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Week 18
John and Matt Hagee

James: Thank all of you. It is great to be here. I welcome you. I'm James Robison. My wife Betty and I are thrilled to have somebody on television that's probably a whole lot better on it than we are. You talk about somebody who can preach. People used to say, "James, you're a good preacher." Then they hear this guy. "Well, we thought you were a good preacher." John Hagee can preach.

I've got news for you though. John Hagee has a son. Some of you are hearing him. But I had to break it to Dad; it's kind of tough to break it. But Matt, the son, I had to say, "John, he is going to best you. He is!" You know what John said? "He is! I know it!"

Would you welcome John Hagee and his son Matt Hagee to *LIFE Today*? Hey John! I love that son right there and he loves his dad. Do you think this boy has got it? He is a man but he's still your boy. Do you think he's got it?

John: He's more than got it. I think that he will be one of the great preachers in America to his generation. I think he will reach the world with the gospel through television. And I think his exploits will exceed mine -- that's my prayer to the Lord. Matthew is preaching 20 years beyond his age with a quality and a knowledge that is supernatural.

James: It is! Matt, I love you. Thanks for being my friend. John is actually encouraged you to hang out with me. I take that as a compliment.

Matt: He's allowed me to hang out with you.

[Laughter]

James: He didn't force you to?

Matt: No sir. He gave me permission to engage and it's been a joy to have the privilege of getting to know you. It's great to be here on your program, to have the opportunity to share so many wonderful moments with you. This is just another one.

James: Well, it is a joy to have you. I'm excited about the vision that not only that you have been fulfilling but something fresh God's given you now.

I want to mention this. John Hagee was here, Pastor Hagee, not long ago, Cornerstone Church, San Antonio. By the way, that church, this man, has impacted in my opinion, in the most positive and profound way the city of Houston -- I mean the city of San Antonio -- and Houston, everywhere. But San Antonio has been impacted the way that I really do believe that if we as the body of Christ will represent our Father and see his kingdom will accomplished in our life we will impact cities, communities, and that's what they've done.

He came with the book, *Three Heavens* and talked about it. This is a companion book that's out, *Angels and Demons*. One of the things that John talked about very, very clearly was about the reality of not only the angels but demonic activity and it came across so clear. He is an excellent communicator and an excellent writer. I think you will enjoy the message here.

But I want you to share why we're really sitting here now. God has given you a vision. I'm going to let you tell us the name of what you're about to engage in but then I want dad to tell us where it was birthed. What is it, Matt?

Matt: This vision is called the Sanctuary of Hope. Really doing justice to the name, it is exactly that. It's a facility that's going to be on a property there just about seven miles from our church that's going to be a home for unwed mothers. The purpose for this really came as a reaction and a response to the barbarism that we saw displayed in these videos on Planned Parenthood; when people became so aware of how graphic and gruesome the atrocities of abortion were.

For sure the church has for years spoken about life and how valuable it is. But at the same time it's one thing to point at evil, it is another thing to offer a solution to evil: A young lady that finds herself in a circumstance where she doesn't have what she considers to be a solution. She doesn't understand what she's going to do if she has a baby. She doesn't understand how her life is going to progress past that point. She needs a place where she can go and have hope.

So this 48 room dormitory is going to be an unwed mother's home surrounded by cottages where children can be raised, orphans and fatherless children can come and receive not only the stability of a family but a Christ-centered education; not only a Christ-centered education but training that gives them the opportunity to live a life of empowerment which leads to hope. That's why it is a sanctuary, a refuge of hope where these children can come.

I shared it in a sentence with one individual that said, "Why would you do that?" Children who go to Planned Parenthood, they get a death sentence. Children who come to the Sanctuary of Hope are going to get a life sentence and we're going to make sure that life sentence is something that impacts generations.

James: I just want to say, Betty and I are going to be supporters of it. I believe *LIFE* will be a supporter of what you're doing. I'm praying all of you, you're going to hear more about it, will be praying, God fulfill this. I pray it actually spreads all over the nation and impacts the world.

John, tell us where the vision kind of started.

John: I worked in an orphanage when I was in high school in Houston. I began to see the world through the eyes of an orphan. I saw children on Friday cling to a chain link fence waiting for someone to pick them up to go to a home that they did not have. They would tell each other how wonderful their father was, how wonderful their mother was. But their mother and father never came.

One young man on one particular day who had been hanging on to that chain link fence for weeks, no one ever came, finally walked away with tears dripping off his cheeks and he reached over and took my hand and said, "Mr. Hagee, could you help me?" I have never seen such a desolate brokenhearted face in my life. It's something that I never got away from. When I became a pastor, I tried to start an orphanage but did not have the economic muscle to get that done.

