers today don't know what Jesus said. He made 1900 statements that are recorded in the New Testament. He gave 108 -- 108 specific conditional promises to his followers where he said, "If you do this, I'll do that." I can ask almost anybody and they can't name ten of them. He gave 141 commands, James -- 141! He said, "If you love me you'll do what I say."

And his commands aren't like the commands of the law; his commands reveal the will of God for any given moment in our life. Then they empower us with grace and faith to do the will of God in that moment. Most people don't even know he gave us that many commands.

But he said, "That's my father's love language. We love the..." He said, "I love the father by obeying him and you can love me and the father by hearing what I say and doing it." But our focus today, for the last really 50-60 years, has not been on the teachings of Christ, it's been on everything else. So what I'm...

James: It's kind of been our particular view of some particular truth or statement and we actually tend to kind of almost build an idol, a shrine, or a fortress around in defense of our view, which may not even be the best view. And if you never hear another perspective you never hone the iron to a sharp edge because iron sharpens iron. And this is really tragic.

Steve: Right. And when I got into this it took two years to organize them into the 225 topics but when I started meditating in the words of Christ I saw a different picture, A: Of Christianity than I'd ever seen. I saw a completely different picture of the father. When you see the father -- and that's what we were talking about -- when you see the father through the words of Jesus Christ, he said, "Everything I say the father commanded me to say and how to say it." That means these parables that came out of the Lord's mouth are not from him, they're from the father.

So when I read the parable of the prodigal son, before it used to be Jesus pointing out the love of the father; he sees the son afar off. And it says he sees him afar off and he drops everything and he runs to him. And he hugs him and embraces him and kisses him before the son can even get a word of repentance out. I always thought that was Jesus talking about the father.

But when you listen to Jesus and he said, "Everything I say the father commanded me to say and how to say it." You realize that's the father saying, "That's me! That's me running after you."

And you see him for his great love, his mercy, his grace. The second chapter of this takes 17 topics. It's everything Jesus said about the father. And most people have no idea how many things he said about his father. That was his heartbeat; he lived for his father.

He said, "I do exactly what pleases my father." When you start to see the father through the lens of Christ -- and the whole reason I did this is I wanted to see everything from Jesus' perspective.

So if there's a new teaching, instead of me listening to the preachers or anybody else, let me first see what Jesus said and look at what other people are saying through his lens. Let me read the rest of the Word of God through the lens of Christ. He made 20 promises about his Words --

James: By the way, you won't understand the Old Testament if you don't look at the Old Testament through the eyes of Christ, because he explains the scriptures, he explained the prophets, he explained the Psalms. And if you can't see the whole of the Bible through the screen of Christ, revealing it, you will walk in a great measure of bewildered darkness and not see clearly like you could see.

Steve: The God that the Pharisees and the scribes were worshipping was not the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Yes, they knew all the scriptures but they didn't know him. He said, "You search the scriptures diligently because you think in them you have

eternal life, and yet they are that which testify of me, and you won't come to me for life. You missed it!"

What's so exciting about this is when you see... there's not a single question that a person has, not an issue they go through that Jesus hasn't addressed. When you see how he addresses it, he paints a whole different picture of the father than what Israel had seen and that's why they rejected him. They couldn't imagine the picture that he paints. People will fall in love with God the father like they've never imagined possible. That's what's happened to Gary Smalley, it's changed his whole life.

But I want to be a little bit practical and just show -- if you would allow me -- how this can be used. The night -- the first time we did the book, when it came out in hard cover in 2008, and I told you I was going through the greatest crisis of my life. The night before I'd found out my son, my 20-year-old son had cancer and it was a very life-threatening cancer. So I came on to your show totally devastated. Now as it was the Lord really worked miracles and my son had an incredible healing. But the night that I found out the book hadn't been published but Random House had made four copies for our show, that's the only reason I had a copy. And the Lord said, "Open your book" because I was weeping on the hotel bed here in Dallas. So I opened it up to page 190, which is everything Jesus said on anxiety, worry, and fear.

