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Week 51: Fully Alive
Beth Moore #2

James: The Lord wants us to know his voice and hear him but you will not know his voice and hear him and know it is really his voice if you're a stranger to his divine nature. And you must know his Word -- you must know the Word so you measure the sounds in the spirit world. You have to! And not only that, you've got to be with people who know his Word and who have true spiritual discernment, who can help you know when you get off track.

Beth said on a program, "We're getting away from the word just trying to be nice." We can be nice. I've met with Pope Francis. He is nice but he's got some real bad advisors and we've been trying to show that to the whole Catholic and Protestant world.

I want to tell you something. When God gets through doing what he wants to do in the power of the spirit, you're going to quit talking about Protestant and Catholic, you're going to realize we're the body of Christ and we're going to start looking like Jesus and nobody is going to notice our past heritage. They're not even going to notice our race. We're just going to glow with the glory of God. That's what we need to do.

I want to welcome all of you to *LIFE Today*. We're so glad you're joining us. I'm James Robison. This is Betty and Beth Moore is here. Would you welcome Beth here today and all of you who have joined us?

Beth: We're having so much fun!

James: I'm about to talk to you about a determined eagle. But before I do that, I want to cut back to something I said as we had gone off the air to the audience here; just a couple of minutes of that. Watch.

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If you walk out of here with your eyes fixed on Jesus to plow straight, everywhere you look, you're going to behold his glory. See, I look over here at this little bronze of a deer.

By the way, if you wonder, you'll know, if I don't get to tell the whole audience, I'll tell you, but this is a deer that we actually saw. It is an artist shot at it but I've got to tell you something. Artists here can't touch God's artistry.

Some people say, "Why do people think elk or deer, why do they think that's a prize?" Because it's a bronze by God -- none of them are the same. That's why artists try to copy them. The greatest artists try to copy him.

This deer was named "Majesty." See when I look at that, what you don't understand is I'm going to tell you one of the reasons a deer is great, like I said, I may not get to teach this here. I don't know if we will or not but listen to me. A deer is not the smartest animal but it is the most alert. You cannot believe how alert they are because most of you have never seen them.

You don't even behold his glory too often you're too hidden. You can get in the prayer closet and behold his glory but if you walk in his glory everywhere you look, you're going to behold his glory. If you don't see him in everything, you won't see him in anything. I can't see a bird and not see him.

Betty commented driving up here last night, we must have seen a thousand birds on just a few sets of lines. Unbelievable! And you know what I thought when I look at them? Look at what a mighty God we have. He's feeding every one of them. And the government hadn't fed them a thing!

[Laughter]

I'm not looking at Uncle Sam but looking to Father God -- and we need to learn the same thing. Let me tell you something, church, our politicians won't teach the truth unless they hear God. And you don't just need to find leaders who ask you to pray, you need to find leaders who know how to pray and who know they can't make it without praying; then they could help us lead us out of this ditch of defeat and despair and debt and absolute suicidal insanity.

Are you listening to me? It's up to the church of the living God to get these messages out to a world in darkness. We've got to quit acting like democrats and republicans, Protestants and Catholics, and become the children of the most high God! And exalt his name above every name that every knee shall bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father who's rejoicing in his family. I want to be part of a family that makes the Father rejoice.

Now I really pray the Lord applies everything to your heart that he wants to make that kingdom imprint. Now just remember, we're left here for this kingdom, the kingdom Jesus says is at

hand, the kingdom he says is within you. And we're to pray: Thy will be done... thy kingdom come, thy will be done right here on this earth right now as it is in heaven. Because you see, there is no battle in the next kingdom, there is no enemy. Everything is underfoot. We've got to put on an armor here, and we've got to become like a determined eagle.

Those of you here in the studio, you have this and you can read: Determined -- now listen to it -- determined to soar on the turbulence of the times. Do you agree there is turbulence in our times? We're going to soar. We don't fear turbulence. We're going to be lifted by a power mightier than anything on this earth. And we don't do it in our strength.

