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Week 18 Water for Life
Wednesday in the Word
Beth Moore: Don't Forget to Remember: #1

Betty: Welcome to *LIFE Today*! We're so glad you could join us. Beth will be sharing her heart with you. I'm Betty and this is James.

James: Thank you! We just love the opportunity of sharing with you. I'm looking down here at Beth's teaching series. It's called: *Don't Forget to Remember*. Over and over in the Old Testament the Lord kept reminding his people to remember. The New Testament talks about us forgetting. Peter was writing about we forgot that we've been purged from our old sins. It's pretty easy sometimes to not really think about the incredible manifest blessings of God and the results that come and to remember the things that we have heard, learned, observed, or experienced that really teach us lifelong lessons.

Beth is an incredible communicator. I know you believe that. So would you all here welcome Beth Moore? Here she is!

Beth: Turn with me to Deuteronomy chapter eight.

Oh, I was going to tell you something. If you are just tuning in I was telling a story about how I love women of all shapes, sizes, and all these looks. But what I forgot to tell you, it's so funny because when I write down my makeup artist's name, her name is Faith. So sometimes it gets lost in my notes because I think it is reminding me to talk about Faith. Well, this is a Faith that is a person and not a thing, although she is a person who does the thing. But she told me something and I just want somebody blessed and edified.

You know when I said, "I just love women."

She said to me, she didn't even know I'd had that conversation in the car coming up. She said, "I love women's faces. I love women's faces!" Because that's what she does all the time. She said, "Beth," she said, "I just want to take them in my hands like this." She said, "I never see a

woman that I do not think is beautiful." Mmhh! That's powerful: isn't it? She sees with the eyes of Jesus.

And all of you, my brothers, if you are in Christ, you radiate with him and you are a work of art.

Now I'm going to read to you all of Deuteronomy, chapter eight. It is 19 verses and I kept trying to think how I could cut it back and zero it in and I can't do it. Not for the theme that we have going today. So we're just going to have to let it be what it is and you're going to have to just hang with it. So whatever you may be doing, try to hang with the reading if you can.

Now my grandson Jackson who is six is an extremely active person. Now I don't know who he takes after but he is just very enthusiastic about a lot of things. It is hard for him to sit still. This has been his first year -- you know kindergarten back in my kids' day used to be a half day affair. Now it just goes on and on and on. These little bitty things are there all day long until 3:00 and it is just mind blowing to me.

But Amanda told me, we were walking out from our church service on Sunday and we were watching him walk because when he sat a long time, he has to do... he walks to the car. And the camera is going to need to get my legs on this because there's a lot of action that goes on with the legs.

She said, "Mother." She walks to get him every single day, rain, sleet, snow, whatever it happens to be. She walks to get him with Anna Beth every single day to bring him home. And she says, "All the way home he jerks the limbs -- all the way home." She said she just has him in front of her so that she can just enjoy the ride. So if at any point I'm reading you just kind of need to do it. You just go right ahead and we're going to get it done.

Deuteronomy 8, verse one. The whole commandment that I command you today, you shall be careful to do that you may live and multiply and go in and possession the land that the Lord swore to give your fathers and you shall remember the whole way –

Somebody say, "The whole way."

Audience: The whole way.

Beth: And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these 40 years in the wilderness that he might humble you, testing you to know what is in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might

make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you. That means that they came out of the wilderness in the same outfit they went in with. [Sighs]

[Laughter]

I don't know. I'd be willing but oh, I'm glad I don't have to. Amen? Oh, I'm so glad! It says: Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these 40 years.

Okay, this has nothing to do with our lesson but I love a little bit of Bible Trivia when it says, "Your feet did not swell." That word swell in the Hebrew also translates dough, as in bread dough. So if any of you who have taken a baby full term know what that looks like where you look down at your feet and think, "Whose feet are those? I have never seen those in my entire - I have no idea whose feet those belong to."

So even they -- those women who went full term and their feet did not swell. And it says in verse five, you're going, "Woman, we've got to get to verse 19, get with it!" Know that in your heart that as a man disciplines his son the Lord your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God -- this is going to be a little bit important to us in a moment -- for the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land.

Now when I tell them to repeat something, I want you to too. The more you participate, the more you're going to get out of this on Wednesdays. Answer back when I invite you to. Somebody say, "A good land." Look at one another and say, "He's bringing you into a good land."

Audience: He's bringing you into a good land.

Beth: And it says a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills. This will be important, verse eight, kind of let it ring in your head. We'll be back to it. A land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, and a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

Verse 11: Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up and

you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land -- you can almost hear him going -- "Who saved your scrawny neck!" Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know that he may humble you and test you to do you good in the end.

Verse 17: Beware lest you say in your heart, my power and the might of my own hand gave me this gave me this wealth. You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant this he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. I want to pause just long enough to tell you, from a New Testament point of view, in the Old Testament much of the word wealth was about wealth. For us, we have spiritual wealth, that's what we are promised; riches in Christ Jesus. The covenantal promises are a little bit different. He can do whatever he wants. He can bless us physically; he can do whatever He wants if he can be glorified; if he can do it to the good of man and to the glory of his own name. He can do anything He wants but I'm saying the promise for us is spiritual wealth; our wealth in Christ, every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesians one would be a place that you would want to look into that. So keep that in mind because we can misuse that wealth as well, and that will be huge to us.

Verse 18: You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you that today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the Lord your God.

Now read that again in verse 20: Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

Now take a little perusal down that chapter just for a moment. I just want you to let your eyes jump and for those of you who are watching, I'm going to let it jump to you while I say it. But you see in verse two is says: And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord has led you.

Then verse 11, if you like to put stars out by your Bible, you might star these places or highlight it on your iPad. Verse two: You shall remember -- everybody say, "You shall remember."

