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Week 19: WFL
Wednesdays in the Word
Beth Moore: *Don't Forget to Remember*, #2

Betty: Welcome to *LIFE Today*! Thank you so much for joining us. I'm Betty and this is James.

James: I'm getting a little clumsy. I said, "Be sure to tell them who we are and stuff and welcome them."

She said, "They know who we are!"

[Laughter]

Betty -- James! Welcome to *LIFE Today*. Beth Moore is teaching. I love the title, *Don't Forget to Remember*. As you get older sometimes, you are amazing. You have not lost any ability to remember everything. It is just amazing to me. I pick up the phone to call somebody. If they don't answer on the first ring I forget why I'm calling them.

They say, "What do you need?"

I say, "I don't know. You didn't answer quickly enough."

I don't know if any of you have that problem but believe me it is reality. I think I'm okay.

But I know one thing, I count it an honor to share, I believe the heart of God and his truth through Beth Moore to those of you all over the world who want to hear what God has to say to you through a very gifted woman from the Word of God. So here is Beth Moore saying, "*Don't Forget to Remember*." Here she is!

Begin video clip

Beth: Look back at verse eight. I told you we would be back to it where he talks about this good land. For us our Canaan is a good land, wherever he places us, that's a good land; it's going to be a fruitful land. And look at this because he said, "The land the Lord your God is giving you, a good land," he talks about the water in it. And then he says in verse eight -- I want

you to count with me every single time I say a kind of produce, I want you to count. So with the first one, I just want everybody to say "one" and then on. A land of wheat...

Audience: One.

Beth: And barley...

Audience: Two.

Beth: Of vines...

Audience: Three.

Beth: And fig trees...

Audience: Four.

Beth: And pomegranates...

Audience: Five.

Beth: And olive trees...

Audience: Six.

Beth: And honey...

Audience: Seven.

Beth: All right. How many?

Audience: Seven.

Beth: How many?

Audience: Seven.

Beth: Isn't that interesting? It's going to be a good land. It begins... the description begins with a good land in saying God is giving you this good land. It closes in these verses from eight to ten, or seven, I believe it's where it starts with good and closes up at ten. Yes, verse seven, into

a good land and it closes up in verse ten for the Lord your God, for the good land he has given you. Within that good, he gives us exactly seven kinds of produce.

Now you know there were other things but this is a biblical way of showing us that it will be completely productive. A beautiful number -- how many things could he have said but there's seven in this description of the good land. It means there will be complete productivity.

Notice with me, this is important, so somebody just get their eyes on the page here. Notice he says in verse nine: It is a land in which you will eat what?

Audience: Bread.

Beth: Tell me again, you will eat what?

Audience: Bread.

Beth: And it is the land you will also -- look at the latter half of it -- that out of whose hills you can do what?

Audience: Dig copper.

Beth: So you're going to -- he's gives them the wheat. In verse eight he says: It will be a land of wheat, but they're going to eat bread. So they can just sit and stare at their wheat stalk and go, "In Jesus' name, be bread! In Jesus' name, be bread!" They can take the wheat stalk and they can put it... they can put a piece of turkey on it. I was going to say ham but they couldn't put ham...

[Laughter]

...on their sandwich. We're free, we can. They could not. You can put it on but it is going to be crunchy, it is going to be little odd. But in the land of productiveness where our productivity begins to really live itself out in full throttle calling for that season; we may not come into what we have truly been called to do for some amount of years where we realize this really is where all of this has been moving toward but where we're beginning to be productive. You will notice that in the wilderness he gave them manna. He brought it to them.

Do you know the moment they got into that Promised Land that manna ceased? The moment! You know what he gave them then? Wheat! You know what he's saying? "Go fix your bread! I'm giving you the tools. I'm giving you the ingredients for you to be able to come through with somebody marvelous."

But if you just sit back because we get all confused here and we think, he was doing all of this and now he's -- what has he given you? Put it to work. Because in our land of productivity we become the wonder, us the person who is able to do things through Christ that would be impossible in our flesh. We want him to just -- "I want my manna! I want my manna!"

Okay, well, we can just sit right there and then we'll never ever grow up into our productivity. Never! Because we cease to -- we're not going to cooperate and do any of the work. We're not going to have any spiritual disciplines. We're not going to do what it takes. We look at somebody else and say, we think it is productive and we hear someone and we say, "What does your life kind of consist of?"