Eagles do not rise high because of their strength, they ride the turbulence to great heights. And by divine design they seek it and they overcome; they even use it for their advantage. "The turbulence of the times and the challenges of the day."

The Word of God: Isaiah 40:31: Those who wait and who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like the eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. This is the way God wants us to live.

Now I want you to just pause and think a minute about an eagle. Incredible vision! The church needs vision; as believers we need vision. We need to see the truth in a realm of deception and destruction and dissension and division. We need to see clearly as he sees. He will enable us to do that. Ask God to give you vision. Without vision the people perish. The vision must be of the Lord and his will and his kingdom.

Now we're going to overcome turbulence by taking advantage of the challenges this day presents. Do you realize that there is not one challenge people create in the image of God cannot meet? There is not one issue -- not one need they can't together, with God's guidance and his wisdom and direction and divine oversight, meet. In all these turbulent times our shepherd will lead us beside still waters calmed by his presence. He's the one that brings peace. He will even give us comfort and peace in the valley of any shadow including death. He will prepare a table before us in the presence of all of our accusers and those who hate us.

Right now there is an all-out war, we say on Christians. It's not on Christians. It's on Jesus himself. Jesus, the name above every name is the name that people do not want to hear! And it is the name they must hear because it is the person they must know in order to know the Father. Eagles -- amazing! Their design for speed that they can't generate; they are predators and they even prey on predators. A snake is an enemy; they lift that snake in their talons and they are unhurt because he can't penetrate and they often drop the serpent on a rock.

Isn't that what we do with the enemy of God's truth -- just drop the serpent on the rock? The rock that followed them in the wilderness was Jesus and they got water out of the rock. We build our lives and our future on the solid rock of what he says. That's what you build your home, your relationships, your marriage, your communities and yes, your nation on a solid rock of God's truth.

By the way, Beth Moore is here. You want to welcome her? She's the one over here that's saying to me, "James, you share what's on your heart." I'm obeying the Lord and I'm really responding to your charge and to your challenge.

I've just had my 72nd birthday. Betty and I have been married for more than 52 years so we've been on a lengthy journey. Sometimes I feel more weary than I used to. I want to say to the seniors, to baby boomers and older, to grandparents and great grandparents, this is your day. This is the day the Lord made for you because you have an understanding of the Father and the times that a lot of people don't have. But you're going to have to show them the Father that these young people really want to meet and really want to hear.

Beth, I'm asking everybody watching to put their hand to the plow and say, "I'm going straight toward Jesus. I won't look right or left. I'm going to exalt him. With every breath, I'm going to be a witness for him and become a determined eagle." I believe those of us who become that will be a remnant that awakens a remnant and God knows we need an awakening in our day.

Beth: James, I'm just dying to tell them something because one of the things that I say to people that I'll run into whether it is in the grocery store, whether it is in an airport, in a Starbucks, wherever it may be, I meet people all the time that tell me to tell you guys how much they love you. And I love to tell them, "You would even love them more if you knew them face to face."

I want every single viewer to know this and everyone who is with us face-to-face; you told me this about the eagle and the turbulence on the phone, to me, when I was telling you about an area of obedience. I want to say this to you. The thing about James and Betty is, you're not seeing anything that is put on here, pretentious here. I have personal revival when I talk to them on the phone. And I want to just remind you of when you said it to me because I was telling you that God had really called me to an area of obedience and really called me to launch out.

He said, this was not in words that I could hear audibly, in my heart, he pressed upon me that I had served for a very long time, several decades right in the same field. And he was saying, "Now I want you to go anywhere, do anything, stand in front of any group where I send you."

And I was telling you on the phone, there will be people that will not understand. There will be critics that will be very, very loud about it and decide that I have lost my mind and that I have lost my doctrine.

You said something to me, for one thing, James, you always say this, "You love them. I don't care how people hate you, you love them. I'm just going to love them."

