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Week 34: Water for Life
James and Betty Robison
Penny Young Nance

James: Thank all of you. It is a joy to be able to share this time with you. Welcome to *LIFE Today*. I'm James Robison.

Betty and I have a wonderful guest who is head of the Concerned Women for America, which is absolutely one of the greatest organizations because if anyone knows what to be concerned about it is normally sensitive women, especially those who are actually sensitive to the heart of God, the mind of God, and the will of God.

Penny Young Nance, Penny Nance is the way we all know her is feisty and feminine. Would you welcome Penny Nance to *LIFE Today*? Would you do that? Penny, good to see you.

Penny: Thank you!

James: Well, I want you to just tell us what inspired this book.

Penny: I wanted to write this book just as an effort to encourage and to give tools to the women in this culture. We are, I believe, James and Betty, at an Esther moment in our nation. We as conservative and Christian women often come up against a culture that feels free. And I start the book talking about a story that happened to me.

I was at an event for my husband at his work. Like most women, I wear a lot of different hats. I don't feel the need to talk about what I do for a living when I'm with my husband. I'm just there to support him or at my kid's games or whatever. I was with people that didn't know us, that worked at different parts of his company around the country. It was interesting because I knew this was a "holiday" party, one of those "holiday" parties and you're supposed to not really talk politics. But it was interesting that the crowd felt perfectly comfortable denigrating our beliefs right to our faces. I was kind of shocked. Like wow, I thought we were supposed to be tolerant. I thought we were supposed to be careful what we said. But unfortunately the other side didn't necessarily get the memo.

James: So they were attacking you and your husband knowing that you were Christians?

Penny: Oh, no. They had no idea who we were. This was the crazy thing that we said that started the whole thing. We happened to mention, they said, "What does your daughter want to do when she graduates from college?"

My husband honestly answered that some day, she was a freshman, she'd like to grow up and be an anchor for FOX News. Actually what he said was FOX News and C.N.N. which she really didn't care about C.N.N. It didn't matter though. They passed right over the C.N.N. part and was honed in on the FOX News. They were like, "FOX News?" Like in that they were rolling their eyes because you know what? That was code for conservative for them.

One father leans father and says, "Let me get this straight. Are you okay with her wanting to work for FOX News?"

And my husband said, "Well, yeah. That's what we watch at our house."

They said "Oh!"

Suddenly we were outed. They thought H.R. was having outreach to idiots or something. It was just shocking -- the whole thing was shocking. It just kind of devolved from there. So I went home stunned, kind of hurt. I never would have felt comfortable ridiculing people, and it got worse from there. I talk about it in the first chapter of the book. I would have never have felt comfortable ridiculing someone's belief in a situation like that.

I realized, they were completely comfortable because they don't understand. They don't get the memo. And if I'm feeling this way -- and by the way, I know the issues. I'm trained to talk about these issues. If I feel this way, how do women all over this country in playgrounds, in their classrooms, at their Christmas parties with their spouses, how do they feel? And I need to help them because we are at a moment where a tipping point in our nation, and you all know this so well, that at this point in our nation, Christian godly specifically women have got to find our voice and speak up and not allow others to define us; but to speak clearly and comfortably and honestly about the real issues of the day. If we don't, other people will speak for us.

I talk about Esther a lot in the book and I talk about the fact that again, Queen Esther was a no one; she was a nobody. She was an orphan. God gave her a moment to speak truth to power. She could have just turned her head and been very comfortable in the palace, and she was. Her uncle had to come to her and give her a little talking to and give her a little pep talk and explain to her what's happening. But we have to do that too. We have to realize that we are at a crisis situation. And she gathered her people around her and she prayed with her women and we need

to do that the same. Then she prepared. She just didn't launch into what was happening. She built a relationship and prepared for the conversation.

That's what I'm hoping that American women will do. In this election season, all around you you're having conversations about truth, about policy, and not necessarily politics but policy. What do we believe as Americans? So hopefully we will prepare, have those nuggets of information and be able to clear out those, lean into the conversation and share our hearts and share truth.

James: How important, Penny do you and concerned women of America feel about what the Bible addresses very directly, Let's say as one place, Isaiah 59, of when we're guilty of shedding innocent blood? Our feet, even in another verse, hasten to shed innocent blood. Is there any more innocent blood than the little one in the womb of the mother, more helpless? More precious? More worthy of care and appropriate attention? And we are shedding that blood.

