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Week 25 Medical Cure Partnership
James and Betty Robison
Beth Moore: Spiritual Discernment #2

James: We welcome you to *LIFE Today*. Thank you! We've got it. This is some kind of nice audience! Are you clapping there at home? I'm James Robison. Betty my wife and I welcome you to *LIFE Today*.

Beth Moore is teaching on spiritual discernment. Let me just say one little thing about discernment that I think will be helpful. Discernment is seeing things from the proper point of view; I would like to think from the God point of view. If you want a quick test of discernment to discern a spirit in you that's rising up, bitterness can rise up, anger, unforgiveness, hatred, all kind of things can rise up. But if you've got an issue with somebody and something is rising up, is it a spirit of redemption? You want to redeem the situation? Or is it a spirit of destruction? You want to do damage. That's a good quick check discerning spirits that may rise up in us.

Let's listen to Beth Moore talk about discerning the spirit. Here's Beth.

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Beth: So much of our healing when you and I have been through the devastations that just living for any length of time on planet earth will invariably bring. It won't be being able to see with human eyes that will bring us the kind of restoration that we need. In order to be restored we need perception. We need to perceive more than we'd be able to gaze upon with our human eyes. We need understanding, not just hearing. That's where our healing will come from. That's where our hearts will turn and we'll know that there is something so much greater than anything we could touch or feel on this planet in the natural realm.

I just think continually, Lord, if I would cooperate with you, what would you really show me? If I would really give you an ear to unstop what would you do? What would you do?

I have a really good friend back in the Houston area who is a chiropractor. I've never been to a chiropractor before and I'd gotten to know her and it is just its own kind of approach. So I've

been so intrigued by her and by the way she sees things from a spinal point of view. Everything comes from that same reference point.

So I was telling her one day -- she said, "You sound stopped up."

I said, "I'm getting the worst cold."

She said, "You want me to help you out with that?"

I said, "What are you going to do?"

[Laughter]

So first of all she took something, I don't know what, it kind of smelled like a little menthol-ish, I guess like a liquid Vicks Vapor-rub of some kind. And she presses it on my sinuses. But what she did next I could not have been ready for. She then takes her hands and she pulls my ears. And when she pulls them, I can hear them unfolding like an accordion. It was like, "Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!"

I said, "What did you do?" I need you to know I felt like my ears were sticking out a foot on each side. All day I was completely aware. When I went and got back in the car it was like I had to open the car door like this and scoot in like this.

[Laughter]

And then you just leave the window down so your ear can stick out. Every conversation I had from that point on, all day long, I wanted to say to them, I had to resist it, but I wanted to say, "You're staring at my ears; aren't you?"

[Laughter]

I just kept pulling my hair over. I've never -- but you know what? I could hear!

[Laughter]

I could hear! When he gives us ears to hear, what... what... would he tell us?

I want you to jot down another address and then we'll get on with our series, Psalm 19:12. Jot that down. Psalm 19:12. The Psalmist David asked a very important question that will become extremely vital to us in our present series. He says this: "*Who can discern his errors?*"

Not just know them... discern them? Who can discern his errors?

Listen carefully; this is what I've come to tell you. If you have the Holy Spirit of the living Christ dwelling in you, empowering you, and you have access to the completed canon of the Word of God, Genesis to Revelation, I'll tell you who can discern her errors, you can! I can tell you who can discern his errors, you can! We can actually discern our errors. We can make a judgment about something, walk away from it, and think, you know what? I'm getting a check in my spirit. I'm getting a check. Something is wrong there. Something is wrong. Or we can pass up an opportunity and think later as we're just sitting before the LORD and as we're just hashing the thing out, you know what? I think I'm supposed to call them back.

I do think I'm supposed to do that. To be able to discern that the plan of God and the next move for our lives through his spirit, who can discern her errors? His errors? We can! We can! I wonder how many of us can look back over the course of our lives and think, you know only God could have told me to do that. Before we look at the times that we have done the wrong thing and missed the discernment or missed the warning, before we do that, I want you to just think back on the course of your life about the times you got it right and you know good and well you could not possibly have known that. Where you were more shocked than the other person was because you thought, I promise you, that wasn't me. "How did you know that?" "I have absolutely no idea!"