I'm always going like, "Okay, but they're mean!"

"I know! But you're going to love them."

"But James, sometimes they're lying."

"I don't care. You're just going to love them!"

But you said to me on the phone, "You know what I'm praying, Beth? I'm praying that every bit of that turbulence," these exact words, "that like an eagle, that turbulence would not cause you to descend but it will cause you to rise up and fly in a way you have never flown in your life."

So I'm astounded hearing you tell it to all of the audience and to all that are listening and watching because I am telling you, that's not something that he just came up with for a big audience. It is something he said to me on the phone.

And I got off the phone and thought, I receive that! I receive that! If turbulence -- turbulence is not fun. There can be thunder and lightning involved in it and all sorts of harsh winds. But to think, no, no, that's exactly what will become that kind of fuel under those wings. So that just delights me -- that just delights me. That's what it is going to take, that kind of persistence.

The word says in Hebrews chapter 10, when it talks about, "You've got to persevere. You cannot let go of your confidence. You have got to persevere so that when you have done the will of God you will receive what's he's promised."

And the very end of the chapter says that if we shrink back he will not be pleased with us. But we are not a people who shrink back! We are a people that stay out there and do what God has called us to do and we let the turbulence of these times that are so frightening, instead of being scared and cowardly, we get out there and do what we've been called to do.

Betty: Well, we're in the midst of the turbulence now, in our world, our whole world is in turmoil. It is not -- I don't see it getting better. We've got to lay bare before God. And that

means on our faces, starting right there. Because I know every time I've had turbulence personally in my life it took me to my face and to his Word. And his Word, as you said before, it is the sword by which we stand, by which God has given us the tool to put on his armor. He gave us that armor for a purpose because there was going to be a battle. Even in the midst of the storm there can be joy, there can be peace, there can be a relationship with him that you never dreamed about before. Because I know in the loss of our daughter I felt such hurt and such pain -- and it's coming now in our world.

But at the same time, I've never felt so close as I did to God in those moments because every day I had to get on my face and cry out to him. He loves to hear us cry out to him. Because he's close you don't have to shout. You just think it: God, I need you. He's going to bring us to this place to where we need him. And he wants to be needed. And we need him!

So please understand there's no more playing games. There's no more playing church. It's about God. It isn't about us. It's about him and what he wants to do through our lives. We're here for a purpose. We're not just supposed to sit back and say, "O God, I'm ready for you to take me." Or "I'll just stay in my little shelter, my little place until I go to be with you."

No! That's not living. That's being dead on this place. That's not really living. Living is kingdom living and knowing that you can be victorious in the battle. It's not being -- you have power over the enemy. And when he knows that you know that, he sure draws back in his shelter and his place.

So please understand now is the time. I believe it, Beth, that God is saying, "Come on out! Come on out!"

Beth: That's right! Betty, something that you did, I think people need to know this because nobody can do that for you. As much as you were both parents and had lost the same child you could not grieve for James and James could not grieve for you. You could grieve together but there was a place you had to go with Jesus.

I want people to know because we were good friends through this whole thing. I know, Betty, you got up with Him day after day before dawn, got in his Word with your iPad. I can still see that iPad in my mind where you would bring up those verses and then you would just write down your responses to what Jesus was laying on your heart, and what you were saying back to him through his Word. And that's what it takes.

It's got to be a people doing the real thing; that we're not going to make it in these turbulent times as Sunday Christians, James. It's not going to work! It's not going to work. We've got to

get up and seek him ourselves. We've got to find that strength. We've got to find that intimacy. We've got to know that we have a place in these turbulent times.

Don't just look to your leaders. If you are a Jesus follower, you are leading. Because if you are following Jesus your job is that other people through you would be invited or attracted to follow Jesus too -- invited or attracted to follow Jesus too. You are a leader. Hopefully, somebody is going to follow you to follow Jesus. They're going to follow you long enough to see that they're going, "Listen, this is who I'm following: Jesus!" That's what you have done. That's what both of you have done.

