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Week 12: Mission: Rescue Life

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Christine Caine

“Wholehearted or Brokenhearted” Part 3

James: Oh, thank you so much! Welcome to *Life Today*! I’m James Robison; Betty and I are thrilled to have you and also, to share Christine Caine. A Baptist preacher told me the other day, said she’s the greatest preacher I’ve ever heard! You know most preachers in the Baptist denomination don’t think there are women preachers.

I said, “Well, we just call her giving her little testimony of the miracle to talk.”

He said, “No. I said it was preaching and she’s good.”

Let me tell you, this woman is a communicator. I think it’s a great gift, Betty because Australia prays for America. You may say why are they praying for us? Because they really believe that we are freedom’s last hope. And although they’re having a great move of God with Hillsong and a lot of things that are happening that’s why Christine came, they are praying for us as a nation that’s been so blessed of God, unlike any nation in history. The rest of the world recognizes that.

And although we’ve lost some credibility with a lot of our allies and a lot of people look at us because we’ve not been revealing a sense of strength and a sense of real compassion. It’s like we’re vacillating and we’re wavering to where we don’t know if what we’ve been blessed to have is going to be here; so they’re praying for us.

Christine Caine, really, has come with a real message for us. And she’s talking about being brokenhearted or being wholehearted and allowing our – I think we’re really talking about wholehearted for God and our hearts made whole or living with a broken heart. I think it’s appropriate sometimes to have a broken heart for what needs to happen and weep with those who weep. But I want you to listen to her perspective.

Would you welcome Christine Caine? Here she is.

Begin video clip

Chris: The first thing we've got to learn to do is we've got to learn to possess authority over our hearts. A lot of us, we just spin out because our life is spinning out. I'm here to tell you, just because your life has gone crazy doesn't mean you have to -- just in case you didn't realize that. And sometimes, if my kids get a little bit out of whack, if things at work, I help to rescue the victims of human trafficking, we've got offices in 10 countries, life can get very crazy. Sometimes I stand back and go, "Christine, just because everyone else is having a breakdown does not mean that you have to." Sometimes you've got to talk to yourself. I don't know if you have conversations with yourself but I have to talk to myself. And go, "They're all going crazy, I'm not going to."

I love what the scripture says in John 14:1: Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.

That sounds so easy. But he's saying, "Listen, can you not give your heart permission to freak out?" What's what the original Greek says: Do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not let your -- tell your heart, "I'm not giving you permission to freak out." You know when your heart starts thumping and you get that news you weren't expecting or something is going out of control because we're all deluded in that we think we can control everything. We think we can control our husbands, we can control our kids, we can control work, we can control our -- we can't control anything so our heart goes crazy! But you've got to say, "I'm not going to give you -- I'm not giving you a chance to freak out."

I'm not going to lose my peace over something I can do nothing about. I was catching a flight across to Greece, to one of our transition homes, and something happened with the weather and they cancelled all the flights. And I'm standing there and I thought, I could either lose my peace right now because of all of the effort that went into planning that, training, doing -- what could I do? I cannot get in the cockpit and fly a 747 across the ocean. I can do many things, I can't do that thing. I cannot control the weather patterns. And quite honestly, if I had a long view of things, I'd probably be really

happy that this plane is on the ground with me alive than in that weather and me not alive. So the point is sometimes we lose our peace over stuff we can do nothing about. We lose days and weeks. You think about it.

How many things -- someone maybe ran into your car or something. And you know what? You can't change it. But you're freaking out over something you can do nothing about. I'll tell you where particularly -- and I know there are many gentlemen watching this, but women have a Ph.D. in this -- we are brilliant at freaking out over things that have never happened or might never happen. But we have -- we have worked out every scenario. Am I lying or am I telling the truth? How many of us, we have gone there of what if our children -- what if this? We could be in Hollywood making movies because we have got so many plot twists. And God is like, "What are you smoking?"

[Laughter]

We are unbelievable at making stuff up. And we lose so much peace and we waste so much of our life and we waste so much of the good we could do because we are freaking out.