Then we think, "I don't have time for that."

It was so funny because here recently to my office came a call to a really, really good friend of mine. They're just my best friends at Living Proof. She received a call from a woman in Japan doing the Bible studies and she said, "Well, is there a shorter version of the homework?"

[Laughter]

"Because we are busy here." And we just laughed because bless her -- we're busy here. We all have got our 24/7 and we all get to decide what we're going to do with it. We all get to decide how we're going to manage our time but listen, if your wheat is going to become bread you're going to have to spend some time with Jesus, you're going to have to have some discipline. That's what it's going to take. We're going to have to do the thing. We're going to have to go out there and step in it, put our weight into it, put our faith into it and be part of it. You'll also see -- did you see that we have to dig -- everybody say, "dig."

Audience: Dig!

Beth: I want you to feel it, I want you to see it under your fingernails. We have to dig the copper. He said, "Go make bread and go dig out copper."

Do you remember when they left Egypt? They just threw their treasures at them. Just threw them! "Here! It's our gold and silver." The Egyptians were just like throwing their treasures at them. It was just given to them right in their hand. But they get into the place of their productivity and he goes, "Dig it! Dig it out. Everything will not be put into your hands because this is your place of productivity where you begin to know what I can do not just for you, through you. This was all about what I can do through you -- not just for you. I want to use you to show the great power of my name. That's what this is about."

So we get there into our place of productivity, and listen, if we're willing to work with him, some things happen. I mean it is just like stunning things happen and it is like, whoa! God, I can't believe you did that. And because we've been in bondage and we've been through -- we're still very, very humbled by it. So we'll just serve any way. Lord, if you can use me, just use me. We'll serve any way. We'll serve anybody for a while.

And then, "Well, I don't want to do that." "And I don't really like doing that for them."

And it gets to where it matters more in how we do it. And "No one even appreciates me." We just get where I don't want to just serve anyone, and I just don't want to do anything. I need some press here."

Then we start taking God for granted. Then indiscernibly, we start taking God's credit and then we are dropped to our grounds back in bondage and it all starts again because we have bowed the knee to the God of me.

Let there be no mistaking that the biggest idolatry problem that we will have will be the God of me. And the whole process starts again.

I love the New International Commentary of the Old Testament translation of verse 14 when it says: Then your heart will be lifted up and you will forget the Lord your God. It says this: Then you may become proud and forget the Lord your God. When... Okay, when we're in pride -- even when we are just in pride because we're right, and maybe we are, but we're in pride about it, we cannot remember God and be full of pride at the same time. There is not enough head space for it; one overwhelms the other. We're either full of ourselves or we're full of our givenness to the Lord our God but not ever at the same time.

Jot down Jeremiah 22:21 if you're able. It says: I spoke to you in your prosperity but you said, "I will not listen." There's something about it, see if we could handle the giftedness that God would like to give -- if we could only handle it.

But he said, "Here's what happens, I prosper you and then I try to speak to you in your prosperity and you don't listen to me." Because there is something about being desperate that really opens up the ears, doesn't it? But then there's just like now we're full and all of the sudden, we can't hear him anymore. I just want to submit to you that we, all of us, all of us, particularly some of us and I throw myself into that category, we are -- I'll talk physically for

just a moment, we've already said intangibly, just the giftedness and the anointing that God is willing to give us in our productivity, but we also, in this nation, in the west, in the prosperous west, we're up to, picture it, because the Lord gave me this picture this morning, we are up to our ears in stuff -- up to our ears. It's very important that we know it is up to our ears because it's in our ears -- it's in our ears. Some of it, and this is between you and God, some of it we need to give away.

One of the things that God has really put on my heart, he goes, "Beth, use it. I have it to use but if you don't use it, lose it." In my closet and I say this, I say I go through my closet pretty often and one of the things I say -- and I speak out loud to myself because I'll stop at a shirt. My rule is if you have not worn it in the last year, you don't get it. Get rid of it. Sometimes towards the end of that year I'll go, oh! I'll start putting on all manner of things and I just look strange. I kind of look out of the character at work but I'm just going, "My year is almost up."

