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Southeast Asian *LIFE* Center
Rescue Life
Nancy Alcorn

James: Wow! Thank all of you! Thank you very much. You're gracious and kind and I feel very warmly received, even in a cold studio! It is cool in here. Would all of you agree it is cool in here?

By the way, I'm James Robison and I welcome you to *LIFE Today*. A lot of times, people ask me why it is so cold. I said, well, Dr. Billy Graham has been my friend since I was 19. He's supported me since I was young in all we did. He told me he loved to hear me preach. And he was complimenting me. He was so kind. I said, "Well, Dr. Graham, you're so gracious. Do you have any suggestions?"

He said, "Well, I just wish you didn't sweat so much."

So it's an answer to Billy's request that it is cool. [Laughing] It's a meat locker here! When the people aren't in here, we just hang meat. It is cool in here. You come be with us sometime.

Everybody here -- do you enjoy being here to see *LIFE Today* taped? -- And being with all of these guests? Well, you're a blessing!

Let me just tell you that I've got a wonderful guest. I want you to just look at the title of this book that you're going to want to get. As a matter of fact, if you care anything not only about receiving help but you want to know realistically how you can offer help effectively, then from someone who understands how you deal with the issues people face, and how to help them ditch the baggage because everybody has got baggage. Everybody does! -- Junk in the trunk! Change your life; Seven Keys to Lasting Freedom. The forward is by Cece Winans. The author is Nancy Alcorn; she founded *Mercy Ministries*. It is now going on the web to become *Mercy Multiplied* because it is going all over the world to help people find freedom so they can ditch the baggage. And Nancy had baggage and she understands what it is like to unload appropriately with grace, peace, and freedom.

Would you welcome Nancy Alcorn to *LIFE Today*?

[Applause]

Nancy, I'm so glad you're here. I'm sorry Betty is not here. Betty had some surgery on her eyes; she had to get a cataract removed and then a little later the other one. But I think she'll be back; I think you'll see her next week, at least that's the plan. Thank you, she is doing great. It is not an easy thing and yet it is a miraculous thing that we're able to do.

It is amazing, Nancy, what people created in the image of God can do to bless others. We don't have a challenge we can't meet if we just follow the wisdom of God. We really do thank you for what you're doing. Let's just let our viewers know not only that you're offering help through *Mercy Multiplied*, go to that web site, because you may know someone that is struggling with major issues. You think there is no hope. Yes, there is -- great hope and great help. And Nancy, through this outreach has been able to offer it. But I have an idea when you were talking about this, and I said earlier that it is kind of a curriculum, I want you to explain that a little bit more fully. But when you talk about ditching baggage, you know something about baggage.

Nancy: Absolutely! I had so much baggage of my own to start with and basically going through what I went through as a young girl, starting out with a lot of tragedies in my family, a little sister killed suddenly in a very tragic way and just being very angry. People came and said, "God did that because he needed a little three and a half year old to sing in the heavenly choir." We all know that is a bunch of garbage. But I grew up angry at God because and I didn't want anything to do with him because I believed -- my perspective was that God caused that.

What I realized later is that that was just a religious -- somebody that had a religious mindset trying to bring comfort but it wasn't the truth. It is the truth that sets us free, and it is for freedom that Christ set us free. So I grew up with this anger and it turned into rebellion and it turned me to searching in all different directions as a teenager. Ended up with an eating disorder; tried to fill the void in my life with so many things; didn't want anything to do with God.

And there were people praying for me and I gave my life to Christ three weeks before my 18th birthday. So I knew I was born again. I got in the Word of God immediately and I started finding scriptures like "God is good" and "God does good." I ran into John 10:10: The thief comes to kill, steal, and destroy but Jesus said, "I've come that you might have life." I realized that it was -- well, God used what happens to us; he will use it and we can tell our story to help others but he didn't cause it. So he started helping me realize that if it is on the side of kill, steal, and destroy that it is from the enemy.

