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Week 24: Medical Cure Partnership
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James: I want to welcome you to this program. I can't even put in words effectively how excited I am about the fact that we're here with you and with a very special friend and team member; one of our family of *LIFE Outreach* and *LIFE Today*.

I'm James Robison. Betty is here. Sheila Walsh is here. Sheila, I feel like we've been family a long time.

Sheila: I do too.

James: There are body parts in Christ's body that have direct connections like this part and that part, and then there's this part down here, indirect; all submitted to the head, this thing can function pretty well. I think what happened is God brought us into a direct connection. It's kind of been developing. It's very obvious that we share common concerns that we think are concerns to God. Would you agree with that?

Sheila: Absolutely. One of the things I love about you and Betty is that you have this heart and vision that is bigger than just how can we minister to your spiritual needs? How can we minister to your financial struggles? How can we pray for you? You have this global vision where to me, it is the heart of Christ; where we care for somebody physically and we care for them spiritually.

Also, James, God has given you this 20/20 vision for seeing what's going on in the nation. For most of us, I think we think, what on earth is going on? But God has given you a clarity of vision to be able to speak to that and we really need it.

James: I've tried to tell our viewers, and Robert Morris has written a book on tuning in to the Frequency, on hearing God, which we've told you about. We try to help you understand you can hear God.

I've made this statement several times and I don't want you to think it is mystical or weird spiritually, it is just going to be the truth. God will talk over us. When someone else is talking

you'll hear him. He even talks over me when I'm talking and I hear him. When you were talking right then about this vision of the world, here's what I heard. I would almost want you to sing it because we don't dare let me sing it because everyone would change channels wisely -- but "He's got the Whole World in His Hands." And then this praise came, "Because I've got the whole world on my heart -- very much on my heart. I want it in my hands." I think we see that that is his desire. He wants the best for everyone.

Right now in our nation it's a nation of frustration and confusion. Would you not agree that what you're watching, even in a presidential campaign is almost beyond imagination? And then the tension that could create riots that are almost spontaneous in the insane. There doesn't even seem to be any rhyme or reason for why it's going on.

Right now the stage is set for someone just to sound a charge and total chaos, whether it is racial tension or ethnicity or social division and economic standards or needs, it is just chaos.

I want you to listen to the Word of God because this is just so important -- please just listen. This is God talking and Isaiah is writing it: The Lord's hand is not so short that it can't save or his ear so dull he can't hear. But our iniquities have separated between us and our God.

We have been cut off from the hands of God taking action, moving mountains if necessary because we have been separated from him because of our sin. This goes for the church; even the indifference of people not being informed about what's going on and not seeming to care about their neighbor or their brother and handing all of the responsibilities off to a new Caesar, a new Pharaoh; not Uncle Sam but a replacement for Father God. It's absolute foolishness. And then for people to even believe that any person or party can correct the ills without dealing with our own heart.

Let Isaiah continue talking, God through him: Your feet run to evil. They hasten -- hasten to shed what kind of blood? -- Innocent blood.

What's more innocent than the baby in the womb? What is the most helpless, dependent, innocent creation on the planet? It would be the life in the womb -- totally helpless, never even able to voice anything because we hasten to shed innocent blood.

Thoughts are of iniquity and devastation and destruction are in their highways. They don't know the way of peace. There's no justice in their tracks. Justice is far from us. Righteousness does not overtake us. We hope for light but behold darkness.

The confusion, we can't see clearly. People will not come to the table of reason. We have to come to the table of reason and sit deliberately in the counsel of the godly.

The American people, even church people don't even seem to recognize the godly. You say, "Yeah, but God can hit straight with a crooked stick." Sure he can! But he can also hit straight with a yielded vessel and someone who is really praying. If you've got a person that is out-of-sync but has potential isn't it the church's responsibility to speak the truth that even changes someone who could make a positive contribution because of basic strengths?

I have said over and over the church is not ever to be seen as a kingmaker. That was the damage that actually came from some positive things with the moral majority, and the person you used to work for, with Dr. Pat Robertson, all the good things that happened. But when we become an arm of a party or we become the quote "kingmaker," then we have stepped down from our highest calling to proclaim the message of the king to all would-be kings and to all people who must make the decision.

Sheila: Can I just say one thing at that point, James? Here's, to me, what I think the potentially the danger is. I think that resonates with people. You think yeah, I have seen that trying to be a kingmaker. So I'll just do nothing. I think that we are danger in the church at the moment of forgetting who we are and whose we are. We think, I don't want to be part of this at all, and we just abdicate our responsibility.

James: Yeah, because we don't have what we call a perfect choice or someone that's just got it all... Remember, the perfect will never run. His name is Jesus. He's not running for office. He is in charge through yielded lives to accomplish his purpose if we'll give him the chance.