You know what happens when you get a great strength when you realize that no weapon forged against you shall prosper? You know that scripture? No weapon -- when you know that no weapon forged against you shall prosper, you can ignore the storm. Because it is like, oh, the weapon will be forged but it's not going to prosper. You know I've learned to do that. It's like I'm not surprised when the weapons forged but it is not going to prosper against me.

When you get the revelation that greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world, you know what? Then I'm just going to go to bed. There are some things and we deal with major issues when it comes to trafficking all the time. I could lose my sleep every night. I could be so just full of conflict and so full of anxiety, how many people are medicated because of anxiety in our society? I think it is the number one issue is stress and anxiety and what if and what if.

But the truth is, that there's most stuff I can do nothing about so I must trust the sovereignty of God. I must trust that God is good and God does good and even when things are not good, God is working all things together for my good. Now that doesn't say everything that is happening is good -- not at all! But I trust that God is good. And I trust that God does good.

And you know what some of you could do and use? Some of you watching this, I don't know when you've logged on maybe into a computer, you're watching this on TV, but the best things some of you can do to fight the enemy is to go to bed. The Bible says that God...

[Laughter]

Yeah! I have to set you free right now because scripture says that God never sleeps and God never slumbers. So what is the point of both of you staying awake?

[Laughter]

That's my whole point! What is the point of both of you staying awake?

I did that the other night. I went to Nick and I said -- we had this major issue in one of our country offices and I said, "You know what? Since God never sleeps or slumbers, I'm going to bed! If you see the devil, tell him I'm going to bed!"

So I'm like, "I'm done! I'm going to sleep." You know what that says to God? I trust you. I trust you. I've done everything I know to do. I'm not being irresponsible but I've done everything I know to do and the only thing that's left to do is worry.

But Philippians tells me to be anxious for nothing but in everything with thanksgiving, praise, and supplication, to make my requests known to God. And then here's the promise: The peace of God that surpasses all understanding, it doesn't make any sense.

People say to me, "How do you sleep at night? How do you not freak out over your daughters given the work that you do?" Because the peace of God that surpasses all

understanding will guard your heart. How do you get through navigating someone or yourself through a terminal illness, some kind of therapy? There is much pain in the world -- a loss of a beloved person, a great tragedy at work, the great loss of a dream, a bankruptcy. There are real issues but you and I have to lean into the supernatural power of God that says there is a peace that surpasses all understanding. It doesn't make sense. A psychologist isn't going to give me an answer. A psychiatrist isn't going to give me an answer. No pill can medicate me. Ultimately I'm looking for this peace that surpasses all understanding. And that is going to insure that the life and the flow of these rivers of living water, when I need joy, joy will come out and it will bubble out even in the midst of great tragedy. You can find the joy of the Lord, which is your strength in the midst of tragedy in a very anxious situation -- in a chaotic situation.

I can believe God for the peace of God that somehow is going to sustain me throughout all of that situation. But if you are clogged up with anxiety, there is no room for peace to flourish in your life. If you're clogged up with anger and bitterness, where is the joy going to spring up from? So you've got to let your root source go deep.

Remember we talked about the fountain of youth? You've got to go down to that fountain of youth, Jesus Christ himself, "out of me will flow rivers of living water. You're not going to be parched. I have those living water and so whatever you need, in whatever situation, I'm that person and out of you will flow those rivers of living water to others that are dying."

So you've got to understand that you know what? Don't allow your tomorrow what if's to ruin your today, because so many people do. We live in the "what if's" of tomorrow and your today is ruined. Just remember that God is not broke. God is not sick. God is not poor. God is not impotent. He is not sitting in heaven going, "Oh, my God! No, I am -- all three of me. I'm having an existential crisis."

[Laughter]

"What am I going to do about the condition of the world?" It's not like he's freaking out. He's still sovereign, he's still on the throne, his perfect plan is being outworked and sometimes you've got to rest in that sovereignty and say, "I'm not going to freak --."

Worry and stress will age you. We all know that naturally anyway, we know that medically but it will age you spiritually as well. Take care of your heart. Take care of your heart.