For young girls who walk through the doors of *Mercy* and they have been raped, and girls that have been sex trafficked and horribly sexually abused, if they believe that God caused that to happen to them why would they ever trust God? So we have to help them understand First

John 3:8: For this purpose was the Son of God manifest that he might destroy the works of the devil. So we all have baggage and it is important that we deal with that baggage in our life.

So I started *Mercy* out of my own pain because I didn't want other young girls to go through what I had gone through. So 32 years ago, started *Mercy*, started applying the principles of freedom to these young girls who come in with all these issues.

James: When you say started *Mercy* you're actually talking about a place; right?

Nancy: I'm talking about a place, a home. It started interestingly enough, even though I was from Tennessee, the first time was in West Monroe, Louisiana. And then we have started other homes around the country since the last 32 years, and now we have international facilities and 40 bed facilities in Nashville, Sacramento, Saint Louis, West Monroe.

James: How long does a girl stay who is really, let's say, totally defeated. One of the things that surprised me, and don't know if you're aware of it, how many girls -- what do you call it when they cut themselves and really punish themselves? What is that?

Nancy: That's self-harm.

James: And there is a lot of them there like that. But you bring them in where they have drug problems or anorexia, bulimia, all these different problems that in so many ways destroy girls, not only her self-worth but actually her health. How long will they normally stay? And when they are committed there, what's the journey like?

Nancy: The average length of stay is about six months. If a young girl is expecting a baby, then it's a little bit longer. And if a girl has come out of trafficking, that is a whole different level of trauma so it takes a little bit longer so it kind of depends.

James: How is this paid for?

Nancy: We take no government funding at all so we have the freedom to share Christ. We take the girls in free of charge, and we tie this as a ministry to other organizations. And 32 years ago the Lord said, "I'll touch the hearts of people to give to you monthly and to give to you as I speak to them. And if you'll do it with excellence, I'll see to it that all your needs are met." So the girls come free of charge and it is people, businesses, foundations, mostly individuals and some churches that have us in their mission budget.

James: It's a little bit like St. Jude's where they're dealing with health and taking children and people in. We support St. Jude's very faithfully because we want to help these little children.

We'll do anything to do that because we believe they're trying to be helpful. So it's a little bit like that but this is strictly in the spiritual sense although you're dealing with physical issues -- very physical, nevertheless it's totally a Christ-centered, spiritual thing but it depends upon gifts from people. So the web site, if they go there to *Mercy Multiplied* can they see what you're doing?

Nancy: Yes.

James: And find out how they can help because there are people who are watching who may have lost a child to these problems or may have seen it devastate someone to where their hearts are broken and they would want to help. Or they may be those who have gotten help somewhere, even with you, and I think they would be among your best supporters of people that got help there.

But I want all of you to know, I don't try to guard your money. I try to get you to seek God as the overseer to make you a faithful overseer and a disperser of love through your giving to ministries. And there's the web site so praise God for that. I didn't mean to cut you off. I just wanted everybody to know what this is.

Nancy: And while you're on that subject I just want to thank you, James. I know you probably wouldn't say this but I want to say it. You and Betty, and *LIFE* support us; you support us every month and I want to thank you publicly on TV for that because you're helping so many young women -- thousands of young women who walk through our doors.

James: It's what our viewers do and we're grateful. Because you are -- you are the reason as we're simply a ministry that you make possible in what we do. Thank you for it.

Nancy: So what happened is the last 32 years I've watched girls get set free with these principles of freedom. Like early on, years ago I was praying about how can we most effectively equip these girls so when they leave *Mercy* they are equipped with the tools they need that no matter what comes their way they'll know how to deal with whatever situation comes because they haven't had their last problem as we know or their last life challenge when they walk out the doors of *Mercy*.

So God gave me these seven principles of freedom that we've applied inside the walls of *Mercy* for years and years. And a couple of years ago the Lord started dealing with me about I want you to write a book; *Mercy* needs to be multiplied around the earth. I want you to write a book, develop videos and get a curriculum based on this book, *Ditch the Baggage*; the same seven principles of freedom that I gave you that you are using inside the walls of *Mercy* to help set the

girls free; that you can put those in book form, create videos and a study guide and it can be used to help people across the planet.