And we don't opt out of voting. We're not going to have the perfect choice. Well, we've got to try to find the best choice. And we've got to stand against anyone that is trying to inspire people to depend on someone as their protector and their provider, ultimately other than God. And to ever see government of the people suddenly begin to dominate, control the people and the people be taught to depend upon it, they've been taken away from God, headed for as much bondage as Israel experienced, and throughout the ages. When we leave God and his ways we're in trouble. We don't opt out of this battle.

You had showed me some references awhile ago to some great thoughts.

Sheila: A guy called Edmund Burke; he was a phenomenal man. One of the greatest historians whose ever lived. This is one of the things he said: Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.

I've even heard from like, my son is a student at Texas A&M. A bunch of the students are saying, "This is the first year we get to vote. How on earth do we make a difference? Who do we vote for? There is nothing we can do. There's not a good choice out there."

What do you say to those who are despairing and feel whatever I can do will not make a difference in the course of the nation?

Betty: First of all, their vote does count whether they vote or not. If they think things are in a mess now and they don't at least lean toward the one that could possibly make a difference, then they're voting for the other person that they know they don't want in office.

James: Not acting is actually acting and not voting is actually voting.

Betty: And turning your head and looking the other way is not going to make it go away. It's going to increase. All of the things that you don't like that are going on now are going to increase if we look the other way.

We have a responsibility as Christians, I think. You think oh, well, I can't get active in all that. Yes, you can -- active in your tears, in your prayers, in your time on a daily basis just communicating with people. Let them see the Jesus in you that you so readily accepted that day when you asked him to come into your heart. Let them see him that light in you. That's part of it -- being a light is part of participating and being involved.

Sheila: It is an absolute scriptural principle. I was reading the book of Acts where Paul and Barnabas are appointing elders; appointing those who will lead the people in the church. What they did was they fasted and prayed and then they voted.

So some people think, this is not even a scriptural principle. It absolutely is!

James: It's a privilege of freedom.

Sheila: Yeah! And every believer, if we would fast and pray and as you say, Betty, "with tears," every single life, every vote makes a difference. I've seen you rise up in this new passion to get people to pray and to get women to gather. Can you imagine if every woman, if every believer in this nation determined that we will weep, we will pray, we will fast?

Betty: And with what the brokenness that they feel can do for our world.

James: Yeah, the five million people, the ladies that you ministered to over the years with Women of Faith, if those five million women who oftentimes, you came and the great hurt, the

very real needs were touched and you were encouraged. You felt hope and many times received miraculous personal healing, emotionally and in other ways, if all of you would pray for the healing of the nation, for the healing of the Christian community, the body of Christ to really function like a family, submitted to the perfect Father, we could see the miracle awakening. Because no party or politician, our favorite select candidate however capable they may be is going to make it without the wisdom that our founders called "divine providence" and the wisdom that only comes from above.

Betty, I have come into the room so many times in the morning, our family room, and you were reading the Bible and weeping. I want to ask you because Jeremiah asked in Lamentations: Is it nothing to all you who pass by when you see the things that are precious in ruins; the lack of freedom, even the little ones led away captive by the adversary?

And you see people in our country and even the church so defeated, so plundered, so beat down, so frustrated, so angry, so hopeless -- and I see you weeping. What's going on?

Betty: It's because of God's Word and he just comes alive through his Word -- his wisdom, his joy, his peace, his comfort, and all of that. All the answers are right here and in him. When I read that and I see the things that happened in the Old Testament, I think, this is today. All the devastation, all the ruins, all the heartache, all the pettiness, all the things that are separating us and dividing us is the same things that happened -- it's repeating itself.

I think, O God, let us have ears to hear. Bring us to our knees that you can stand us up in your glory and let you shine. The people -- I just really believe God is so big that people will ask, "What is it about you that's different? I want that."

Sheila: You are right! The Holy Spirit really told me off this past week because I was listening to some things on the radio and it was one candidate going after another candidate in a real underhanded way. I found myself saying out loud, "I would just like to smack you!" And I felt as if the Holy Spirit said, "I would rather you got on your knees and prayed for them. You're forgetting, there is a bigger game at stake here. It is not just about who ends up in the White House in November. You have men and a woman who are running who desperately, as you do, stand in need of the grace and mercy of God; that for every word that comes out of your mouth there better be a hundred on your knees for every single one of them."

James: You know what I want to ask all of you to do? I think most of you know I've been really consulted by most of the people who run for high office. One of the reasons is that I don't endorse. I only endorse principles, and the foundation stones, I believe, that are essential for freedom and the walls of protection essential for the best interest of everyone and freedom's interest and the opportunity that freedom affords.