[Laughter]

And I say out loud to myself, this happened just about a week and a half ago. I say to myself, "Girlfriend, you wear it or share it. You wear it or share it. You either put it on your body or you get it out of that closet and out of those drawers. Get rid of it! If you do not wear it, you share it." And so as part of -- to get it -- we're up to here in stuff but if we're up to here we can't hear. So at least get the stuff down to the shoulders. Get the stuff out of the ears. Is that making sense to anybody?

I'll once again display a grasp of the obvious but the only way we're not going to forget is because we're going to deliberately remember. You will forget if you do not deliberately remember. You won't just like naturally keep it. You'll have to think, I intend -- I purpose to remember where my God has brought me. So don't forget to remember and there's going to be a couple of them, just a few.

Number one is this based on verse two where it says: And you shall remember the whole way the Lord your God brought you. I had you say the whole way before but this is a new moment. So everybody say, "The whole way."

Audience: The whole way.

Beth: So the first one is: Don't forget to remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you -- the whole way!

Now verses 14-16 describe this way and it talks about this great and terrifying place, and the scorpions, and all the frights that were there. But then it talks about how they thirsted but then it gets into, "I brought you water from a rock." Just go there with me. Maybe we've been in this so long that we have lost sight of that but I just want you to picture being really thirsty and then like then a rock is hit -- and a rock -- a rock! And out pours this fountain... cool, refreshing water. I want you to picture it.

He says then, "And I brought you manna the whole way! The whole way! -- All that it entailed, great and terrifying." Two main versions, the E.S.V. says that terrifying -- the terrifying part. The N.A.S. says "terrible." I want you, as you look back over your journey with God, it is important not only to remember the good parts but what are those three words again? The what?

Audience: The whole way.

Beth: Say back to me, "the whole way."

[Audience repeats.]

Not only the good parts but also the terrible parts or the terrifying parts. I'm not saying go back and relive the whole emotion but remember it. Remember it! Never forget how terrible or terrifying our times of bondage were -- never! Never! It should be still so implanted on our mind, not the guilt of it, not the ongoing bondage of it but the feeling of what it was like to live apart from our total submission to the authority and the freedom that is in Christ. To remember what it was like to be in complete bondage. That's very, very important.

For me, it was not only terrible, it was terrifying. I terrified myself. It wasn't things around me. Plenty of those terrified me but I terrified my own self.

But I also had like, when he was bringing me out, I'd be just like, "I have water from a rock!" Not physically but I can't even tell you, fed me manna. I mean I ate the word like it was ambrosia. I can't tell you what it tasted like to me. I jotted down in my notes: Remember the awful and the awesome because both provoke awe. I want you to see those two words in your mind: here's awful and here's awesome! But both of them provoke awe. When God says, "Lest you forget and not fear the Lord your God," that fear is awe of him -- awe of him. And the awful awes me before God. And the awesome just awes me before God that everything would bring us to a place where we are just awed by God.

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In the studio

James: This is an easy thing. Beth, I know you watch a lot even after you've taught to see how it is coming into the home. When you're in the awe of God and you understand the fear of God and I think if we grasp it fully we'll understand that the greatest fear is not being in the shelter and shadow of the Father walking close. The awe of God is realizing that he is all-powerful, almighty, all-knowing and yet always loving.

Betty, I shared something this week I think is very important -- it was certainly important to me because I was sharing with some friends that I know I had missed the mark. I know I have failed. I have failed the standard.

And I've never felt my Father in heaven communicate to me, "I'm disappointed in you." I hear him say, "I'm disappointed for you for what you may have missed or what I know you missed." He never looks down at us. He always looks at us desiring us to look up to and unto him. Don't forget to remember the greatness of our God.

One of the things, Betty that has meant as much to our viewers -- and you tell us this all the time. We don't run into people when we're out in public who if they see us don't come over and say how much they enjoy, not the program alone or the guests but the ability to become a miracle -- I said a miracle in somebody's life. In many ways the miracle many of you are praying for. You know if you become the miracle, it's amazing what begins to happen oftentimes in our own life that we can continue to share miracles because of the love of God.

Watch this. You watch and tell me if you don't want to be this person's miracle and many others.