The second thing is you've got to take care of you. Nobody else is going to take care of you. You know there are some problems I can't fix and I'm faced with a lot of dilemmas every day but I can take them to the one who can fix them, and that's what I've discovered. That sometimes you go... And I say that to my girls sometimes. I'm like, "You know what, Catherine? Mummy doesn't know but I do know who does know. And I'm going to go and we're going to take this to Jesus. And until he lets us know, we're going to trust him with that answer." And so you've got to find that place of -- you've got to save your strength for your purpose because a lot of times we're chasing after things that have not got our name on them.

And we're getting exhausted. We're getting exhausted because we're chasing -- because the world says you've got to acquire this, you've got to accumulate that, you've got to amass this, you have to this title and you've got to get -- and we're just chasing. You know what? It doesn't even have our name on it. I haven't gotten time for exhaustion. I don't want anything -- in this second half of my life I don't want anything that hasn't gotten my name on it. I want what God has anointed me for. I want to be exactly where he wants me to be. I want to wake up every day and say, "You know what, Jesus? I don't know where you are going but wherever you're going I'm coming." That's it! I just want to be wherever he is going to be. I want that faith adventure to continue in my life.

Some of us we're just tired -- we're tired -- we're spiritually tired. We're laboring. Man, we're trying to do the next this, and we're trying to do the next -- and we're exhausted.

Another key way to keep your heart... Remember we're talking now about how we're not going to keep this thing cluttered. So we're going to make sure that we guard our heart. We're going to make sure we don't give our heart permission to freak out, because it is going to clutter it and you're going to have a spiritual heart attack.

Here's a big one: You've got to eliminate strife from your life.

Some homes, they're just a battle zone. We don't need to go overseas for the battle because it's right there every morning. In our home we kind of have a battle-free zone, and I find that if I can eliminate strife from my life, a whole lot of tension and anxiety goes from my life. Do you notice how much extra tension you carry when there is strife? -- If there's strife at work, strife at home, strife in relationships. I say it to anyone I want to be friends with. I'm like, "I'm a drama-free zone." I'm like a drama queen but I have my own dramas with myself; I don't need to have more drama in my life. So we keep it really simple. If you're going to be high maintenance, high drama, go and have that on your own because it is not going to come into my space because I don't have any room for any more drama. One drama queen per family is enough.

[Laughter]

So you just have to decide because our world lives, because of media, on sensationalism and drama. You know you can get addicted to it and you love it. You get on there on social media and now with our blogs and our posts, it's like I think you're entitled to your opinion but not to give it -- keep it to yourself. So a lot of times, we just kind of get out there and it prevents the flow of the Holy Spirit coming out of your life. Nothing will take you out like strife. And I think a big reason the Lord has blessed a lot of our ministry, our marriage, our family, is because you know what? We, by and large, keep strife out of it. And it's I'm blessed because I'm married to a great peacemaker. And you know the scripture says: Blessed are the peacemakers -- not just the peace keepers but the peacemakers. I'm Greek so I'm very volatile. I really live for war and fighting.

[Laughter]

That's kind of like -- it's just who I am. And then like I married a Christian, and because of his biblical peacemaking skills it gets me more fired up than anything else. So I've just really learned that I've got a long way to go. If anyone here is like from Mediterranean or we're just volatile, we just kind of like act first, think later, and just go for it.

And then the Lord -- make sure that you marry a very staunch British man so that you've kind of got all my emotion and all of his kind of, "Christine, I am really entering into worship. My big toe is moving in my shoe."

[Laughter]

Then this drama queen, me. But the Lord saved me from myself because I would have been like into everything. I'm like ready for a fight. So now he just directs it to the devil so that just helps us. "Let's go put traffickers in jail. Let's go rescue girls. Let's just go just kick the devil's..." Anyway! All I'm saying is that's where I outwork all of that.

But eliminate strife from your life and another very key thing is find contentment in who you are in Christ. Nothing will clog you up like discontentment when you compare and compete with other people. The Bible says if you compete yourself amongst yourself you are not wise.

Do you know how much energy we waste not running our race because we're looking at everybody else's? Do you know why we do that worse than ever, I believe, in our generation? Again, it's because of media. Because from the minute we open our eyes we are told you're not good enough, you're not fast enough, you're not smart enough, you're not enough. And if you're watching this at home, how often does that happen where you just feel like I'm not enough. But I'm here to tell you that you know what? In Christ, you are because Christ is enough for me and for you. Christ is enough!