God says that it's literally cut us off from him and the blessings that he freely offers. It's like we have literally built a wall separating us not just from the mind and heart of God, the will of God, and even the blessings of God and we hope for good but it gets worse. We've got deception prevailing in the land. How important do you think it is for America to realize that it doesn't matter if a political party or candidates are for that if the American people continue to tolerate the shedding of innocent blood, have we not actually opened the door for destruction to come in like a flood?

Penny: Of course! 56 million babies have been aborted since Roe vs. Wade. We have this culture of death that's permeated our nation. Certainly not just in the womb but also the way we treat our elderly and the way that we withhold medicine from those that are ill. We see people in ways as utilitarian means. We don't see them as image bearers of Christ. That thought has permeated our nation and it certainly is very destructive.

But what we as believers, as Bible-believing women, we have got to be prepared to tell the truth and to say, "I believe life begins at conception."

And guess what? Science is on my side. At 18 days we have -- well first off, from the minute of conception that baby has every bit of D.N.A. it's ever going to have. It's already the person it's going to be. At 18 days we can detect a beating heart. Within 30 days it has eyes, ears, nose, and mouth and kidneys. At 20 weeks, which is the legislation that we're working on on a national basis because before we can convince people that life begins at conception, we first have to get them to admit that a baby in the womb at 20 weeks deserves protection.

By the way, I just did a P.B.S. debate, it was four against one, and this is the conversation we had about what is the legal protection for a baby? At what point do you think that it deserves to be part of our human family? Can you say that when a baby at 20 weeks can hear and respond to its mother's voice and feel pain that it doesn't deserve our protection of our laws?

Betty: I know that our first grandson was stillborn at a little under five months. I saw our daughter take that precious little boy and hold him in her hand and he was perfectly formed. He was a baby. It wasn't a fetus. It was a life there but unfortunately he didn't live.

But I can't imagine how you can look at it any other way than a life in the womb of a mother. It breaks my heart. It really does.

James: We're so twisted and we've seen the all-out assault on marriage. We've already had enough assault on marriage in just the relationship has been so attacked by the enemy.

Penny: By divorce and cohabitation.

James: And no-fault divorce, all the different things that have happened to break down that family; not understanding covenant commitment. The other thing that we have seen is really an assault on sexuality. Now then we're going to have the same sex marriage, now we're dealing with transgenderism.

I saw my wife who we shop, we've got about two blocks from our house a Target. We've got a Target and a Wal-Mart. We primarily had shopped and I knew Sam Walton, I love Wal-Mart and love the people there, and we do go there a lot, a whole lot. We're going more. But we went to Target a lot. I bought our meat there, Sutton & Dodge, which is just fabulous meat. You might ought to move it somewhere other than Target.

When my wife saw what they had done, what they passed, she said, "Never again." She's not been back in.

Betty: Well, it broke my heart. I wept when I heard that because I always -- I do. I enjoyed going there. It was convenient but yet it seemed like a nice, family store that you could safely take your small children into. And when I heard that, it just crushed my heart. I thought I can't go back. I cannot because of my convictions and how I felt about that, and I felt like the danger that children were going to be put in. I thought, I just can't go and be there.

Penny: Well, I come at this from a point of public safety. I talk about in chapter three of my book, that I am a victim of assault. One day when I was out running a complete stranger attacked me and I go into detail -- I talk about it in my book in more detail. But the bottom line

was I was physically assaulted. I was hurt but I wasn't raped. It wasn't because a woman stopped and I talk about that. But it has sensitized me because... And by the way, I was expecting my daughter when this happened. It has deeply sensitized me to the fact that there are so many women and men and children suffering because of sexual assault out there. There are 850,000 registered sexual predators in the United States in the territories.

Now I'm not worried about a transgender person. I have great compassion for them and I want very much to help them. And I understand that this is a complicated issue. But what's not complicated is that there are hundreds of thousands of predators who will stop at nothing to gain access to innocent women and children. When you invite this kind of situation inevitably you will have people hurt. I would humbly suggest to Target that they're opening themselves up to great liability because we'll make sure people know that they have a civil recourse.

But even more frightening, because you don't have to go to Target, and I'm not... By the way, Concerned Women for America has called a boycott. Go to concernedwomen.org. You can download a letter and just sign it and take it to the manager of Target that explains why you won't be shopping there. We strongly would encourage people to vote with their pocketbook. But here's what's really scary are the schools. I appreciate the fact that you live in Texas and that your attorney general is standing firm and you all have joined with 10 other states to fight this.

