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Week 28 Mission Feeding
James and Betty Robison
Brian "Head" Welch

James: I want to welcome you to *LIFE Today*. I'm James Robison; Betty and I are thrilled to have you. I'm not going to introduce my guest. Just cut to him right quick. Show us a shot of who we're going to -- there you go! That's the new hair style we're coming out with.

[Laughing]

Listen to me! You see this guy right here? It's not eyes wide shut but *Eyes Wide Open*. This is an incredible musician, a rock musician. His name is Brian Welch. He is with a group called Korn. He was here nine years ago. He got saved, he got delivered, he got set free from all kinds of addictions.

Now stay with me. Beth Moore, Wednesdays in the Word with Beth, you know she's here for years and years and she is just such a blessing. She watches *LIFE Today*. She said, "James, I was at home and I stare at the show and there's this guy with this hair and tattoos. I'm thinking, dear God, what's he doing there? And all of the sudden you started talking to him and he started talking about Jesus."

She said, "James, I sat there captivated." She said, "I got so excited. I was saying, 'Thank you God that they're talking to somebody like Brian. And God, this is wonderful.'"

She said, "The minute the show was over I get in my car, I drive to the bookstore, I buy his book. I read all of it before I went to bed that night." She said, "James, it was wonderful." That's how Beth Moore was impacted by Brian Welch.

Would you welcome Brian Welch to *LIFE Today*? Buddy, good to see you.

Brian: Good to see you guys again.

James: When you were here, you'd been set free. You'd been born again. You were having an experience with the Lord. You had your little girl that you are now responsible for. She came

right out here, came up here with you; such a doll. Now nine years later is she doing all right now?

Brian: She is. I talk about in the book a lot of hurdles that we had to jump through just growing up, the teenage years and everything but she is doing great right now. Yeah.

James: How are you doing?

Brian: I'm good. I don't know why you guys didn't tell me all the trials and tribulations that I was going to go through right after I got saved!

[Laughter]

No! I've been through the wringer and came out stronger. So I'm really doing good.

James: You're back actually with the band, and doing rock music. And then you do talk to people about Jesus.

Brian: I mean that's my life so that's just who I am. He lives in me and we're the house of God, we're the temple of the Holy Spirit so that just happens throughout the day. Me and the bass player are Christians and so we share whenever we're spirit led.

James: How do the other members treat you? If they're not professing faith in Christ, how do they treat you and your bass player?

Brian: Well, I think everyone is kind of open. It's more about us doing our thing and they treat us great. Other than a couple of side jokes; they call our bus, our tour bus "the holy roller bus" because we ride together. Other than that, it's great. It's like everyone's just mature and it's all about the music and whatever makes us happy and healthy.

James: All right. *Eyes Wide Open*: What do you want people to get from the book? What do you want them to get from your story?

Brian: It's basically, the last time me and my daughter were here she was nine years old. I was just getting going with my life in Jesus. So basically the book starts off there and ends up with me back in Korn and doing what we're doing now.

But it was really controversial what happened with me going back to Korn. So it's just I had to put it in the book because there is too many details. It is just like I got a lot of hate from

Christians -- not a lot. I think I got more support; I'm sure I got more support than hate but it was real controversial.

James: Some people don't understand it and they didn't understand why Jesus would talk to sinners and why he would be in a Pharisee's house, of all places, with a prostitute kneeling at his feet. It's not real good for the preacher's reputation, especially the guy that says, "You see me, you see the Father."

"What are you doing in there with that Pharisee and that prostitute? You know you're a glutton and a wine bibber. You hang out with all these sinners."

You must have been a little bit like Jesus doing all this stuff really. But see, people don't understand that because we try to reduce Christianity down to some kind of a box; some kind of a place where you're actually covering Christ.

By the way, I've been blessed to know many of the entertainers pretty well and I've always encouraged them to continue doing what they're gifted to do but to be a light wherever they are. In the darkest place the light can shine the brightest. You can still do that. You don't have to compromise. You can be a witness to people that otherwise wouldn't hear. Is that what you're trying to do?

Brian: Exactly. The main thing with me is I'm one of those like just sometimes -- I crave loneliness. I love to get alone. It is not loneliness to me.

James: Jesus did that a lot too.

Brian: I'm like one of those Christian monks or something. I just go away and I soak it up. I'm not perfect by no means but that's my life, that's what I love to do. It took a little bit of leading by the Lord to get me back into the Korn thing because I didn't want to go.

James: That's being in the midst of a lot of people all the time.

Brian: Yeah and it's like a big train to get on too. That band tours a lot. So I liked being at home. I liked going to my same bed.

And I did go through financial difficulties and challenges and challenges with my daughter and everything but I was still fine. I was still strong in Jesus and he was taking care of me.