I love the fact that... First Timothy 6:6 says this: But godliness with contentment is great gain.

But godliness with contentment. We have such a discontent generation. They're trained from the womb. My little eight year old, from when she was little, I don't know if anyone here has ever educated their children... I really believe in parenting by digital technology and animation. I think it is a gift from God. I'm going to set you all free now. It just really makes sure that my... When I go to restaurants it's really peaceful. I'm so grateful for Net Flix for children. And if I want some extra peace I have no problem

with them watching half an hour extra of television. So don't write me letters because I won't read it. But the point is it helps me to eliminate strife from my home.

But I tell you what, those TV stations, they know how to market to kids. It is amazing that from such a young age, "Mummy, I need -- I need --." I didn't even know these things had been invented and Sofia might have 45 dolls but you know what they've just told her about the latest one with the slightly different hair color and a slightly different eye color, and it is imperative to the salvation of the planet that she should have this doll. It is amazing!

But you know what I'm talking about? Everything is geared to you need more -- you need the newest -- you need the next --. And so people are exhausted. People are exhausted and you'll get that with your body image; you'll get that with your face. If you start looking at too many magazines they tell you that you've got too many wrinkles; if you start looking at too many fashion things you'll put yourself in debt and cause yourself more anxiety, I'm convinced the enemy wants to do it because you don't feel like you're enough. And I'm here to tell you you're enough! -- And that in him we're enough.

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In the studio

James: God bless you, Christine. I think for us to understand that we're not unimportant or insignificant and we are enough is when we really come to realize who is enough and who is our source.

Father, I pray everyone will take the message that Christine has delivered so clearly and they'll be wholeheartedly in love with you that their heart and life and mind will be made whole and that you would just have your way through their lives for your glory and your purpose; in Jesus' name.

Thank you so much for your kindness when you tell us how much you appreciate the different communicators we have, Wednesdays in the Word; Beth Moore is such a

blessing, Lisa Bevere, Christine Caine, all the different ones that are here. We thank you for your encouragement.

We are going to show you something that I really pray moves you. It's hard to imagine that people would take little children and use them as sex objects and slaves but it's happening.

When we began, Betty, years ago to tell our viewers that this is happening, it's happening in America, it's happening all over the world and in many places it seems that it's totally hopeless. But we began to say we have found people who have planted their lives in the midst of this pain. And if we will help them we can rescue women and children out of the sex trafficking and that's precisely what we're doing. We've been building *LIFE* Centers and healing centers for these precious people. I want you to watch, I want you to hear the heart of a woman who has been trafficked and hear her concern now and know that we have the answer. Watch and listen!

On the mission field

Announcer: Sima's story is not that uncommon. She is one of the hundreds of thousands of women around the world that have fallen victim to human trafficking. Sima set off from her small village with her two young daughters to work for a good family in the city. She thought she would be helping out with household chores. But soon after she arrived her daughters were taken away and she was locked in a room for a week.

Open captions:

>> When I realized I had been sold they made me do things I did not want to do. They would close the doors and windows so that when I shouted no one could hear me.

Announcer: Held captive by the threat of violence Sima not only fears for her own safety but she worries every day about her daughters who are only seven years old and three years old.

Open captions:

>> I have to see 10-12 men a night. If I refuse they beat me severely. If I am lucky I get to see my daughters for only a few minutes a day. I know if I don't get out soon my daughters will end up working in the brothel as well.

Announcer: With the help of our partners, Mission: Rescue Life is providing hope to women all around the world and is desperately working to help save Sima and her two daughters before it's too late.

Open captions:

>> This life is so painful. I'm afraid I will never be free. I want a new life.

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In the studio

James: Dear Lord, please, please touch hearts. When I hear that woman and if you wonder why we were blurring her eyes and even the children because she's still in the brothel, she is still trapped there, and we're trying to get her and the children out. That's why we call it "Rescue Life" where we reach out and we rescue them and restore them because you, our viewers have helped us build *LIFE* Centers to put these women and these children in and rebuild their future.

We've just completed one now in India which is where that was taken. And reaching into Nepal where the little children there are taken and they literally are taken from their parents because they've been told they're going to take them and get them an education and get them a good job and then they'll be able to help their poor families, and then they never see them again.