I live in Virginia. And in Fairfax County they have capitulated. So we'll see what happens. There are parents that have filed suit. But short of homeschooling, taking your kids out of public school and going to Christian schools as my children do, they're really stuck. I really worry about the safety of these young women and the message that we're giving them; that they're to deny that feeling, because guess what? God gives you that intuition. When you're in danger and guess what, I talk about this in the book, I knew that I was in danger. The Holy Spirit told me that I was in danger. That intuition was there and it was natural. We're telling them to repress that. That if you feel uncomfortable, it's your problem; that you are somehow a bigot or worse. That is a truly dangerous statement.

James: Say the address again, the e-mail address.

Penny: ConcernedWomen.org is the web site.

James: You can learn how you can be a voice and you don't have to be unkind or unloving. There is so much wisdom here. You can get the book online immediately.

Penny: Barnes and Noble has it.

James: You can probably get it on their web site. As a matter of fact, if you'd like to have it, we're asking you to help us share water. Would you just close? We have just a moment left but how your mother said something that really impacted you.

Penny: I'm blessed to have good Christian parents but my mother was a pastor's wife who was very shy and self-effacing and never wanted attention. But one day I was a little tiny girl and I didn't really understand it but we went to hear the Governor of Georgia speak, Lester Maddox. We were at an event and at the end, and I was a little girl, I didn't know what he said but everybody was really excited because he was the Governor. And everybody stood up and gave him a standing ovation.

By the way, the event was an event for our church denomination. They had invited him to come. It was a big convention center of several thousand people. Everyone in the room stood and gave him a standing ovation except for one person and that was my mother. I was surprised and I didn't understand but on the ride home I found out why. He was a segregationist. He had actually stood in front of his restaurant with an ax handle and wouldn't allow young black people to come in and eat in his restaurant. My mother felt so sick about that and knew that was so wrong that she could not stand for him and she refused.

My parents at the moment -- I'm sorry -- at the moment my parents were kind of embarrassed because she had embarrassed the Governor and he agreed with her but he just couldn't see at that moment that she should be disrespectful. But she very strongly believed that he was wrong and that she could not stand and applaud for him.

And in that moment, she became an Esther. She found her voice. Maybe a lot of people in that room didn't notice but I noticed. She at that moment planted something in my heart, an activism.

I would say to the women that are watching today, somebody is watching you: Your children, your grandchildren. This is your moment to speak up and to protect their future and I hope I can help you do that.

James: I think you know every day that we live and throughout our life we've been encouraging Christians to be exactly what Jesus said we were to be: Salt and light. Protect and preserve the precious, illuminate the way, expose the error and point people in the right. That's what you're trying to do.

Would you say thanks to Penny Nance and also Concerned Women for America? That web site is helpful. The book I believe will be so insightful and inspirational. I want to thank you. I pray we will as Christians find our voice. We don't have to be mean or unkind. We ought to be

bold, fearless and forceful, and we ought to stand together as a family, and as a shining city on a hill, refusing to be hidden -- and light cannot be hidden unless we allow it to be covered. Really appreciate you, Penny.

Our viewers love to share the love of God and we don't have anything we do that you show any more love of and appreciation for than giving people Water for Life.

Now listen to me. You're going to hear a broken heart. Don't turn away. It's going to be difficult, especially difficult for us because we, in a very direct way, have experienced what she is weeping over, losing a child. But I want you to listen because we've got a perfect answer. Please watch closely and prayerfully.

On the mission field

Open Captions:

>> This is my water. This is the only water I have. Everyone in the village uses it. Even the animals use this water. I know it is bad water. It is scary but what else can I do?

I have to give that water to all of my children. One day about three months ago my two-year-old girl started vomiting. [Crying]

She was sick all day and she died that night. I am afraid for my other children now. They always complain about their stomachs.

We are separated forever. [Weeping] I can't stop thinking about her. It is so painful.

Tammy: I understand pain well and I understand loss well. I know what that feels like to just feel like you're dying inside because there is nothing you can do to change what's happened in your life. I think that's why I'm here at this moment.