[Laughter]

You know it's happened -- you know it's happened. Times you knew to make that move. Times when you felt like you were just tossing it up; you were merely mentally throwing the dice and then you realized later, no, I was not. The Holy Spirit made that choice for me, that was the right move and I didn't even have the human rationale to put that together; the times we got it right. But what about the times we did not listen to it? You know a lesson learned is a lesson learned even if you learn it the hard way. And sometimes a lesson sticks with us all the better and all the longer if we learned it a very difficult way.

I blew it recently -- I blew it! And I'm telling you what God began to teach me. I've looked back over the course of it and I thought to myself, you know what? He allowed me that very walk so that I would turn around, study this out and bring this message. I'm positive of it -- I'm positive of it.

I don't have a really terrible track record of blown discernment. I have a bad track record in a lot of other ways but I can't tell you that there are a whole lot of times I've just outright been duped but the times that I have, have been whoppers. Can anyone go there with me? I mean big

ones! I mean like for that moment, for that time, season-altering kinds of discernment and that missing link, that moment that you were supposed to catch it and didn't. They've been monumental for me.

About a year ago I received a package in the mail that had a letter of great interest. Someone in my office handed it to me and said, "Beth, I know that you get a lot of things put in your hands and I know that you try to get to them all as fast as you can but you're going to need let this one go to the top of the list because you're going to love this!"

And sure enough, I did. In fact, I did wait until I was through that present conference, I put it in my bag, took it with me. Got to the end of the conference, was at the airport ready to come back when I began to see this whole story unfold.

A woman had written me a letter and there was a book in the package as well and there was a decision card from one of our Living Proof live events. In the letter she says, "I'm a holocaust survivor." And she is in her 70s and she goes on to tell me her story. She said that a book had been written about her life and that was the book that she had included in the package. She said all of what she had been through -- and it was a dramatic, dramatic story, as you might imagine and not only the obvious of surviving the holocaust, she had gone in when she was three years old and come out when she was eight years old and did not even know her name until she tracked it down through other resources later. It was the most fascinating story you've ever heard. And not only that, then she had gone on to have a husband and a son only to lose both of them in the course of the decades that transpired.

So at this point she is telling me in the letter, she said, "I've included the decision card that I had at your recent event because there I received Christ as my personal savior." I couldn't even fathom what she was telling me. I thought how can this be? And as a matter of fact I was looking back on that event and I thought that's that event where I can't remember anyone coming forward.

So much of what we do is discipleship but I give a clear invitation every single time but I must be the worst evangelist ever -- ever because so often my friends that do this kind of thing, they're just like, "People will come in droves!" And it was like, just for whatever reason, not what God has given me in that moment that he wants to bless with that kind of abundance and somebody is going to write me and say, "Only the Holy Spirit can do that." I know that! I'm really just teasing with you.

But it was one of those times. I thought, are you telling me that out of all of that group God set his eyes on that one woman -- that one Jewish woman and he brought her to faith in Christ! It was unbelievable!

And she said, "I'm coming to an event" and she told me in about a month and she said, "I would love it if while I'm there you would baptize me."

Well, some of you are going to smile with me when I tell you this, others are going to think, well, that's the most preposterous thing I've ever heard. But I come from a very, very conservative denomination and I promise you that I'm not really going to get the blessing to go baptize anybody. I would really cause a lot of people to stumble in the area that I come from, denominationally speaking. So that was out of the question but I did get a good friend who is an ordained minister to go with me. I cannot tell you what all we put together so that we could be at this event, and afterwards spend all this time with her and in a service, in a small church baptize her. And I did indeed go into the water with her, got my own feet wet in those waters, put on a robe. We taped the whole thing. It was a wonderful day!

And I told her after that, I said, "Listen, I want you to know in advance --" in fact, I told her this right after I read all of the material and talked to her on the phone. I said, "I would never exploit you. This will be between us. I will not be telling the group at the event that you are there."

She said, "Oh, please! By all means do! By all means do tell them. I want them to know. This is a very exciting time for me." So I did exactly that. Not only that, I told her story in a couple of very large surroundings and read excerpts from her life's story out of the book.

Some weeks went by and I was walking into my house after eating dinner with Keith out that night, that's how we eat dinner --

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I know he's listening, I know he just said that, that's why I wanted to beat him to it. I'm listening to you honey, I'm listening to you. So I got a text, kind of got a ping on my iPhone from my assistant who at that time of night normally would not be contacting me about a work item. She is just a precious young woman who is very much about boundaries and every now and then she might say, "I just want you to remember this for tomorrow." But it was just a time of night that normally she would not have been texting me.