But once -- I ended up at a concert actually. I was on tour with a band called P.O.D. and we had two days off. And they played at a big rock festival and my band couldn't play there because we weren't big enough. I went there and Korn was playing. I reconciled with the guys. They brought me on stage for one song. I was like what's the harm in that? It will be fun. The next thing you know I get a call a couple weeks later them asking me back. I said, "No." I was like, "I'm doing my own thing. Thank you. I love you! And it is great to see you." But then God just kept knocking on my heart. Once I got some counsel.

I called the pastor where I got saved and I said, "Pastor Ron, I got this invitation to come back to Korn."

He just shocked me. He's like, "Brad, I've been praying for this for four years."

I'm like, "Pastor Ron!"

And the next thing you know, I called a couple of other people that I trusted and next thing you know, I'm like this is him. He didn't save me just for me he saved me to be a light. So that's what I'm doing. The bass player is a Christian and other people on the crew are Christians too so it's like they're everywhere. Christians are everywhere.

[Laughter]

I don't care what people say, there is some incognito Christians but they're everywhere. Because you start talking about it and they'll come up to you and they'll be like, "I believe what you do. Keep going man!" It's really cool to see.

James: You know what I just found myself sitting here praying while you were talking and that is that you would ask the group, they may be watching, hey group! How are you? Say, "Hey guys, kind of my story is out. The books are out there on the table with all the T-shirts," which it ought to be. And say, "Could I just say a word? I mean we're all here, we're family. But I met a Father that's really looking for the family. He wants us to be. I found him and he's awesome."

One of the things I said -- I used to witness in all the parking lots. I even witnessed to the Hell's Angels, the whole big club. I said, "Just remember," this is how I closed. "One night a man walked in and just recommended Jesus. Good night." I'd walk away. You cannot believe the hundreds of people that got saved by just hearing that.

So just pray and ask them, "Can I just say that, guys? Because I'm part of you. But I just want to say a parting word. Let me have a parting shot." And you just keep moving. I guarantee you, you'll win thousands and thousands of kids to Christ. Pray about that.

Tell our audience some of the things that are in the book, some of the struggles you went through since you became a Christian. You said we didn't do a good job of telling you this journey is not a nice little journey.

Betty: Well, I think it's important too because a lot of times when people do get saved they think well, everything is going to go smooth now. No more problems. I'm a Christian. Well, really the journey just begins when you become a Christian.

Brian: I started learning pretty quickly that you start reading the Bible and what God is out to do is to get Christ in you formed. He forms Christ in us through really good happy times too but also a lot of pain. It's like the fire produces gold. Our faith gets tried in the fire and then we come out shiny like gold. Fire's hot. It will hurt. Negative circumstances -- I was like, "God, I just want to have so much faith and I want to walk like Jesus walked as much as I can on the earth. Give me more faith."

Next thing you know, two years later, like \$2.5 million was gone and I was getting sued by five people. "Lord, I need..." And I would look at a scripture and it would say: If you have food and clothing be content with that. I'm like, "Ah! But I'm losing my house!" But if you have food and clothing. Oh, yeah! That's faith. You're teaching me faith right now. You're providing even though I lost my beamer and my 22 inch rims.

[Laughter]

You're providing through this.

So yeah, it was strength. So now I walk through that stuff and it's just, I got new levels of trials but it was all good. I thank God for all that stuff I walked through, all the pain and all the suffering and all the lawsuits and the bankruptcy and everything. It just showed me, no matter what happens, it comes like a big monster to you like everything is going to fall apart and everything ends up okay afterwards -- like every time. So it's just awesome.

James: If we could just see that if you actually put the clay of our life in the potter's hand, you don't have to be some master artist to understand you can mess with clay, you can shape stuff. But when you put it in the master's hand, the master craftsman potter and he begins to apply the pressure, it is not comfortable. But what's the purpose? And you said, it was the first thing that

came out of your mouth when you started that little testimony of that journey. You said, "He's shaping Christ in us. He's forming Christ in us."

Brian: He's actually doing that.

James: So in other words, all of the pressure that comes and I've said this over and over and there are a lot of things I'm comforted by Jesus kept telling the same thing over and over, sometimes from a different view, a different story but if you're in the master's hands, the Father's hand then the pressure that will come, and it is sure to come -- it is certain to come, it's either coming from his shaping hands or its filtered through his fingers. So it doesn't matter if it is the enemy throwing the darts or if it is God just shaping you up, or the enemy like refiner's fire, you said, or iron sharpening iron. That's friction; you can't sharpen a blade without friction. That's not comfortable; that's why the oil of the Holy Spirit will alleviate some of the friction and make it more tolerable. But you're going through that.