Basically, that's what's happened to her. And now she is afraid if she doesn't get out they're going to get her children. We want to get her out. Here's what it takes. We've asked you to build the *LIFE* Centers, the places of rescue and you've always been so wonderful to do that. But in order to support the work, right now we need over \$600,000, right now, to just support keeping them and rescuing them and taking care of them.

And the average cost, this is what it takes on the average to take care of them, get them out, care for them a year, it's \$128 a year. To me, that's sounds meager. I like to think in terms and always try to stretch your thinking because we have a tendency when it comes to giving and sharing, a lot of times we reduce it. We're pretty good at doing that. So I like to stretch it; \$1280 we can rescue and restore ten. Would you do that? There's just a family right there. Would you help us do that? Would you right now go to LifeToday.org? Please, just go get your laptop, go to the computer, get your iPad, whatever you do, take your bankcard, and you're going to use it like a check, that's how it should always be used or you can dial the phone number there.

There are people calling for prayer for help every day; 80% of the calls that come to that number are to "pray for me," "help me." Fewer than 20% call to say, "I want to help." We understand that because we want to help you. But you can call and say, "I want to rescue someone" and make a gift of \$128 or \$1280 or more than that. Some of you, thank God, have been blessed where you can do more than that and I believe you will.

But if you say, "James, \$128 would really be a stretch for me." Well, \$64 doubled, we've got it; so could you give that or \$32? There is no level -- Jesus said the widow's mite was the largest gift. So whatever you're led to give, you give. Go to LifeToday.org or dial the number and make the gift God put on your heart.

We want to send you the incredible worship CD, *Songs of Freedom*. Integrity music joined with us to present this to you to say thanks for the freedom you're offering. I wrote a book with Jay Richards, as an Evangelical Protestant and a Catholic philosopher commissioned by Evangelical Protestant leaders and Catholic leaders to write the way out of this present darkness. This gives us understanding of the times. We will send it to you to say thank you.

If you make the gift of \$1280 we want to send you the Thomas Kinkade, "Forest Chapel." Would you right now go online or dial the number? I pray you will. Make the very best gift you can. We're going to rescue lives.

Begin video clip

Announcer: Innocent children created to be happy, loved, and cared for are being abducted and sold at the hands of violent predators, their spirit and bodies broken under horrific emotional and physical abuse. Through *Mission: Rescue Life* you can reach out to save children vulnerable to sex traffickers. You can help rescue those already enslaved and you can restore their lives with hope for a future.

Your gift today of only \$128 will help rescue a child and change their destiny forever. With gifts of \$64 or \$32, we will combine your support with others to help rescue one more child from the shame and pain of sexual slavery.

With your gift of any amount we will send you the *Songs of Freedom* CD, a collection of ten uplifting worship songs that are sure to become a favorite for your quiet time, drive time, or personal worship.

In addition to the CD, you'll receive *Indivisible*, a powerful soul-stirring book by James Robison and Jay Richards.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1280 to help rescue ten children and you may request this beautifully framed canvas print of the "Forest Chapel" by the Painter of Light TM, Thomas Kinkade.

Please call, write, or make your gift online today.

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On the mission field

Chris: Human trafficking is such a tragic reality in our lifetime. Nick and I partner with *LIFE Outreach International* because we are serious about stopping this injustice. We hope that you would join us on this journey to stop slavery in our lifetime! Why don't you partner?

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In the studio

James: I hope you sense the passion and compassion that's so obvious in Christine. I hope you'll give us an opportunity to send you the *Songs of Freedom*. And I really pray with all my heart, if you love and appreciate the freedom you have, get *Indivisible*. Let us give you understanding of the times.

And that's the purpose, by the way of Stream.org. You see it up there on the screen? Stream.org? I want you to make that your daily visit. You can go there for inspiration in your daily devotional time too. But you're going to get insight. We're not going to perish for lack of knowledge and we're going to have understanding of the times. We want to help you bringing the greatest minds and hearts streaming like a river right into your life. Stream.org – go there!

Thank you so much for watching. Thank you for helping us rescue precious lives. Thank all of you for being with us. Appreciate it!