I looked down at my phone and she very often calls me "ma'am," that's just kind of a thing where she comes from. She said, "Ma'am," she said, "I have some news." And I feel free to tell you this part of the name because it was the name that was in the book. She said, "I have some news about Hannah." And you'd have to understand on an iPhone it can kind of be tricky to text because it is just a touch screen.

She said, "I've got something to tell you about Hannah and it's nit good."

She meant to write "not good" but she wrote, "N-I-T good -- nit good."

I looked at it, and I thought, nit good, is it? Nit good. So I knew immediately. I stopped on my back porch, texted back. I said, "It's not true, is it?"

She said, "No, it is not."

I want to tell you why I'm bringing you this message and why we're talking about spiritual discernment... because I knew it. I knew it. I knew it wasn't. Everything in me jumped over it. Only I could not put my finger on it and there was a book and it was down there in facts on a page. Everything seemed -- every duck seemed to be in a row but something in me over and over, I thought to myself -- and I asked myself this question, what is wrong with you? What is wrong with you that you would doubt this kind of thing? Who in the world -- this is what I said, "Who in the world would lie about something like that?"

Well, she would, and she is not the only one. There are big talk show hosts that have now come back to tell us that so-and-so that appeared on their program with this big huge story, maybe this big huge book, huge testimony had made up the entire thing and she had done exactly that to the point that she had told a historian the whole story, had gotten so many of the dates right on the occupations of forces and the allied troops going into free that camp. I don't know how she might have known.

I'd written it in a couple of Bible studies that my father had been among those allied soldiers that had gone in to free that exact camp. So I got all tied up in the fact that my father was part of her liberation. Is this making any sense to anybody? Only for it to turn out to be a complete lie.

Now I knew it in my spiritual gut. That's what we're going to be talking about in the weeks to come. How to know when to go with our gut; when the Holy Spirit is telling us something and we're thinking in the natural realm, this really seems to add up but something feels wrong in here -- something is up -- something is up. Or maybe something feels right. I think this is what I'm supposed to do. It doesn't make a lot of sense financially, it doesn't make a lot of sense logistically, but I do think this is the will of God, this is the next step for my life; when to know to go with your gut.

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Beth: I come with such gratitude to God for James and Betty Robison. They are such tremendous people of God and I not only love them and have so much respect for what they bring to the body of Christ, I also get a huge kick out of them and love them dearly. So I'm so grateful. Keith and I both love the privilege to serve with them.

I want to tell you something, on Wednesdays we get this opportunity. This is the outreach that we do on Wednesdays but somebody else on the other side of the world doesn't even have clean water to drink. They can't even get their mouths wrapped around weekly Bible study because they are trying to stay alive. There are people that don't have enough food to eat and there are outreaches of life that are meeting those kinds of needs.

So I love being part of a ministry that has a broad range perspective of the gospel of the living Christ. So thank you so much! Not only for participating on Wednesdays but in all the outreaches of LIFE. We are so grateful. May God bless you!

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James: Don't you appreciate Beth and what she has to say? What an encourager. Beth, let me just say we got to see glimpses there while you were talking of water and food and needs being met. We really try to make it clear to all of our viewers that we feel like when you come and you teach it is like giving people drinking water, spiritual water -- the word is water, it's life. We feel like that's mission outreach.

So you are in the truest sense of the word a missionary, a gifted communicator of God's truth. So that's actually a part of the outreach. Thank you for supporting it. Thank you and Keith for being a part of it, for Living Proof Ministries being a part of what we're doing. Thank you for that! It's a privilege to serve with you.

Right now I want you to look at some that we're very excited about. This is something we've never done before. It is a need that when you see it... and what I'd like you to try to do is put yourself in the situation as though this was your family or your child or the challenge you faced. Just move there. And then what would you be praying for? What would you be hoping for? What would you be longing for? And just know this and I'm telling you, Betty this is one of the main reasons I think our viewers enjoy *LIFE Today*. You get to share *LIFE Today* in the truest, purest, most effective fashion -- undeniably effective! Watch closely.

