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Beth Moore: Let God Rebuild Your Life

James: Y'all are really friendly! Thank you! Thank you for this opportunity to share with you.

I'm James Robison. My wife Betty and I welcome you to *LIFE Today* and *Wednesdays in the Word*. Beth Moore is teaching on God rebuilding our lives. There is no one else who can take a puzzle life or even a disastrous situation and create a greater masterpiece of whatever puzzle parts we give him, whatever broken pieces we give him, and Beth understands that fully. So you'll be hearing her in just a few minutes.

I do want to remind you that we are trusting God to enable us to drill another 500 water wells. Just pray! I reach out here and pick up one of these beautiful coffee cups that we do also give our supporters and people tell us they enjoy them and we have clean water. And overseas they have disease ridden, in so many places and our viewers have enjoyed drilling water wells.

So really just be praying that God will touch hearts and that we'll be able to do this. And pray what is my part in your heart when it relates to giving someone just a cup of water or a well of water in your name. Would you do that?

I want you to welcome Beth Moore. She is going to bless you as you enjoy *Wednesdays in the Word*. Here's Beth.

Begin video clip

Beth: Now I drink coffee to calm down. I was born wired -- I just was born wired. I love coffee and I love stiff, very, very strong coffee. I like a super dry cappuccino that they hand to you in a cup that has just about this much liquid in it and I throw that thing back and then I just praise God out loud for it.

[Laughter]

I had had about six shots one morning and I'd been working out of Colossians in my memory work so I was saying my memory work to the Lord and I was starting at the very beginning. And I said, "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God and Timothy our brother, to the fainthearts and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae."

[Laughter]

So every time I turn to this book I think about the fainthearts and the faithful brothers in Colossae. That may be you today. You may be faint of heart. You're in the right place.

Colossians chapter two, I want to read you verses 1-7.

So much of this segment would be a lesson all by itself. We are heading together to the seventh verse but I want you to see verses one through six as well as we prepare for it. It says, and this is the Apostle Paul talking to the fainthearts and faithful brothers in Colossae: For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face.

Let me pause there to say, it is all right with God if you and I have to really struggle to see somebody become in Christ what they were called to be. Anybody know what I'm talking about? To be able to press in there, go to the work, go to the grip that it takes to see somebody that you know full well has the capacity and gifting in them to be so instrumental in the body of Christ.

I've got a young woman in my life like this right now. She is so gifted. She has got an authority on her. She can stand up and speak to a group. But she has the mouth of a sailor! Anybody know what I'm talking about?

[Laughter]

You know what's going to happen? Is the sailor is going to write me and say, "You know what? I don't have a bad mouth." So forgive me. You may be a sailor with a wonderful sanctified mouth. I'll try to think of something else. But y'all know what I'm talking about? And I'm trying to struggle in there with her. Let there be a sanctification that would release the gifting on that mouth. Sometimes we struggle with one another to see one another come to their gifting and their sanctification in Christ.

Look at verse two: That their hearts may be encouraged, be knit together in love, to reach all the riches, a full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ.

I just want you to land on verse three. I want somebody new to hear this: In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Everybody say all of the treasures! -- All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. There is no way to get to the bottom of him. I need you to know something. I have been enthralled and fascinated by the scriptures for 30 solid years because there is just no way to get to the bottom of it, to get it all explained. You can't lasso the thing, you can't control the thing, you can't make it behave, you can't bring yourself complete understanding and work out every single thing, get all of your doctrinal ducks in a row, have every one of your questions answered. You just cannot take all the mystery out of him, and you cannot take all the mystery out of his Word. You can spend the rest of your life seeking him and searching him out on the pages of his Word and never ever exhaust it. It is unlike anything else you could possibly hold in your hands.

It says this in verse four: I say this, in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, (Paul says to them,) yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Here we go. Six and seven are the primary verses that we'll be launching from in this present series: Therefore, as you receive Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

Everybody say, "Walk in him."