And listen to what... I'm just going to show you some of the things that jumped out because this is how practical the word of the Lord Jesus is. He said, "My words are spirit and life." -- Not just information. And when we are in trouble we want spirit; we want his life. It is not enough to know up here, we want his spirit infused.

But listen to what he said. The first thing that jumps out, "It is I, don't be afraid." He was in control. It wasn't about my son, it wasn't about his cancer, it wasn't even about me. It is I, don't be afraid. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives give I unto you. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid. Steve Scott, take control of your heart! In this world you will have trouble but take heart I have overcome the world. Stop doubting and believe. Blessed are those who mourn.

And James, you know what it is to mourn. And my heart breaks for what y'all went through and it is only our knowledge of him that gets us through something like that.

But look at his promise: "Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life. Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Oh, you of little faith, do not worry! Therefore do not worry about tomorrow. You of little faith, why are you so afraid? Do not be afraid of those who kill the body -- even cancer -- but cannot kill the soul." Over and over again -- "So don't be afraid, you're worth more than many sparrows. Come to me."

You know when we get in trouble, James we run to our relatives, we run to our friends, we run to counselors but we don't run to Christ. He says, "Come to me first. Learn from me." That's why this is here so we can learn from the Lord Jesus. He has answered everything. I just went through this and over and over again: Don't be afraid -- don't be afraid. Be courageous. Why are you so afraid? He was giving me instruction as well as peace.

Betty: That's what really God showed me through our journey in the loss of our daughter was that I had an opportunity to know him as I've never known him before and I can truly say that's what God has done and he continues to. He was my comforter -- he is my comforter. And he does bring joy in mourning because yes, he allowed me to weep because he wept with me. He allowed me to be angry. He allowed me to go through all the emotions that we go through when we lose someone we love. Yet he was right there and I never felt like he had left me. I feel like my walk with him is stronger today than it's ever been.

Steve: We don't teach our children how to run to Christ. We just, in a church that I attend in Salt Lake, we had a young 15 year old commit suicide. And he had moved to Seattle with his parents; he is used to running to his grandpa every time he would get depressed or bullied, he'd run to grandpa. Then he moves to Seattle and he can't run to grandpa and he takes his own life. Nobody ever taught him to run to Christ.

Listen, Christ said, "I'm lonely. I've been bullied. I've been persecuted!" There is nothing we go through that he hasn't gone through. Everything -- everything, Betty!

And if we could teach our kids, and that's what we're doing now, my kids will say, "Dad, what do you think about such and such?"

I'll say, "It doesn't matter what Dad thinks. Thanks for asking, but let's see what Jesus thinks." And we'll turn to the subject and we can find and their eyes light up when they start to read what Jesus said about their answers. And they see that he is real. And our kids now, the Scott kids are learning how to run to Christ instead of just mom or dad. And that's what's becoming important in their life.

James: What I think you've done and you are a gifted communicator, you're gifted at helping people see things they need and not only seeing it's available to you but show you how it will help you. That's a gift he has. And he's done a lot to help people physically or any way he could or give them good advice. But when you were here before you had this first version. I said, "I think the letters of Jesus in red." You listened; didn't you?

Steve: You not only said that, you held the book up and you said, "*The Greatest Words Ever Spoken*, by Stephen K. Scott. Oh, but these aren't his Words. These are the words of the greatest man who ever lived Jesus Christ." And then you told me afterwards, you ought to his name on there. So yeah, I listened!

James: And he got the red letters. But it is so marvelous. I just -- I think what Steve's done is he's made it easy for you to go to various areas of concern and listen to Jesus as he addresses them as the one who knows how to comfort, and so understood our need to be guided to truth and to be comforted and to have a peace within that he sent another one just like himself to live in us. So that he would be with us all the time. The Holy Spirit will lead us to the words of Jesus as he addresses various areas of concern to us. So Steve I feel like you've done something real special for people here.