Whenever we begin to recognize the enormous need in America where a young lady who finds herself in crisis can have a hopeful, godly, gracious solution, this thing that had been in me all of these years just began to explode. I said, "We are going to build a Sanctuary of Hope where young ladies who find themselves in a crisis can have a Christ-centered solution and give life to this baby."

I announced it to my congregation that we were going to do this. One of the ladies in the congregation told a citizen in San Antonio. She immediately called the church. She said, "My 13 year old girl was raped by a man in the neighborhood when we were gone shopping. She was babysitting. And she has been raped. She is pregnant." Here is a child giving birth to a child. She needs long term care in her life to birth the baby, to have the opportunity for it to be adopted out. But for herself to remain there to receive an education to break the cycle of poverty in which many young people in America find themselves where they go, according to the welfare system to have one, two, three, four babies, that's all they support. But the only way they can get a financial raise is to have another baby.

So we're going to help them with education to break this cycle of poverty. And when they get out of high school they can go to a college, they can go into the military, but they have the tools with which to compete in a society of great technology and be a self-sustaining citizen.

James: You told me about it when we were visiting, Matt, why you were excited. It's amazing how it really got in your heart.

Matt: Well, it's such a solution. As I said earlier, so many people can say, "Well, that's wrong." But whenever you come up with a solution for what is truly wrong and truly evil, I believe people who have the Spirit of God in them, they rejoice in those things. So it really felt like it was God saying, "This is my answer to that problem." It is not the church's answer in Cornerstone in San Antonio, it is the body of Christ's answer and the kingdom answer across the country. Because in San Antonio we're going to have the opportunity to help everyone that God brings to our campus.

But I believe that there are like-minded ministries across the country that when they see what this will do in healing wounds, in healing hearts, in building a foundation in a generation that is centered around Christ instead of a government. We as the church have outsourced so many things to the government. We've said educate our kids. We've said provide for us health care. We've said do so much more than what you're supposed to do, which is protect us. Because the church has outsourced those things we've lost influence.

Well, the way the church regains influence is it takes those things back and the way it takes those back is it finds people who needs them and provides it to them.

James: And people who love will make it possible. When you hear this, Betty, what happens in your heart?

Betty: I'm excited about it! Because I can't even imagine at 13 and now you're faced with having a baby when you're still a child yourself; but to have the spiritual support around them and the counseling and someone to walk through it with them. Because I can imagine that that young girl is frightened. She doesn't know what to expect. It's too early for her to have to go through something like this. To have the people there and the place for her to go, because it is a desperate situation for them and a lot of times I think young girls make the wrong choice.

Matt: Without a doubt! They have so many issues that they're facing at too early of an age. They're not able to address these issues properly and they think that the quickest solution is to go to Planned Parenthood or an abortion clinic and a simple procedure solves the problem.

In this process of making this vision known first to our church and we've shared it across the country as God has given us opportunity, so many people from so many different backgrounds and at so many different ages come up and say, "This is a part of my story. My mom had me out of wedlock." And the circumstances they share are sometimes horrific and other times just very challenging.

I've never met a mother that regretted having her baby. I've met several women who have forever regretted aborting their baby. Whenever you see the scars that are involved in that process and you recognize this is a solution that helps eliminate that challenge and they don't even have that problem, they're going to be receiving hope and they're going to receive the love of Christ and they're going to receive the work of God in the kingdom of God in this situation. What the enemy intended for evil God's going to take and turn for good. Instead of curse an entire generation with the blood of innocent children we're going to see innocent children raised to give life to the rest of the world through the power of God. It is something that if you don't rejoice over that you just don't know what makes people -- you don't know what makes God happy.

Betty: What has been the response from people that hear what's going to take place as far as people working there to help?

John: We have people who are lining up to work. The people who are excited about helping these young ladies are numerous and they're very, very talented. God immediately sent to us Dr. Powell. She has a doctor's degree in handling social problems of this nature.

Whenever the body of Christ hears this, there is so much scripture about children. James says this is the highest demonstration of pure faith to the care of the widows and the orphans.

Jesus said, "Suffer the little children and bring them unto me."

There's a Jewish saying that he who saves one child's life saves the world. That's an enormous statement of truth.

James: My heart leaped when I heard about it because we do have a fatherless world. You are demonstrating the love of the father. You're finding the various members of Christ's body ready to reach out and help. Our viewers live to extend the hands of God, express the heart of God. It's something that's in them.