[Audience Repeats]

So walk in him. Verse seven: Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Verse seven again: Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Now listen, we're going somewhere else with our concept but I don't want to go there before I mention the words where it says, "rooted and built up in him." Rooted -- you and I are heading toward the words *built up* but I want you to think about the word *rooted* for a moment because I want you to see the trajectory. I'm a visual learner like many of you are and so I'm already picturing some things happening on the page right now because it says, "walk with him" -- "as you received him, walk with him."

So you've got a horizontal move going here, and then there's this vertical work going. So a horizontal walk, we're going to forward with him. Just as we received him we're going to walk in him but we're going to be rooted and we're going to be built up. Rooted and built up; down below us with depth, up above us, pulling us, stretching us, making us taller in the faith, building us up.

I started thinking, it's so important that you and I realize that our rootedness has to be in him. Not just rooted in our church, and I'm a church girl. I believe in the local church. I love the local church. I encourage you to get into a local church. But if what we're rooted in is a group of our Christian friends, a social circle, we're rooted in our job, we're rooted in our exact family situation, we're rooted in this particular city, we're rooted in this neighborhood, I'm rooted in this particular house, then what happens when we get uprooted?

But let me tell you something, when you get rooted in Jesus Christ, no man, no woman, no thing can uproot you because no matter where you go, you're taking the roots with you. Anybody got that with me? Rooted in him -- rooted in him. That's what holds my feet to the ground; that's what keeps me standing.

Then it says what's going to become so important to us in our present series. It says: Rooted and built up in him. I want everybody to say those words back: Built up in him. Say it back.

[Audience repeats]

Say it one more time.

[Audience repeats]

We're going to learn how to be built up in him and not just beaten up by the world. Anybody know what I'm talking about? Because listen. You can get beaten up out there. Anybody but me?

I thought about something this week. I thought about the fact that Jesus must surely have an affinity for carpentry. Don't you think he does? He does all things. In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. He knows every occupation. He knows how to do your job. He has complete and infinite understanding of everything it takes to do the work that you've been ordained for. And yet, there's got to be some kind of tenderness in his heart for building things; wouldn't you imagine? That he just loves construction. Isn't it what he said to his disciples, "On this rock, I will build my church." Jesus is a builder -- a builder.

I was sitting in my house a couple of days ago getting ready for you, getting ready for this series and to come and teach. We live way out in the country outside of Houston. And my son-in-law was, is in the process of building a tree house for our grandchildren that are just about to have their birthdays. They're just about to turn, they're just two weeks from one another in their birthdays and they're about to turn nine and six, so they're the perfect age for it. He told me a couple of weeks ago, "Do you care if I pick a spot and if I build them a tree house? That's what I'm going to give both of them for their birthdays."

So I was in my library preparing for you and I could hear in the distance the hammering, and I could hear the sawing and I could hear the country and western music play. Now I don't know - - I don't know if Jesus would have had that exact scenario or not, maybe he would have. Maybe he would have loved him a little George Strait, somebody know what I'm saying to them?

[Laughter]

But it was the most wonderful thing. I went by to see if he wanted any lunch while I went to grab me some. I looked at him and I thought, you know it was just that his contentment was palpable -- something so satisfying. He is a young pastor. He's got a lot of pressure on him all the time. A lot of work; never gets to the end of the list. Many of you know how that is, whatever your profession may be. But something about I'm going to put this board here, I'm going to take this nail, I'm going to hammer the thing and it is actually going to stay. For every woman or man, cleaning up around the house full of people you know what it is like that you do this and it never stays. But something about construction, can I just put that nail through that board and know the satisfaction that it is going to stick for at least five minutes. Anybody getting that with me? -- An affinity for building things.

What you and I are going to find before this series is over, not just building things, but that Jesus is more than willing to rebuild. Anybody? -- To rebuild a thing.

So I was sitting back a few days ago and I was like, I just want to make two observations to you. These are not big biblical observations, these are world life observations. This is just from being my age, walking around planet earth, watching what's going on and living my own life. I came to two observations. I thought number one: There is a whole lot of wear and tear involved in being a human. Can I just say that? A lot of wear and tear -- a lot of wear and tear!