Steve: What you just said, Jesus said when he was identifying the ministries of the Holy Spirit, he said, "He will teach you all things and he will bring to your remembrance whatsoever things I have said unto you."

But today we don't put Jesus' words into our mind so we rob the Holy Spirit of that ministry. And one thing I've found is -- I've been doing this for the last eight years -- that man, now the Holy Spirit can take the words of Christ and fulfill that 11th ministry of his in bringing those words to mind for any given moment. And that's the miracle is he takes us... you know we talked about fear earlier, Betty and all fear comes from the future. It is all about the future; it is not about the present and it is not about the past.

And yet Jesus tells us, "Don't think about tomorrow. Don't live in the future. Live in the moment. Say not, 'There are yet four months and then come the harvest.' I tell you, look up. Behold the fields are white unto harvest." So he wants us to live in the moment. The future might be ten minutes from now but right now is the moment.

That's just one of his commands but it brings us into the miracle of the moment whether we're at a restaurant, on an airplane, on a set, wherever we are when we listen to his command to live in the moment, then we get the miracle of the moment.

James: Well, the words of Jesus are the greatest words ever spoken. Steve's done a really, I think a very effective job of making it easy for us to go and read his Words. I'm excited about meditating just on the things that he said about the father because I love the father. I want to know him even better. So I'm going to analyze this.

In the next couple of days, I'm going to meditate on them. We meditate on his Word -- very, very important. Our pastor, Robert Morris has been teaching us the importance of living in the greater freedom that comes from meditating in his Word and then the word is not merely carried by us but it actually carries us. It is miraculous!

Would you say thanks to Steve Scott for what he's done by giving us something that I think is very helpful? You can go online and get it. You can get it in the bookstores. Like I said, it is really well done. It is very easy to carry any way you want to, anywhere. I want to tell you this. I'll be happy to send it to you today, but I want to ask you to do something. I'm going to ask you to do what Jesus said he left you here to do. As the father sent him, so send I you he said, and he didn't come to be ministered unto but to minister. In other words, to release this river of life to others, and the way we do

it is we express the heart of God by actually, as his family, his body, the body of Christ, as believers we extend his hands.

Now I want you to look very closely and I'm asking you please don't look away. Look and say, "Okay God, what do you want to do about that?" And then you be the agent, the expression of what God wants to express. Watch!

On the mission field

Peter: Have any of you mothers here ever lost a child because of malnutrition, of a lack of food? And if you've lost more than one, then show us how many you've lost by showing us how many fingers.

Oh, my God! I mean look at that. That woman has lost five. That one has lost five. Seven! Oh, Jesus! I mean nearly all of them!

I think it is beyond words. I think it is absolutely horrible! I mean I struggle even for words to be able to explain what feelings are in my heart and I've never lost one of my kids, I've never lost one of my grandkids. And I just think if one of my precious little grandkids, if I lost them, what it would mean. And imagine if I lost them to starvation and I couldn't actually do anything about it because I didn't have any food; I didn't have any means to be able to help my child, and watch that child die in front of me. Well, this woman watched ten of them die in front of her. Please, James, let's do this and let's do it now!

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In the studio

James: Oh, boy. Would you please help us? Betty, what goes on in your heart when you see that? I just can't believe it when Peter sent that back to me.

Betty: That's a powerful question. I can put one finger up, lost one child but there's so many never to -- our child wasn't because she was hungry. Our child got all the care and the need that we could offer her and the help. But these children -- they lost their

children because they just didn't have anything to eat. I can't even imagine. We can make the difference in that. I mean it should not be. It breaks God's heart. It should break our hearts. I hope you'll help us. Let's help get the food to the children. This is not a way for them to have to die. It is not at all. They need to live. They need to be able to play. They need to be able to smile. Please join with us!

James: I really ask you to please, just move to the telephone or go to your desktop or your laptop or whatever and go to LifeToday.org or dial the telephone number and say, "Look, I'm going to help feed children. I'm going to give those kids -- I'm going to give them a little bowl of warm nutritious, vitamin-enriched nourishment that will stabilize the situation, save their lives, give them a future."