See the very fact that you're back here. The minute we saw each other, it's been nine years, well, we're friends. We're family. You knew you sat with family tonight; right?

Brian: Oh, my gosh. Yeah! You feel it. The spirit of -- it's just genuine and it's real. It's real refreshing.

James: And I could talk to your band. They would receive me; wouldn't they?

Brian: Totally!

James: I could talk to all the rockers! I've been wanting to talk to Madonna about daddy being a preacher. But hey what about Father? He's the bigger one. This one! And Madonna, you're gifted but if you would just know and love the Father. Don't say "Daddy Don't Preach." Listen to me! I'm trying to help you.

And see, I really look at all of these talented people. They don't even realize the gifts that God's given them. You see these people that have been successful do they even realize the gift God gave them? And what if they turned it over to God?

You've done that! I'm so proud of you. I know you've been through trials and he's talking about the trials and the book is exciting. It's like when Beth Moore says, "I got the book and I didn't put it down and read the whole book." That means there is something there of value. This is going to be the same way. I mean you've got Alice Cooper talking about it, Scott Hamilton talking about it. Lacey Sturm is talking about it. Lacey's been here. Eric Metaxas! Eric is one

of my best buddies! He wrote *Amazing Grace*! About Wilberforce; it became a book. Eric is talking about this guy. Get the book!

Would you say thanks to this incredible, I believe miracle of God? What's your heart long for right now? What do you want God to do in your journey? I know you want him to bless your daughter, for her to get stronger and stronger in the Lord. I know you're doing good, honey. We love you. You're just a doll. You're so beautiful and precious. Just know that. We're all with you. What do you want God to do? What's the longing of your heart right now?

Brian: I want him to do just wild things on the earth. I want him to just display himself with signs and wonders and really encounter people. I want him to... I just want him to pour out more visions and dreams for people. That's it because you were saying it when we were eating dinner. When you encounter God he's irresistible. A lot of people don't want him but as soon as they touch -- when you get touched by God you'll never be the same. So that's my heart is that I want God to touch people himself. I want him to just do wild things.

[Laughing]

James: You know what I'm seeing when you're talking? And I just see the scriptures. I just saw that woman with that issue of blood that no doctor could cure and it is flowing all the time. She reached out and touched him.

Think about this. There are scores of people, if not hundreds around him and she just touched him. He said, "Who touched me?" Because he felt virtue go out. In other words, his manifest presence and power flowed -- she was immediately healed. Her world changed.

And so what I hear you literally crying out for is that I want people to reach out and touch him and touch him with such a reach of faith, of longing of need that when you touch him that virtue, that release comes. That's what happened to you, isn't it?

Brian: Yeah!

James: Something came in that's there forever. And this new shaping process occurred even in the midst of pressure you didn't understand.

Brian: And he pursued me. When I look back, he really pursued me. That's what -- it was like the hand of God coming after me. Once I felt that I was like whoa! I want this. That's my prayer is that he just does that these fans.

James: And you want it for others. Here you are with this talent. Here you are with this ability to go on and walk through the pressure and the storm and be back with Korn. And I'm still unshakable because I'm in Christ; I'm being shaped. But now what if somehow you're able to take it one step further and release that river out toward all those kids and all those people? And your band just watch; they'll start seeing such amazing results from that release through you it will come right back on them. I believe that with all my heart.

So I'm sowing seeds. Do you get that? See what I'm trying -- I'm looking through Jesus. He is up here with you on that stage; he's loving every one of those kids. He's saying, "I know some of you never had a dad, you never had a home, you never knew my light. You think you don't look good. I'm crazy about you. I want you to get crazy about me. It's the best thing that will ever happen to you." See that? Does that make sense to you?

Brian: Totally! You know what's cool? Being in the entertainment industry and everything, again like I am, he really is in there moving and it is happening. There are a lot of just believers that are out there in the media, in the television, in the movies. It's like you said, Alice Cooper, Iron Maiden, there's all of these metal bands out there that have believers and it is really encouraging too. But I'm excited.

James: You pray for me, we'll pray for you. We're family -- all the way!

Brian: I love you guys!

James: Would you say thanks to Brian Welch and thanks to God? The book's in the bookstores. You can go online and get it. I suggest you do. I tell you what. If you'll just open your eyes right now and this is the first chance you get to see, can I do what James just talked about, what Brian talked about? Look through the eyes of God, see a situation and say, "Okay, God. What do you want to do through me? What's the river? What's the love you want to pour through me on what I see?"

Watch! Just watch! And then let God do what he wants to do. He will!