I don't know anything about what your life may be like on the other side of that screen because I cannot see you and what you're dealing with and where you are planted in your life experience but this I know, you don't have to be a Christian, you don't have to have a personal relationship with God to be in a life with a whole lot of wear and tear. Listen, you get this point because you know that just to be a human, there is a whole lot of wear and tear going on. Anybody got that

with me? But here was that follow-up observation I came to right after that. In Christ -- please hear this with me -- there is a whole lot of patch and mend. A lot of wear and tear out there, but what I just want to suggest to you in this present series is that in Christ there is also a lot of patch and mend.

Listen. About a year ago I learned something that kind of turned my understanding inside out about a passage. I am almost positive I even brought it to the Wednesday program but it would have been a while and I think about it often so let me bring it back, if it is not new to you. But it is just hitting me so fresh with this lesson about rebuilding and seeing things sewn back together.

I was doing a conference on the whole concept of time in the Word of God. So of course, you have to go to Ecclesiastes three because it says that there is a time to do this, and there is a time to do that, and there's a time to do this, and there's a time to do that. And there's this wonderful verse in Ecclesiastes 3:7 where it says: There is a time to tear -- a time to tear and a time to sew.

I was doing some commentary research on it when one of the commentators pointed out that very likely it was talking about the same fabric. That what it was talking about was the mourning process. It could have been anything because there is a time to tear, and there is a time to sew. But he was suggesting that in this ancient world it could very likely have been exactly the same piece of material.

In other words, it was talking about that when someone was grief stricken or when they were hit with a terrible crisis or turmoil, one of the things they would do in the ancient world, and certainly the ancient Jewish world is that they would tear, they would tear their cloak, they would tear their robe. And the commentator was pointing out that they weren't like us where they just went into their closet and throw away what's torn, get rid of it and put it out for the trash man. They didn't have like this whole wardrobe of clothing in a closet like we do. That that same robe, very often, over time, would have been pulled back out, stay with me, and sewn back up representing that yes, we do get torn apart but make no mistake for people of faith, we get sewn back up. Somebody needs to hear that today. And this is where it differs completely whether or not we are a human being out there who does not know God or if we know the living Lord Jesus Christ. Because let me tell you, there is no tear he cannot mend.

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In the studio

James: There is no hurt that he can't heal, and we all experienced it.

Father, I pray for viewers today who have a heavy heart, a broken heart; that have a need in their family and in their personal life. Lord, I pray that you will enable them right now to reach up to you and know that you are picking them up and holding them close; in Jesus' name I thank you.

I hope you've enjoyed hearing Beth. I pray that you enjoy every day *LIFE Today* but *Wednesdays in the Word* is so special for so many of you and you tell us that. Beth has encouraged us and said, "I want you to get others to share too, not just me. It's meant so much to me all over the world to be able to share," but she said, "I have such great friends that share, whether it is Christine Caine or Lisa Bevere, any of these others that are so gifted." She said, "I just praise the Lord that you're giving them that opportunity."

Beth, we love you and thank God for you. One of the most exciting things we do is to share the life and the love of God, not just in word, Betty but in demonstration. I want you to listen to Tammy Trent as she talks to someone who really has a broken heart and rightly so and yet we can be the answer to the pain and we can be the solution to so many of what she's faced. Would you watch this focused and in prayer? Please!

On the mission field

Open captions:

>> I feel terrible that I could do nothing to help my grandson.

Tammy: At some point we all wish we could go back -- that we could change things. But for some people even if they could go back, there's nothing more they could do.

Open captions:

>> I had no money to buy water. All we had was water from the pond. So I just put sugar in the water. He got sick with vomiting and diarrhea. It happened so fast that they didn't have any money. I tried to give him herbs to help with the diarrhea. My grandson died in the night.

Tammy: For Eh Meich to go back would simply mean reliving this horrible tragedy all over again. There's nothing we can do to bring her grandson back but we can provide clean water to countless families just like hers and alter the course of their lives forever.