It's for freedom Christ made us free, Galatians 5:1.

That's big to God, that great Old Testament journey that these things happened as an example to us in the New Testament to get these people out of bondage into freedom; it's big to God. God likes his family free. He loves people. He wants us to live free.

So I don't endorse -- only the principles. And that means that all the different candidates may have an interest in what I say plus the people who happen to support them. But here's the thing. We've got a lot of different Christians who seem to be supporting different ones. Some even are trying to say, "This is God's man." Be very careful with that. Don't just interpret everything that sounds like it is a prophetic word or they even say it is. Be careful there. Be very discerning. I repeat we're not kingmakers. We have the king; we deliver his message to would-be kings and all people. That's our consistency.

Here's what I want you to be careful of. I know you know what I'm talking about, Sheila because we've seen some godly people appear to be connecting with someone that doesn't appear to be godly in many of their expressions, and others that seem to be, maybe they're inadequate. Maybe they can burn bridges but they can't build bridges or they just don't know how to really lead and yet different Christians are talking to these different ones. I've talked to a lot of them.

Here's the deal. Don't judge that person. Think about this. Maybe the Lord has led them to say, "We don't know where we're going to end up when the majority makes the choice." The majority could be wrong but I want to have access to the door, not only to go into the room with that person but maybe to open the door of their heart where they could actually hear the wisdom of God clearly because I love them. In my prayers I'm just going to be there as a source, a channel because we don't know exactly where things will end up. That does make sense; doesn't it, Sheila?

Sheila: I hope people heard that. That's huge because I've read so much of people criticizing certain people because they associated with candidates that they don't agree with. I think is there no grace here to think that perhaps this person is hearing from God? That perhaps their interest is more than who will end up in the White House, but who will speak truth into this person's life? We need to learn to say a lot less and pray a lot more.

James: I've been asked, what would you say if you went into the room with so-and-so? What would you say if he got in? And I've answered this very clearly to that person's assistant, to their secretary, to the person closest to them or even a family member or people who happen to be trying to communicate. The first thing you're going to know when I get in the room with

you, and it won't take but a moment for you to know it, this man loves me -- this man loves me very deeply and my family. And this man wants the best for me and my family. You're going to know that. Then I'm going to try to point you to the one who really knows best. And I'm going to try to point you to the necessity of placing our hand, our life in the master potter's hand -- not just our hand in his, but our life in his hands to shape us into a vessel of honor and that if we lack that divine direction, divine providence we're not going to lead well. And we won't finish well. I think if you join us in that prayer, I think that would be a good way for us to challenge the viewers. Do you agree, Betty?

Betty: Yes.

James: Do you agree, Sheila?

Sheila: Absolutely!

James: So begin praying. Father, for every person watching right now, let them see more clearly through your eyes. Let them not be condemning and judgmental and unkind and divisive but to be filled with the spirit of love and wisdom and such compassion and such ability to pray through to intercede and even communicate truth that we will see our nation transformed by your power to get back on the solid unshakable foundation of truth. And we will see your family, your church behave like your children and express your nature for the world to see; in Jesus' name.

I want to thank you for listening. Sheila, we are so glad you're on the team.

Sheila: Me too!

James: You just went to the mission field and we're going to look in on that. I want to show you something. See, she's such a part of being called by God as a part of the whole outreaches of *LIFE*, that her first mission trip, she was deeply moved. This is something we've never done as a minister together, but because you see through the eyes of God, I believe this, and you identify with his heart, you just want to extend his hands. Watch this and see if you don't want to be a part of an undeniable miracle.

On the mission field

Announcer: "The sky is the limit," is what we say when we dream of the future. But since his birth Jeffrey's future was set to be defined by a foot abnormality commonly known as clubfoot.

Interpreter: I used to be self-conscious about playing ball. I always liked that sport but I could never play it. I was very self-conscious. Two times I tried to get work when I was young and they didn't give it to me because of that because I have problems and such.

Announcer: Against the odds, Jeffrey has risen above his circumstance to secure a job and start a family. But when his son was born, Jeffrey was in for a shock that was all too familiar. Although it is not genetic, clubfoot is common enough that Jeffrey's son was also born with a condition.

Interpreter: I was asking God, "Why my son? -- First me, and now my son? Just help me, Lord."

I knew a woman that had two kids with the same problem with the feet. When I see those kids they touch my heart. Today, there's cause for hope and Jeffrey's son is being treated. But with thousands of children still suffering from clubfoot there is much more work to be done.

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In the studio

James: Rise and be healed -- walk! There is no way you looked at that and not cared. One of our main mission team members and the older son of Jeanne Rogers, and her husband is our executive vice president; their son had his foot pinned up against his leg. He just became such a tremendous father, beautiful family. What a great dad and inspiration! But he became a great athlete. He was one of Robin's, our daughter's best friends.