Have you found that to be the attitude, Matt of the people you've talked to? Do you sense that people who know someone in need are going to rejoice that there is a Sanctuary of Hope?

Do you feel like the people, like your dad said, will be ready to come and work? And do you believe that believers, Christians are going to step up? You've already got the land. Is that sort of a miracle?

Matt: Without a doubt. We made this vision known to our congregation this past fall, and shortly thereafter began the process of searching for property. San Antonio, as much as Texas is recently been really growing and a lot of growth takes up a lot of real estate. We found 85 beautiful acres about seven miles from the church, and about four miles from major medical facilities. Both were very crucial to the nature of what we're going to be doing in ministry on that property.

As soon as we said we found property we were able to through the support of our church and members of the ministry that support through partnership acquire the property. And now we've started to prepare the property with wells and all the facilities. As you mentioned, people who hear about it, the thing that is remarkable to me is not only their excitement but their urgency. They want buildings to go up now. They want people to come to that campus now. Whenever you mention to them, "Well, it's going to take time to build a building," they want us to add water, stir, and shazam it's there!

It's very similar when we walk what this ministry does here all over the world with water, you almost want to take a cup of water in your hand right then that moment and go hand it to somebody who is thirsty because it is just so compelling to see that need met. Well, I see that people are seeing the vision of how this works and they're seeing it as a need met. Because one of the challenges that the world has thrown in the face of the church is well, what are you going to do about it? You've got an unwed mother. She can't find a living wage. How is she going to support that baby? Well, until you give her answer to support the baby what are you going to say about it? Well, here's an answer.

James: I believe with all my heart that this will be multiplied. You've got a beautiful design. We're putting it up on the screen where people can see it at home. You can see the buildings. That center building there, in the very center, because this is going to be quite expansive as it grows, a total you can take care of when it is finished? How many can be in the facility?

John: Forty eight.

James: Forty eight in the first facility. But in the whole facility?

Matt: There are 48 unwed mothers that can go into that major home. The houses that surround it are cottages for children in different ages; so there will be a home for infant children, a home for toddlers, a home for elementary, a home for middle school.

James: First phase is how much?

Matt: \$10 million.

James: Now bear in mind we're asking you to help us fulfill mission calls but I also know that God sometimes focuses your attention. You may say that's where I'm going to work. I'm going there. I'm going to be an answer to the prayers of the church family and the people that are in the Sanctuary of Hope.

Or you may be inclined, Betty and I, and I didn't talk to you about this but I want to ask you, we just said we'll give \$1,000. Wouldn't it be wonderful if 1,000 people, because that first building you talked about, that centerpiece is \$10 million, wouldn't it be wonderful if at least the tithe portion of that could come today by another 1,000 people saying okay. And you don't mail it to *LIFE*, mail it to them.

Do you have a lot of preachers go around and do what I'm doing right now?

John: Never had it happen before!

[Laughter]

James: So you believe in miracles; right?

John: Well, on Sunday I start my 59th year in the ministry. And I'm having a novel experience tonight. Yes, sir!

James: Hey! Let me just say this, John and Matt. I love y'all.

Matt: I told you James was our friend!

[Laughter]

James: Listen to me. You are the ones that inspire us. You are so -- I so much want to hug you. You say, "You don't want to hug me!" Yes, I would because every one of you that have poured the love of God out, you are such an inspiration. I pray that you help this just get off the ground with another miracle. John says this is a miracle -- never seen in all these over 50 years of ministry. But you are the miracle.

John, we're going to show our viewers something. And by the way, this is when many of you, rather than running for cover or changing channels, it's when you lean in and you say, "Show me a prayer that needs an answer and we're going to be the answer."

I want you to look and I believe you're going to be captivated by the heart of God and by what God can do with a yielded life like yours. Watch.

On the mission field

Announcer: Globally, contaminated water extinguishes hundreds of thousands of lives every year and nearly half of those lost are children under the age of five.

In Angola, mothers face an awful choice between giving their children dangerous contaminated water or watching them suffer from dehydration.

In Cambodia, waterborne diseases are wiping out entire families. Our team encountered parents who have lost as many as seven children.

In the Amazon, disease-causing organisms are not the only danger families face in their daily quest to quench their thirst. In this village, sending your child to the only available source of water means exposing them to a harrowing array of deadly creatures that lurk in and around the water. The vulnerable children who depend on this water for survival must run a daily gauntlet of danger risking their lives just for a drink of water. These odds are far from fair, yet parents reluctantly run this terrible risk with their little ones day after day because there is simply no alternative.

At LIFE Outreach International we can give them an alternative, one that will give them clean, clear, life-giving water but only if you act with compassion today before it's too late.