So for the last six or eight months before the book came out we have done beta test groups all across the country and we've been getting some of the most amazing testimonies in -- all demographics, all age groups. It is really not gender specific either even though our focus has primarily been women. But these are God's principles of freedom that will work to anyone who applies them to their life.

There was a lady, James, that wouldn't even leave her house. She went through this nine week study; she wouldn't even leave her house. She had PTSD -- she wouldn't go to the grocery store. She wouldn't go to church. She completely stopped serving God, was angry with God. And her friend brought her along and got her to go through this nine week study. She wrote me the most beautiful letter. She said, "I'm back in church. It's not only changed my life, my children's life, I go to the grocery store any time I need to. I drove four hours to go on a week long vacation. I'm back. It's over. It's done." And she said it was because of what God did through the study.

So our goal is to see *Mercy Multiplied* across the planet because God means for us to walk in freedom. The devil would prefer that we do not get saved but once we get saved then if he can keep us with a load of baggage so that we're always self-focused and always trying to deal with our own stuff, and weighed down with oppression and heaviness and unforgiveness or we never take the time to renew our mind, then we're just trying to strive and strain until we get to heaven because we've got all this unresolved stuff. And it is for freedom, Galatians five tells us that Christ set us free. He wants us free.

So this book is written to help people experience freedom on an ongoing basis. God promises that he works in us both to will and to do his good pleasure and he wants us free; he wants us whole, complete, spirit, soul, and body so that we can enjoy life and we can impart that same freedom to other people.

One of the things -- I speak at a lot of conferences across America and in other nations around the world and in churches, and pastors are starting to open up and be real and just tell me we've got people sitting on our pews every Sunday that are dealing with... they'll name all the things: Sexual abuse from their past or abortions from their past where they've never forgiven themselves, and they're stuck and we just don't know how to get them unstuck. What we're seeing is that there are people that go to church and sit on church pews every Sunday but they are still dealing with the baggage from the past.

So one of the things that we deal with is the forgiveness. When people think about forgiveness usually they think about well, I need to forgive so-and-so. But in my life, I was mad at God

because I thought he killed my sister. So I had to forgive God. Then I asked him to forgive me for believing wrongly about his character.

James: A lot of people get trapped not blaming God for doing it but asking him why he allowed it. You're God, you're big enough to stop it.

The thing I really think you need to understand, and this is part of grace and this is part the greatness of God in a father, which any little girl may like to play with a doll but you don't want to spend your life with a doll when you can have a real baby, a living baby to express love. God did not make puppets, he did not make robots, he did not make a bunch of people in bondage to him. He gave us the freedom to choose. Then he gave us the capacity to live in freedom over all the challenges and the things that would hold us captive which is what you deal with.

So God has given us -- and people make bad choices that inflict pain on themselves and on others. God had nothing to do with it. He's trying to show us the boundaries of protection to keep us from the pain that the enemy and foolish people would inflict on us.

Nancy: And you hadn't read this book but it is all in here. So everything you just said is in this book.

James: Well, we've been talking to the same person.

Nancy: Yeah! Because we have the same father and he tells us the same thing.

James: Exactly!

Nancy: You know what's so funny about what you just said? We had this little 17 year old girl, she grew up in church but she came into the program and she was pregnant. The first two weeks she was there every time I would see her on the campus or pass her in the hallway she would just be sobbing. Finally I said, "Do you need to talk? I've noticed that you're just emotional every day."

She goes, "Yes, I do."

I said, "Tell me what's going on."

She says, "I'm just so mad at God!"

I said, "You're mad at God?" I said, "Why are you mad at God?"

"I just can't believe he let me get pregnant."

[Laughter]

And that's a perfect example of what you're saying. There are consequences and we talk about that in this book too; it's very practical. There are consequences for the choices we make and a lot of times we want to have victim mentality instead of taking personal responsibility. And that young girl, we helped her understand that. She realized this is a consequence of a choice but it also means that God is going to be with you in this process. We said, "God is proud of you because you could have gone and gotten an abortion and you didn't. He is in this with you. And he is going to see you all the way through it."