On the mission field

Announcer: In rural Africa it is extremely rare to find a mother who has not lost at least one child before their fifth birthday. And what makes their loss so unbearable is the majority of their children's deaths could have been prevented.

Tammy: I mean truly, if I think about it, I don't think I would ever see that. When I come to a country like this and walk into a place like this and we've got this precious little baby laying here -- laying here so fragile and so tiny and she is dying because she has no food. It is ridiculous when I think about it. And to also know that there's a solution -- there's a solution!

Announcer: Having little or no food can be devastating for a young child whose immune system has not fully developed. The lack of nutrients can lead to severe malnutrition resulting in critical weight loss, skin diseases, mental impairment, and if not treated in time, death.

James: This little child was born in February.

Betty: Died in May.

Open Captions:

Sub-Saharan Africa has the highest under five mortality rate in the world. Almost half of those deaths are due to the effects of malnutrition.

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In the studio

James: Right there in that cemetery area where we're bowing by those graves, Betty and I got to go and see school after school of singing children. They would sing praises to God. I remember after we'd gotten them on their feet and we were trying to make sure everybody stayed healthy and could work, one of the school principals walked out with a missionary and said, "Well, now that we're okay, are you never coming back to check on us?" It was right where they'd been burying all these kids and now they've been listening to the kids that have had their health restored and its a few years later and they're singing and they're in school.

I said, "No, we just came to rejoice with you but we're not going to forget you."

Betty, what we're doing now because of viewers like yourself who look and see a need and you say, "We're going to stop that death cycle. We're going to stop the weeping over the little children and we're going to give them a future because we're going to give them food."

And \$30, \$50, and \$100 feeds three, five, or ten children for months. And you've been doing it and you've been doing it for years and we've been saving millions of lives.

Now, Betty, we're going to start feeding even more at schools because everywhere we get it stabilized, if we can feed them in school they keep coming to school.

And especially the girls. The girls tend not to come because it's kind of their typical manner that they'll start trying to do some work when they still need to be going to school. And they're so helpful; they've got such a precious heart.

What we're asking you to do now is help us feed several hundred thousand, 400,000 that we've got located in feeding centers but also to help us feed at schools. We can feed an entire school say an average of 140 kids for three months for \$1400; for \$5600 we can feed a school for a year. We just believe there are some of you looking in and seeing through the eyes of God and what he's put in your heart, "I can do that for those kids for the next months. I can feed them for \$1400." Or "I can do it for a year!" Well, do it. I believe you'll want to do because God's enabled you to do it; he put it in your heart to do it, and you're going to do it. You're going to be hands. You're going to be the answer to the need; the answer to the prayer of mothers to see their children with such need. I rejoice with you.

There are some of you who will say, "But you know what? When they get stabilized, I want to keep them in school. I want to sponsor a school for a year, for several months." Whatever you can do, you do it. Go to LifeToday.org, take your bankcard or you can dial the number, use that bankcard or if you want to write a check make it to LIFE but call us and tell us you're mailing it and then put it in the mail.

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Announcer: In remote and impoverished areas of Africa, families are suffering, facing death by starvation and those hit the hardest are the children. Life's mission feeding program is there ready to feed and care for these children in crisis areas of Angola, Mozambique, and Sudan.

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Please call, write, or go online today and make your gift of life to help feed and care for hungry children.

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In the studio

James: I believe with all my heart, if you've reached out and said, "I'm going to feed those kids" or "I'm going to do something about that school, I'm going to give them a whole future." Those missionaries are going to be giving them eternity, a destiny. If you'd like to have the book, I know you can get it in the bookstores. Some of you have already gone online. I'm glad! You're going to get one for a friend. But we'll send it to you to just say, "I'd like to have Brian's book. Would you send it to me because I want to live with my eyes wide open? I want to look and see what God sees."

I really believe that's what it means Brian, with our *Eyes Wide Open*. We see it the way he sees it. Because honestly, there was that movie, *Eyes Wide Shut* and that book, I think most people live with their eyes wide shut -- they don't see anything. This is powerful that people get that. I hope you do. We'll send it to you if you'll just help us take care of those kids.

Would you say thanks to Brian?

Brian, appreciate you, buddy!

Brian: Thank you so much. Love you guys!

James: Thank all of you for watching. Check out our web site stream.org! It's to help you have understanding of how we deal with the issues we face. Thanks for watching.

Announcer: In his new book, *The Stream*, James Robison charts a clear path to personal revival and spiritual revolution in our culture, values, morals, and in government. Reverend Samuel Rodriguez says: "*The Stream* is a Christ-centered, Bible-based prescription for these troubled times." Dr. Ben Carson says: "This important book points out many ways that we can use our lives to preserve those freedoms that made America great." *The Stream* -- available now online and at retail bookstores.