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In the studio

James: When I look at those settings and those scenes where, Betty and I have been all over the world and I think, we're going to drill with your help 500 more water wells in 15 different nations.

But when I was looking at those children, some of them just capture my heart. You look at their little faces and you look in to just not only a great sea of need but you're seeing the faces of

these little children. Just look at those! Those images right there, that little girl, you know what she is saying when she looks up? "Is there hope? Is there help?"

Betty, we're the ones that look into that little girl's eyes and the thousands that she represents and say, "We will give you more than just a cup of water. We will give you a well of water."

Betty: Absolutely! And the solution is very simple but the need is very great. I hope you'll join us and let's drill these water wells. Let's give them Water for Life and introduce the life of Jesus to them. It will make a big difference.

James: It makes it so easy when they have seen the love expressed to understand the love and its origin in our Father and in Christ. They listen so well.

Would you do as an individual what many people have told us they found indescribable joy doing? -- Making it a goal to drill a well every year. We have some businesses and some companies that drill. We have a few businesses that give the resources to drill every month. They say, "We're going to send you the money for a well every month." See those are worthy goals but you need to hear this. You may be able to drill a well, I pray you will. I pray you'll be excited about it.

Betty and I committed to do this more than 10 years ago and we watched God do some amazing things to enable us to do it. We take joy in that. The Lord really does bless those who love to bless because God likes to bless through yielded vessels. So you can drill a well, you do it.

Listen to this. Most of the money, Betty comes not from the people who give the \$4800, that's so important, so meaningful, or people who give \$2400 or \$1200 and pray for three to join or another to join, most of it comes from people who understand that \$48, did you understand that, \$48 will give ten people water the rest of their life? Don't we wish we could do that here in the states and in other advanced countries?

Well, we can do it with those wells. Remember, in many places they don't even have electricity that they can depend upon. So we give them a manual pump that even children can get the fresh clean water. The \$48 will give ten people, \$144 30 people, or whatever you can do, please just ask God, "What do you want me to do to meet the need in that child's life to be the answer to that family's prayer?"

Would you go to LifeToday.org or dial that number, take your bankcard, use it like a check and make the gift God puts on your heart.

We would like to send you, our pastor, Robert Morris his new book; it's on hearing God. It's called *Frequency*: Tune in to hear God. This is fabulous teaching.

The reason that our church is filled with so many people, over 30,000 a week coming to the church because they hear the Father's voice through a pastor but they learn to hear God's voice. It is the question most people are asking our Pastor Robert, and Betty and I, "How do you hear God?" Well, Robert wants to help.

We also have a journal that you can write down how God is revealing his way and his Word to you, to tune your ears. It will be a real blessing. We want to say thank you. We have a beautiful bronze that we're offering. We want to bless you as you bless others. Please right now, LifeToday.org or just dial the number. Do what God has led you to do. Thank you!

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Announcer: Every day children living in extreme poverty are forced to make a dreadful choice, drink filthy polluted water filled with deadly disease or die from thirst. No child should ever be faced with this decision.

The good news is there is a solution. Mission: Water for Life is one of the most proven and viable demonstrations of God's love in the world today. Suffering can end because clean water changes everything.

With your gift today you can help establish and drill 500 water wells in remote villages in over 15 different nations. Your gift of \$24 will help provide clean water for five people. A gift of \$48 will help provide for ten. \$72 will provide for 15 people. And \$144 will help provide fresh water for 30 people for a lifetime!

With your gift we would like to send you Pastor Robert Morris's new book, *Frequency*. As you read you'll discover how to hear God's voice, receive direction for your life and experience a deeper connection with God. With your gift of \$100 or more you'll also receive the Hearing God Daily Journal and scripture pen. A wonderful way to record what God is impressing on your heart and a beautiful keepsake for your daily prayer time.

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 you may request our beautiful "Majesty" bronze sculpture.

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

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In the studio

James: I hope you will ask for the book, *Frequency*. We want to thank you so much for your gift.

I want to mention this because what Pastor John shares is so effective and so well communicated. If you'd say, James, could we have that book, *Angels and Demons* and learn some of these things and the spiritual lessons? Well, we would be happy to send it to you if you'd like to have it. You just simply help us give a cup of water, you ask for it, we'll be glad to send it.

Would you join Betty and me in saying thanks to John Hagee and his son Matt from Cornerstone Church, and all of you who pray for Pastor John? And let's see that Sanctuary of Hope built for the glory of God and be an inspiration to the world.

Thank you both for being here. God bless you! Thank all of you for being with us. God bless you! Thanks for watching.