And from that point on, when she understood correctly that she made a choice and there was a consequence but God still loved her and he was with her and he would help her, it changed everything. I mean no more crying. She got in the word. It was just getting God's perspective on the situation and understanding the truth so that she could walk in the freedom of it. And that young girl, that's been almost 20 years ago and she is still in touch with us to this day and is doing great serving God in her local church. But she just needed somebody to help her understand the truth. And she had to forgive herself because she realized I did a foolish thing. She forgave herself but she also embraced the fact that I'm having a child and I'm going to be the best single mom. And she believed God as we taught her for a godly husband and God brought that godly husband who adopted the little girl and it is just beautiful.

James: Don't you love to hear a story like that? What love does -- what grace does? I really suggest that you get the book, *Ditch the Baggage, Change Your Life*, and not only learn and find freedom yourself but also how you can pass it on to others. I think it is very important that you really grasp something that Nancy shared.

God gives us boundaries that are not prison walls. They are walls of protection to protect us from evil. And he says if you will live within the hedge, his Word, if you'll build your house, Jesus said on the solid rock it will withstand the storms sure to come -- don't build on the sand, it's shifting. Build on something solid, my truth. If you'll do this, the blessings are sure to come and the ability to deal with the storms is there. Because what God is saying is "I've given you boundaries to extend your days in the land that I give you, the Promised Land. I don't want you to live as prisoners in the Promised Land, I want you to live free. This is what I'm offering you. But you need to walk within the boundaries of my word and my standard to extend your joy."

No parent tells a child not to play in the street when they're small because you want to limit their fun. You tell them not to play beyond the boundary in the street because it will limit their

fun and hinder or even end their life. So please see that the loving Father knows exactly what he is doing.

Nancy, one of the things that we do as well as help you and support what you're doing, we're doing our best to set children free all over the world from sexual trafficking. It is hard to comprehend that this happens. I want you to look, I want you to see these little girls, and then I want you to watch what we can do.

But get this. Miraculously, a single family said we want to give out of our family resources, nearly a million dollars to help you build a center, perhaps one of the largest in the world to rescue children. If you'll raise a third of the cost, which the cost to build in this part of Asia, Southeast Asia is very minimal compared to ours, we can build an incredible place for these children and we can do it together. All they ask is that we, here our viewers, would meet the rest. Watch and see if you don't want to do it.

On the mission field

Announcer: When we see children being children -- laughing, playing -- it brings a smile to our face and joy to our hearts. But to the human trafficker they see young bodies who they can control and exploit for money through forced prostitution.

Sreyny was once a happy child playing with her village friends. Then one day, a relative of hers promised her a good job in the city to help her parents who were in desperate need of money. To her horror, Sreyny's relative ended up selling her to a human trafficker who locked her up in a room and forced her to perform sexual acts for several men. Three days later she was let out only to work in a karaoke bar and solicit more clients for the trafficker.

The harsh reality is Sreyny is not alone. There are thousands of innocent young girls who are trafficked every day. In the twinkling of an eye their lives can be destroyed by depraved monsters that live in darkness. Something must be done not only to help Sreyny but to reach out to other precious children who are being held against their will or are at risk of being trafficked.

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In the studio

James: Father, I pray that every person who just saw those children will see the reality of many children who are being taken captive and held in sexual bondage for the gratification of people who will never find satisfaction, who themselves are held captive; in Jesus' name.

Please! We're asking every one of you -- and by the way, what we're doing in outreach to stop the sexual trafficking of children and of women and boys and children, is a result of God loving compassion-filled mission and relief workers who brought us situations that become an opportunity to assist, alleviate suffering and offer freedom. We did not know the viewers of *LIFE Outreach* around the world would even watch. We thought maybe you would just turn away but you did not. You actually communicated with me and Betty and all of us here at *LIFE Today* that you wanted to put God's arms around them and set them free if it can be done -- and yes, it can be!

So we're asking you to help do what you, our viewers indicated you wanted to do together. This is a miracle! Because you see, we have provided *LIFE* Centers and homes for children and women all over the world to get them out of trafficking. People are giving \$128 per victim to take care of them for a year. Many of you will want to do that. That's what the cost is just to care for them.