I feel like this is why God has called me here even at this moment to ask you if it would be you -- if you would be the one to help her. It would make a huge difference in the lives of this precious woman and her children, other families in this village and villages all around the world. We can come in here and drill them a well that will give them Water for Life. It will change everything in a moment's time. Please don't hesitate. Don't wait any longer. We need your help.

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In the studio

James: I want to thank you if you're still watching because I understand how easy it would be to turn away.

Betty, you understand what that mother is saying.

Betty: If you've ever experienced the loss of a child, a loved one, someone you so dearly love and so close to, it's a pain that you can't describe. I feel that that mother is not only feeling the pain of the loss of her one child but also the pain for her other children that she could lose. But it doesn't have to be. This is the pain that we can get rid of. We can help this mother and many like her if we'll drill the water wells, if we'll reach out and join together.

Maybe you can afford to drill a whole well yourself but maybe you say, "Oh, I can't." But you can help. We can all come together and we'll be able to do it. So please join with us and let's bring life to these families through the water wells.

James: I think, Betty, the fact that if you're still watching you didn't turn away. I want to thank you for that. I know that was hard to watch. You can't imagine how hard it is for people who, as Betty said, have lost a child. We can give a cup of water.

This is a "Promises of God" mug. People have appreciated the cups we've given away. Many have said, "Boy, we love this! This feels good to hold."

When you give a cup of water in Jesus' name, it means so much that he said, "Heaven notices. You won't lose your reward." It's reward enough to be able to save that mother's other children, to give her a place to go get clean water that wouldn't make them sick or make them hurt.

So what we're asking you to do and we really have to do some big praying right now, Betty because we've got 500 wells and we're not there but we've got to get the rest of the support for it, more than a dozen countries. But the missionaries have told us we have to add a rig and that drilling rig is an additional \$380,000.

The minute I say that, I want to say this to you. Let's drill those 500 wells one well at a time. If you can give a well, \$4800, that's what they cost. Please give a well if you can. I can tell you, Betty and I did. We were just blessed of God, we gave a well. And we ask God to help us do that. Some of you can do it. Don't feel bad if you can't because most of the support comes from \$48. \$48 breaks out to give ten people water the rest of their life. You can go up to \$144 and give 30 people water the rest of their life. So there is a level at which you can support.

Now think about this because I want you to really step up. \$2400, pray somebody joins you and we've got a well; \$1200, pray three people join you. But when you think about that rig, \$380,000, here's what I'm praying, God help everybody to give toward that too. Not only drill the wells but let's get that rig.

I'm asking God to raise up people who give \$10,000, \$25,000. I kind of feel in my heart that during this drive there's going to be somebody give \$100,000 towards that rig. It might be a business. It might be a church. But I want you to pray, God let that happen because that is a big amount to add on to doing 500.

So if everybody just does their part then we can heal that woman's heart. We can give those children a future without pain. We can give them clean water in Jesus' name.

Would you go to LifeToday.org, take your bankcard and use it like a check? That's what you should always do with a bankcard. Or you can dial the number and make the gift. Please just do what God put on your heart.

God loves that woman and her children and I know you do too so just reach out and say, "Okay, I'll give a cup of water."

We're sending the book The Stream that I believe will help you literally secure freedom's future. I really believe that. I think you're going to love it -- easy reading but it is going to inspire you. The coffee mugs if you give over \$100, the beautiful bronze if you can make that special gift. Thank you so much for doing it! LifeToday.org or dial that number. Thank you!

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Announcer: Every day children are forced to make a dreadful choice: Drink 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 demonstrations of God's love today.
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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 "Majesty" bronze sculpture.

Please call, write, or make your gift online.

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In the studio

James: Thank you so much for your help. I do want to send you the book *The Stream*. I will just say this to you: if we lose the freedom we've been blessed to enjoy, we're not going to have the wherewithal to help anybody. We're concerned about unemployment. I've got news for you. Everybody that's got a job better get concerned because if we get the kind of leadership we could get that tells us that government is the answer, we're not going to make it -- not economically so we really need the wisdom of God. And no one person is going to fix it. We've got to do it together. Love to send this to you.

If you'd like to have the book by Penny you can get it in the bookstores. Or if you say, "James, would you mind sending me that? I just feel impressed I need that book." And you help us give water, you ask for it, we'll send it to you.

Would you join us again thanking Penny Nance and Concerned Women of America? Bless you! Bless your husband and family. Bless all of you. Thank you for watching. Thank you for praying and let's release a stream of truth on this nation and see a great awakening we can. We can!