Audience: You shall remember.

Beth: Then verse 11 says: Take care lest you forget the Lord your God. Say, "Don't forget."

Audience: Don't forget.

Beth: This is all in one chapter. Lest when you have eaten and are full and build good houses and live in them and then your heart be lifted up and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Going down to verse 18: You shall remember the Lord your God.

Then go to verse 19: And if you forget the Lord your God, I solemnly warn you today that you will surely perish. I want you to look back to verse two because this is going to be exactly where we're going to settle for this present series when it says: And you shall remember.

I want to tell you today that spiritually speaking amnesia can kill you. It can flat out murder you. All it takes for us to perish for all practical purposes in our calling and what God has placed before us as a destiny before the foundation of the world was put into place by his voice everything we were meant to be about honestly can flat out perish if we forget what the Lord our God has done and is doing for us.

Lest we forget -- lest we forget. I love the wording in verse 11 because it says this: it says this in the version I'm reading from. It says in verse 11: Take care -- take care! You know how often we say to one another, "Well, take care of yourself!" "Have a great day! Take care. Be sure and take care."

Everybody say, "Take care."

Audience: Take care.

Beth: We say it over and over again. Wouldn't it be something? I mean it would be almost revolutionary to us if those two words came to us when somebody said them, they're just the same thing that we always say, "Now take care!" They sign a letter, "Take care!" Sign an e-mail, "Take care of yourself! Be sure you take care of yourself!"

If we begin to associate it with this chapter -- because to take care of ourselves would be not to forget. You really want to take good care of yourself? Do not forget what the Lord your God has done for you. "Lest you forget" because spiritually speaking amnesia can kill you. It is deadly. It kills ministries because people forget -- they forget.

He said to Saul, "When you were small in your own eyes, I could powerfully use you but now you think you're a big shot and you know what?" I'm obviously paraphrasing, "Now I'm going to set you to the side because you forgot. You got spiritual amnesia and it's going to kill you."

It kills churches. When churches forget their heritage of faith, it kills it! I mean it still may exist but I mean the cloudy pillar of God's glory may have moved on. The anointing may have left years ago but they're so talented that it just keeps going on.

Who noticed that he was gone? Who noticed? They forgot. It kills passion. When we just get like routine and rote in our faith, somewhere we've let ourselves forget where we've been with God, what he's done for us. It kills effectiveness. It just kills -- it kills -- it kills!

The line between taking for granted and taking the credit becomes almost indiscernible. About the time you realize that you've begun to take God for granted, it's not near as big a deal as it was, I've lived on since then, grown up -- said, "Oh, that's a different me." Praise God, it is but I get to tell the story of the different me. That's part of my testimony. I'm protected. The enemy is overcome by the blood of the lamb and the word of my testimony. And when I start taking him for granted and the whole thing for granted, my deliverance, the past work God has done, then taking credit, whoa! Comes right in on top of it. Then you don't know the exact moment it crosses over -- you just don't know. But I tell you, by the time you realize you're taking God for granted you probably also have taken some ownership over the credit.

Well, here's what I did. Here's what I did and I just was stronger than some people that I know that just won't do it. So by the time you're taking him for granted you're probably also beginning to take his credit and that's called taking his glory and I wrote down an instruction of four words if that happens: Stop, drop, and roll. Anybody know what I'm talking about? Because girlfriend, there is pain coming. Guy friend, you start taking his credit and that means you're taking his glory; that's another word for taking his glory. And you start doing that and listen, he's going to come for you, and I don't mean that he doesn't come in love but I'm just going to say, he's not going to let you have his glory. No, he's not. He's just not going to.

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In the studio

James: Oh, boy! That is a warning. God does not share his glory. I think it's tragic that any of us would try to get it or take credit. I think we ought to live with a grateful heart and marvel and remember the great things God has done and if it's been worthwhile and have eternal value or kingdom significance, it is God working through us.

I want to say to all of you from the bottom of our heart together, you are in my opinion, the viewers of *LIFE Today*, especially those of you who are watching right now, I think you're the most sensitive people to what really matters. I think you're an example and an inspiration to the whole church because if you see something that's important -- and by the way, I'm glad that people who see a need or have a need or missionary can come to us and talk to us because they believe not just in a Betty cares or James cares or even *LIFE Outreach* cares, they believe that the people who watch what we do care deeply and that you take it very seriously as members of the body of Christ that we can in fact extend his hands of love and mercy and help. You're amazing!

I want you to look in and I think you're going to be captivated not just by the scene where you pass over and see many images, but I think you're going to see individuals and just see if when you see them if it doesn't say something to you that you recognize as being very important. Watch closely.

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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On the mission field

>> Here we are in east Africa in Burundi. We have been very privileged to come and just meet some of the sweetest little ones and their mothers that I can possibly imagine. We've heard stories of how one and two and three children have passed away because they have contracted cholera, a waterborne disease.

I'm a mom and I really understand how painful it would possibly be to take their child to a water source only knowing that once they take that water their tummies will begin to hurt, they will get diarrhea and the heartbreak that these moms must face when they're watching their children suffer and struggle so. So will you go to the phone or go online and make your best gift? Let's give these kids Water for Life.

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In the studio

James: Well, I think that your response to a very real need indicates that you're on the right *Frequency* and you're tuned in to tune out some sounds and tune in to the voice of God. By the way, the network and the channel and the noise, it is out there but you can select and you can hear. I think Robert will help you.

We're saying thanks for hearing God and reaching out and sharing his love and helping us provide water for those who need it desperately. And also, not only giving them Water for Life, Betty but telling them about the water of life. That's the reason we do it. Thank you. Thanks for watching *LIFE Today*.