But here's the miracle. Those who are working realize that we need a place to take the smaller children who have been caught. We actually found a way to get them out but we need to take them to a place that is very secure. We're not even going to talk about where it is, but we're ready to build it and give them the security that totally changes their life and gives them a secure, safe future. We know how to do it, we know where to do it but we need the wherewithal. And God miraculously gave us a family that said, "We will give \$820,000 toward the cost of that facility." Which means we need another \$410,000 to have the amount necessary -- almost one and a quarter million dollars.

Here's what it means to you. It means that basically, what you give in its final affect is tripled. It means that if you give \$40 it has a \$120 affect. You give \$80 it has a \$240 affect. Think about that! Think about the \$1200 gift that we so often ask people to sacrificially and willingly give. It becomes \$3600; so it is literally multiplied in its impact.

Father, thank you for that! May we gladly take advantage of this incredible blessing to be a blessing; in Jesus' name.

Would you right now, could you make a \$1200 gift? Could you make an \$80 that will be multiplied? At any level that you can help would you do it right now? Simply go online, LifeToday.org, use your bankcard like a check or you can dial that number, take your bankcard, make the gift God put on your heart.

If you do want to write a check, make it to *LIFE* but call us and tell us what you're sending. We need to know. We believe that we're going to meet this goal together. We're thankful for a family -- everybody that has been blessed is not necessarily greedy. Many who have been

mightily blessed are good stewards of what God has entrusted to their oversight. Thank God for them! Would you take advantage of this opportunity to set people free from the sexual trafficking?

We have some beautiful gifts for you. Sarah Young is one of the most blessed authors with devotions. She has written the book Jesus Calling. From that, the most beautiful things that she's shared have now been illustrated in one of the most magnificent books that I've ever seen, taking the most fabulous statements that she's made that bless people and put them in the most beautiful presentation. We want to send this to you for any gift you make that will be multiplied basically three times in its effect just to say thank you.

Thomas Kinkade, "Forest Chapel" painting, it is a canvas that has been beautifully framed for you. What a testimony! We're sending it to say thanks to those of you who will in fact make that \$1200 gift that will be multiplied to \$3600. Thank you for the gift you make online or by dialing the number. Thank you for sharing God's love.

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.

Our dream is to build a unique child rescue center in Southeast Asia, a safe haven 100% dedicated to rescuing young victims from sex traders and helping them begin the recovery from the abuse they have suffered. This dream of a new rescue center can soon become a reality with your support, combined with a promised \$820,000 matching gift. All we have to do is raise an additional \$410,000 to begin construction. That means your gift today will be matched two-to-one having a triple impact! Gifts of \$20 will be tripled to \$60! \$40 will be tripled to \$120! \$80 will be tripled to \$240! And generous gifts of \$1200 will be tripled to \$3600 to help us rescue children from sexual slavery.

With your gift of any amount we'll send you Sarah Young's newest book, Peace in his Presence; favorite quotations from Jesus Calling.

Also, please consider a gift of \$1200 to help us build the child rescue center and you may request this beautifully framed canvas print of the "Forest Chapel."

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

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In the studio

James: We will be sending you, as an expression of our thanks, and I know you don't expect it, just as we ask you to bless, we love to bless you. This will be a blessing. "Forest Chapel" will be a beautiful blessing in your home or your office.

And if you'd like to have Nancy Alcorn's book which is -- it's a curriculum but it's also answers for you and people you love. It can be a tremendous blessing to your church leadership and to the people you can help. If you'd like to have it, simply ask for it. You can go online or to the bookstores and you can get it but if you help us help these precious children and provide this life-saving facility and you'd like to have Nancy's book, we'll send it to you to say thank you.

Would all of you here in the audience -- wonderful audience we've got -- would you say thanks to Nancy Alcorn and *Mercy Multiplied*?

Thank you, Nancy.

Remember the new web site: *Mercy Multiplied*. You may want to be involved. You may have someone who needs to go there.

Remember, go to *stream.org* every day and get wisdom. Thank you for watching!