On the mission field

Announcer: Burundi, a forgotten land, a forgotten people but don't be deceived by its beauty because the same source of life for Burundi's lush landscape is a poison for its people. And too often, the victims of waterborne illnesses are the most innocent and vulnerable.

Open captions:

My name is Julianne. I lost my baby recently; I didn't have anyone to help me. She had diarrhea because of a very bad disease called cholera. She got it from the water we are drinking. I ask the Lord to help me, to put it out of my mind. Because otherwise I'll go crazy.

Announcer: We arrived too Julienne's baby. And with contaminated drinking water still a factor for her community, it is only a matter of time before tragedy strikes again.

Open captions:

Most of the time she has diarrhea. If I had clean water my child would still be alive, and I wouldn't be worried about my other children.

End of clip

In the studio

James: She said, "I'm praying. I'm concerned. I'm worried about my children." Why wouldn't she be?

I want you to just look at her. I want you to look at that precious woman. She's praying. She's got a broken heart. Would you like to heal her heart? -- Her broken heart? Would you like to care for those little ones, that concern that she's expressed for those beautiful -- look at them! Would you like to be the miracle for those two little ones and so many others? What goes on, Betty when you see that beautiful woman?

Betty: Well, because we do understand the loss of losing a child of our own, she's lost her little girl that she so loves and she is hurting and she is desperate yet at the same time. And she is worried. Why? -- Because of her other children. Some are already having some signs and effects from the diseased water.

It just breaks my heart as I hear the cry of her heart for somebody to reach out and to help. She is asking God to send some way, someone to reach out and make a difference and save her children.

That's where we come in. I'm so excited every time we have an opportunity to drill a water well. Because you know why? Because that is lasting -- that is going to be clean water, pure water for her children and many others.

We've been over there when the water welcomes through and the children are dancing around in the water and they're playing like little children should be able to play.

We've also seen it where we haven't gotten there in time and the disease takes over and takes the life of a little child.

Please join with us. Let's reach out and let's drill these water wells so there can be a lasting, good water source for them.

James: I want to, if I could speak her language just say, "God heard your prayer. We heard it and we care."

I believe you heard it. I believe you saw not only that mom and those two little children but the hundreds of children in that area that are drinking the contaminated water. All those beautiful crops, you know you use animal waste to actually enhance crop growth but contaminated water that can grow crops kills people. So we need clean water.

Jesus is the water of life. We share Water for Life because of the water of life. We tell those people the source of that love and they find Christ.

LifeToday.org, online, would you go there? Would you take your bankcard and make the largest love gift you can? Or you can dial the phone number where people are calling for prayer; you can all to be an answer to prayer. I want you to give the largest gift you possibly can knowing this, the wells cost an average of \$4800. If you can give \$4800, I believe you will. Sometimes we get a note saying, "I'm drilling two wells; God's blessed me. I can do it. I want to do it."

Whatever you can do, do it. You may be able to say, "James, I can't do that but I could give \$1200 and pray three people join me. Or \$2400 and pray one joins me." I believe God will answer that prayer while you're being an answer to prayer.

But here's where most of the resources come from. Don't miss this! \$48 gives ten people water for the rest of their life. That's an average. \$144 will give 30 people Water for Life.

Robert Morris, our pastor has written a book on hearing God. He says that's a question he's most often asked. He wants to help you and believe me, he can. And you can hear God. Let him help you do it.

We want to send gifts to say thank you for giving life. LifeToday.org or dial the number, your bankcard used like a check. Please, right now make the largest gift God enables you to make and become an answer to prayers just like that mother needed answered now. You become the answer. 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!

End of clip

James: Thank you so much for your help. I do hope that you will ask for *Frequency*. We're sending that for any gift that you make, with the journal and beautiful pen.

Robert Morris is our pastor at Gateway. We're hitting close to 35,000 people a week -- almost always well over 30,000. You know what Robert Morris says the question most people ask him, the one most frequently? "How can I hear God? How can I know his voice?" Well, he's written a book called get on the frequency, *The Frequency*. Tune in the channel and hear and recognize the voice of God and also the voice of the enemy because he really does counterfeit. So we want to send it to you.

Thank you for giving water in Jesus' name. Thank all of you for being with us. And thanks to Beth Moore!