Then our oldest daughter, she had to have the braces; steel braces and sleep in them at night. Hers was able to be corrected without having to wear them as extended of a time as many of these will. They're little tiny infants.

Sheila, you saw this when you were there. They get these little bitty shoes. This is the extreme position of finality where they start and start working them out and they reach this. These are very inexpensive: \$34 gets two of these little braces that most of the needs can be dealt with this way. But some are very severe and what we're setting out to do right now is to provide 400 major surgeries and those are very expensive; 10,000 children with these braces and it is in 18 countries that's like that. That's not unique to the area where you went. But Sheila, you got to know this man that was talking about the love for his son, to see that happen. It really got to you.

Sheila: I fell in love with this man because of his love for Christ. He is my brother. I found the doctor and I said to him, "Can anything be done for the dad?"

And he said, "Yeah, but it would be expensive and it would hurt."

So I really asked the Lord, "Lord, could we do this as a family?"

And then I got to go to Jeffrey and I said to him, let's hear what Jesus said, "Do you want to get well?" I said, "It will hurt, Jeffrey. It will take awhile to heal." -- If you saw the hope in that man's eyes.

So Christian, my son, he came with me. We were able to say, "You know what? We're going to pay for Jeffrey's surgery. And we're going to fly back and we're going to bring you your first pair of shoes, dude!" He's never worn a pair of shoes in his life!

We can do this. It makes a difference.

James: And that surgery was \$5,000. She walked in here today with that check, plus another check to say there is so many other things I want to do. And it wasn't like, because see we're pretty close to Sheila and we know that a lot of things have been changed in her life; that was not something very simple to do and Christian is in his first year at A&M. That is not insignificant either. So you start talking about walking through college.

God moved on your heart. Sheila, here's the thing I know. We only share that testimony because we emptied our pockets more than once overseas just to keep things going in meager ways. The missionaries do the same thing. But we came home and we found you. And the missionaries said, "If you tell the people that watch you, they'll keep us here and we won't be empty-handed, we can do it." And we've been able to because of our viewers.

Betty: Absolutely! We really count on you joining with us in everything that we bring to you. We will continue to bring needs to you because that's what we're about. We're about reaching out and helping. We've been blessed so we want to bless others.

I just love these little shoes because this is the stage we would love to get to the children before they're walking and start correcting their little feet so that when they get ready to walk, they can walk straight.

James: These little braces at this early age, they're \$34 for two of them, \$68 you've got four little kids braces. Think about that. Isn't that a wonderful opportunity? \$102 you've got six little kids that are going to have the biggest smile. You just change their whole future for them. And

then the serious surgeries, we want to do it. In 18 countries we're working. You know what? You determine what we're able to do.

Would you go to LifeToday.org online, take your bankcard and make the gift God puts on your heart. Would you do that? -- Whatever it is because you're just giving the life and love of God. And we're going to be telling them about Jesus. They're going to see Jesus in your expressions of love and these doctors and mission workers.

We want to send you some gifts to just say thank you and want to bless you in your journey. Or you can dial the number and use that bankcard like a check. Would you do that?

Thank you so much for making the call. Thank you for going online and making the gift. You are blessing someone big time!

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Announcer: Children born with birth defects in underdeveloped nations are often overlooked, uncared for, and even abandoned. For tens of thousands every year born with a condition known as clubfoot, their deformity leads to a struggle to just survive. The good news is there is a simple and life-changing solution. This summer with your support, *LIFE Outreach* will provide 10,000 children with corrective braces that will give them a chance to walk like any normal child.

With the cost of \$17 per brace your gift of \$34 will help provide two children with corrective braces, \$68 will provide for four children, and \$102 will help give six children braces and the opportunity to walk. And for children with a much more severe need gifts of \$400, \$800, or even \$1200 will help provide life-changing corrective surgery for one, two, or three children in need.

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Finally with your gift of \$1200 or more, you may receive "Majesty," our 2016 commemorative bronze sculpture. This summer join with us to give children hope for a future. Let's give them a chance to walk.

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

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In the studio

James: I want to just say thanks. What happened with you and Jeffrey?

Sheila: Well, I said to him, "Buddy, the day you saw your son, you went outside and you cried out, 'God, do you hear my prayer?'" And I said, "Jeffrey, here we are! And I'm going to go back to America and I'm going to tell all our people about you and we're going to answer the prayers of all these dads and little ones and moms crying out."

James: That's exactly what we're doing. We're coming back to you to see prayers answered. Remember, you can be an answer to someone's prayer; you can be the miracle they hope for. You really are. You truly are an expression of the heart of God. You are the extension of his hands. Thank you for doing it.

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