And when they get stable we'll keep feeding at the school areas to keep them going to school. In other words, we're going to do whatever it is to change their life. And we'll win them to Christ because we're going to show them the love of Christ. And we're going to love them if we never got to talk to them because love talks. But we do get to tell them about Jesus and about God's love because it's his love that moves us. And I'm asking you to help us save all those lives.

We've said many times, there is not a person watching that if you could have helped our daughter win her battle with cancer you would have. I know you would have! But we can see, like Betty said, we did everything we knew to do, we prayed, trusted God, and she's just doing awesome now, no doubt. But here's the thing, her children are, her family, they're full of God. But we can save these little children and we can get them in the feeding lines, we can give them the nourishment.

When I say "we" that's us together -- not me and Betty. We're among the strongest, most faithful givers of our own ministry because we believe in it. We've given our lives, we've gone to the ends of the earth to try to put God's arms around hurting people and we'll never stop. You help us do that!

So we're asking you today to help us feed hundreds of thousands of children for the next several months. And a gift of \$30, \$50, or \$100 will feed three, five, or ten children

for the next months. We'll send you some beautiful gifts, a devotional book, a beautiful study Bible that is absolutely fabulous! Beautiful leather-bound, easy-to-read, big print just to help -- it's a beautiful reference Bible. I'm asking you to give us a chance to bless you.

But bless others by making the largest gift you can -- LifeToday.org. Make it online or write a check to *LIFE* and call us. Call that number. Others are calling to give their life to God today, to turn it over to Christ. I know that! But you call to say, "I'm going to give somebody life because he gave us life, and we're going to share his love." Please do that! Please make the call. Be persistent if you get a busy and say, "I'm going to make the call. I'm going to save some precious mother's child or grandparent's grandchild. I'm going to do it! I'm going to give them a chance.

Thank you for making that call. Don't let anything stop you, and may God direct you in your giving. Thank you for your love!

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Announcer: In remote and impoverished areas of Africa, families are suffering facing death by starvation, and those hit the hardest are their children. *LIFE's* mission feeding program is there, able to feed and care for over 400,000 children in crisis areas of Angola, Mozambique, and even some Ebola-threatened areas of Sudan.

With all of our previous reserves gone, and Angola facing its worst drought and food shortage in 20 years, we need to immediately replenish our funding and supplies for our feeding programs. Your life-saving gift of \$30, \$50, \$100 or \$300 will help feed and care for 3, 5, 10 or 30 children for the next three months. With your support and the partnership of others, your gift goes a long way to help save lives. Please call us, write, or go online today and make your gift.

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With your gift of \$100 or more to help feed 10 children please request the N.I.V. larger print leather-bound reference Bible.

And finally, with your gift of \$1,000 or more to help feed 100 children, be sure to request our commemorative glass sculpture, "The Blessing."

Please call, write, or go online today and make your gift of life to help feed and care for hungry children.

End of clip

In the studio

James: I love this beautiful glass sculpture; it will reflect the light wherever you put it. It is "The Blessing." I think this little child is reaching out to bless. You might think he is reaching out to get a blessing; I think he is reaching out to be a blessing.

Help us if you will. We need a miracle! We need 1,000 of you to make a very special gift. If you'd like to have for any gift you make today, we'll send you the book that I wrote, that Randy our son wrote to help you, but if you'd like to have this one that Steve Scott put together, *The Greatest Words Ever Spoken by Jesus*, you'll like it. We'll send it to you -- it will bless you -- to say thank you for helping others.

Join Betty and me, if you will, here in the audience in saying thanks again to Steve Scott.

Thanks for being with us! Appreciate you very much!

Steve: Thank you.

James: God bless you and I hope you will get "The Blessing" from the words of Jesus. Thank all of you! Thank you for being with us. Thanks for your help! Thank you for extending the hands of God.