On the mission field

Announcer: Our mission teams travel the world helping families who have great needs. While in the Dominican Republic, Jeanne Rogers met a young mother, Daniela and her newborn daughter Elizabeth. The sight of Elizabeth's twisted feet brought back painful memories for Jeanne whose first child suffered from the same condition as Elizabeth; a condition known as clubfoot.

Jeanne: When I unfolded the blanket around him, I saw his feet and I was like, "What's wrong? What's wrong with him?" I cried. I was so brokenhearted. What will he do? How will that limit him?

So I know -- I know some of the feelings that she's experiencing. She didn't know either. Nothing in her pregnancy was indicating that she would go through this.

Yesterday we were driving in the city here and we had to stop at a light. The moment we stopped there were some young men in wheelchairs that came up to our car and we looked down and we saw that their feet were like this. These boys, who are now young men, have had no hope of being anything but beggars. I'm telling you that if this little girl doesn't get the treatment she needs and others just like her, that's their future.

We can make a difference in her life and so many like her that have no way to get the kind of help they need without our help.

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In the studio

James: I'd just like for us to freeze frame again on that little child there at the very last. Then to just think for a moment about what Jeanne was saying when that mother was showing her the feet of her precious little child. You've seen Jeanne's son that she talked about. He is an incredible father and husband -- incredible leader. He's been to the mission field all around the world with us. You've seen him with a camera. You've seen him helping people. It's as great a joy as he has in his life. He was an outstanding athlete; just a wonderful person that had the problem Jeanne was talking about but they were able to address it.

You know what will correct it for these children, Betty? It's just a little set of braces like this. This is one that will go on a young child and here's one that will go on a baby. These little braces call \$17 each. When a child is an infant their bones can be bent straight. They can be corrected. Our oldest daughter had to sleep in heavy braces because she was so pigeon toed she

couldn't walk without tripping. It wasn't clubfoot but it was a very big challenge. It's such a simple solution.

Think about this. That mother, Betty, for somebody to reach out and say, "I'll give your child the braces." That's a \$17 gift and I think most of our viewers would say, "I could give \$34 to give two children a set of braces."

Betty: James, this is exciting to me because we can start before they are even walking. We can straighten their little feet up, James so that when they get ready to walk they'll even know that they weren't going to be able to walk. We saw some that had become very dependent on just a handout, James because they can't function, they can't walk. They're in wheelchairs because they didn't get the help they needed when they were small. This is an opportunity to start when they're born and then we can help them to have a normal life again.

James: Let me just say that this is an opportunity that you can meet. We have a lot of viewers who sometimes say, "I can't drill a water well. I can help with it but I can do that. I can give two braces."

Would you do that? Would you go to LifeToday.org and just use your bankcard and make a \$34 gift or \$68 and give a miracle to four little children?

By the way, the doctors that we work with, and many of them who are volunteers will go over and do serious surgery where the little braces won't work and those are available at \$400. We're asking God to give us people who will pay for three of those; that's \$1200.

In other words, there is a level at which every one of us can have a part. We have some gifts that we want to send you to say thank you for giving this precious gift, for being the miracle that mothers are hoping for and children need. Would you right now go to LifeToday.org? Would you go to the trouble? Thank God you can walk over and get your bankcard, go online, or you can pick up the phone and dial the number that's paid for by love. Love pays for the call in case you need someone to pray for you, you need someone to talk to. Love pays for that call. But would you call that number today and take your bankcard and say, "I want to be a miracle in two children's lives or four children's lives?" "I want to provide one of those surgeries for the more serious issues; maybe on some that are older and it will take serious work but I want to be a part of that miracle." Would you do it today? Thank you so much! Thank you for going to the phone or going online and making the gift God put on your heart.

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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.

With your gift of any amount we'll send you Beth Moore's devotional, *Blessed Mornings and Restful Nights*. With your gift of \$102 or more to provide six children with corrective braces you'll also receive the journal edition N.I.V. Bible.

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: Beth has been teaching I think so effectively for many years all over the world and the incredible conferences but also right here. This is an incredible way to wake up and go to sleep: *Blessed Mornings & Restful Nights*. This is just simple devotional studies by Beth that have been put together to bless you in the morning, in the evening. I know it will be an inspiration to you.

Thank you so much. Thank you for helping us give someone the miracle of being able to walk and have a normal life, a supernatural expression of love. Thank you for it.

Thank all of you for being with us.