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In the studio

James: I walked out this morning very early to pick up the newspaper and Betty also said, "Would you put this in the mail box?" So I carried an envelope out, it was a check to St. Jude's

children, because some parent said if I could find a cure for my child... and we have the hope they'll find it. That's why we support them.

Betty and I would like to support everything in the world if we could that matters. I know you would too. But what I want you to think about with what you just heard from Tammy Trent, our beautiful little mission worker, musician and communicator, we've got the perfect cure for what took that baby, that grandson, that grandchild. I'm asking you to give it today. Just like Betty, we can hardly ever look at a little child without thinking we've got hope for this one. Well, I'm telling you we've got perfect hope, perfect help, perfect cure.

And here in the last days now, *Water for Life*, to get these 500 areas that we've targeted, Betty, we need everybody to help us.

The wells are \$4800. If you could give one, please do. I believe you will. I believe you'll find great joy in doing it. If you can give \$1200 or \$2400 and pray others join you we'll have another but most people give \$48 and that gives ten people water the rest of their life, \$144 gives 30. So it just breaks out to where if each one of us would do what I did today, we did something to help, but we're doing it with hope until we find the cure. Here we've got the cure; it's just a matter of delivering it and the support; that's what I'm praying our viewers will do.

Betty: Absolutely! Me too, James! Just as that grandmother, there's nothing we can do about the loss of her grandson. She never dreamed that he would pass away before she did but she didn't have any way of saving his life. But, you know, we do! We have the answer to her heartache and many like her that are losing their children and grandchildren. Let's stop that process. Let's stop that death that is taking place that doesn't have to because we can drill those water wells and give them the pure, fresh, clean water for their children.

James: With all my heart I believe you're going to do it. So here's what I'm asking you to do.

Father, please direct those who love you and love others, those who care; in Jesus' name.

Listen to me, you can go online, LifeToday.org, take your bankcard, use it like a check and just make the largest gift you can; would you? If you can afford to give enough to take care of 30 and give water for 30 with \$144 do that. If the \$48 is what you do, do it. But if you can drill a well, drill a well, or a portion of it. And pray somebody will step up with you and match what you do if you give \$2400; another one matches it, we've got another well. At whatever level, help.

If you want to call and use your bankcard, dial the number on the screen and take that card, use it like a check, and make the gift. If you write a check, make it to *LIFE*, that's what you're

giving. But call us please, we need to hear from you, we need to know. We've got to tell the missionaries and the workers they're coming to your area; we've got the resources to get the drilling rigs there. Would you do it please?

We have some beautiful gifts to give to you to say we love you. We want to invest in your life because we do as you're investing in the lives of others, a gift of love, a gift of life. Thank you so much for doing it.

If you ever get a busy be persistent and press on and call until you get through because lives do depend upon it. Thank you for doing it!

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With your gift today we can establish and drill 500 water wells for remote villages in over 12 different nations. Your gift of \$24 will help provide clean water for 5 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!

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With your gift of \$100 or more, you may request "The Names of Jesus" pen set; one inscribed with the names of Jesus found in scripture and the other reflecting the gifts of the spirit.

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 request this beautifully framed canvas print of "The Forest Chapel" by Thomas Kinkade.

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

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In the studio

James: Well, Betty and I say thanks from the bottom of our heart in behalf of so many people that fresh water, clean water just changes their world. We're anxious so send you the "Names of Jesus" pens. There are two of them here. One is black, one is blue and they have the great names of the Lord Jesus and the great message of God's love. They will become a great witness tool for you.

The "Every Day a New Day" devotional book and the Thomas Kinkade Forest Chapel, we send these to you not just to say thanks but to also bless you. It's kind of like fresh water for you and we thank you for your help.

I want to remind you go every day -- stream.org -- to the stream. Remember, it is here to help you have understanding of the times so that we not foolishly perish for lack of knowledge of the truth that sets us free and is essential to keep us free. You'll be blessed -- stream.org.

Thank you for watching. Thank all of you for being with us. Thanks to Beth for being a blessing! Tell your friends to watch *LIFE Today*!