One reason why the fire of God still stays so hot and aflame on both of you is that you have never quit going to him for a fresh word from the pages of scripture, for fresh direction. You have never ceased believing that he had something new for you to do in this season. We're not retiring. If we've got retirement then that just means you've got more time to live the gospel of the living Lord Jesus Christ and get your tail out there and do what God has called you to do.

James: Amen! Amen! And we must never let the enemy make us feel disqualified because of any frailty, failure or weakness -- never! Because the enemy will tell you, "You are not worthy. You are not qualified."

I commented to some of my family. As a matter of fact, some of the grandchildren, I said, "It's amazing how all you cousins, you 11 grandkids, six guys, five girls, how much you all love each other." And it just thrills us to see that. I almost found myself being moved to weep. It was like the Father said, God the Father, "You have no idea how I long to see my family love each other -- really love each other!"

"Herein," Jesus said, "will this old world in darkness know you are my disciples because of the way you love one another -- and you love those who are in darkness and defeated."

I'm telling you, a fatherless world, Beth, I believe this, will be attracted to the Father when they see him in the family and the way we love each other. This is the reason, and I'm telling you, we could sit for days with you in the presence of the Lord. We have literally taken, and Betty kind of inspired us to go here because she went back 10 years ago to when we all first sat down and started talking about freedom. You had written *Breaking Free*. We'd experienced some incredible deliverance in our lives; a little shy girl suddenly sitting on television. All of the sudden I'm preaching to everyone. I'm not in this Baptist brigade anymore -- which oftentimes can become with any sectarian position, it can become a place of bondage.

And the Lord said, "Look, you go to my church and I don't put walls up around it, I put a hedge around it. I don't put them in prison; I set them free from prison." And the Lord sent me to

everybody. You don't need to scold me if I preach to Catholics or I go over and preach to the Muslims, I'm going to preach Jesus to all of them. I'm going to preach Jesus to Baptists, I'm going to preach to Protestants and to Catholics and people who have no banner -- Jesus is the hope. This is what we're left here for.

Fully Alive -- we have shared this series. Betty, you saw those messages. We brought them in. Beth came in and taught additional material that I'm telling you, on the freedom we can have in Christ. Robert Morris preached the series to Gateway and it became a book on *Truly Free*. We want to send you what we believe will take you into the presence of God where you will begin to live free and fully alive. Not freed from the battle but freed into the battle to suit up and win as overcomers in this life.

You're going to see right now some of the things in that material that we want to send what's available. Here's what we're asking you to do. Here as we end the year, many of you make year-end gifts because it is meaningful. But we want that year-end gift to have a dynamic effect so you're going to help us proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth and to undergird not only all the outreaches of water and food and those things and setting people free from trafficking but evangelism and outreaches and crusades in special ways and areas. I pray that you'll ask God to direct you and you request some material that I believe God will use to help you become an expression of Christ's body and reveal the Father to a world in desperate need. We long to help you.

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>> Are you ready for the gospel of Jesus Christ?

>> Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life."

[Interpreter]

"And that they might have it more abundantly."

>> Jesus said, "Go into all the world and share the gospel, make it plain, demonstrate it to every creature, everywhere." And keep that picture in your mind, every village in India reached with the gospel; okay?

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In the studio

James: I'm praying that God will raise up Christians who will be determined eagles -- determined to soar in the turbulence of our times, the challenges of the day. Live in fullness, *Fully Alive!* Ask for the series.

I really believe that it is anointed in such a way that it could actually reach the remnant that will awaken the remnant that will lead to the spiritual awakening so the world beholds him in his glory before he comes in glory for a church adorned in glory.

Thank all of you for being here. Thanks!

Beth Moore, thank you! What a blessing!

Thank you, honey. God really did use you.

Thank you so much! Don't miss any program this week!