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Week 37: WFL
James and Betty Robison
Jack Graham #2

James: I'm so glad you joined us. Betty, I'm kind of leaning in. I'm James Robison, this is Betty. I'm leaning in. I'm excited to talk to you because we've got someone here that has the heart of a shepherd because he is a shepherd. It has nothing to do with four-legged sheep. He's also a man that expresses the Father's heart, God's heart.

I'm so glad to have Jack Graham today to say to you as the American people and people around the world who long for freedom to prevail where you are, where we are, and in the world, you are praying for somebody to give you wisdom. Well, Jack Graham, I believe is going to help us today as a shepherd. Would you welcome Jack Graham to *LIFE Today*?

[Applause]

Jack: Thank you.

James: Okay, Jack. Ravi Zacharias says that we are one touch away now from the impact of the Roman road, 24 hours a day on the web. People can watch us right now who would watch us on a television screen, and they do all around the world, but they can also click on the web, they can go to stream, stream.org and we're talking. As a pastor, how long have you pastored?

Jack: Forty-five years.

James: If you could talk to the whole church in light of the times, and if the United States and people who have some concept of freedom, or at least a desire for it, what are the important things you would want the church to hear right now in light of the conditions?

Jack: First of all, don't be surprised that we're where we are because Jesus plainly told us, the scripture tells us that in the last days dangerous times are going to come. Deception will be very powerful. Satan will have a grip on human hearts. And we're told many, many times about the signs of the times and the end times and it will grow increasingly worse. So in that sense we should not be surprised that we find ourselves and where we are just the encroaching darkness and deception and all that is predicted, prophesied in the Bible.

But the good news of that is that we can be lights in this darkness. That's what God has called us to do in Romans 12: Overcome evil with good. I would say that in spite of the terrors around us, literally, terrorists on the loose, and the world about to implode. I don't know how late it is in terms of the prophetic clock and the end of days as we have known them but I feel like we're in the bottom of the ninth -- I'm an old baseball player -- we're in the bottom of the ninth and there are two outs and we've got two strikes. I don't know how many strikes we've got left but now is the time for the church of Jesus Christ to unite and ignite -- to unite together in the name of Jesus, putting aside -- it's not that we don't have our distinctives and our doctrinal distinctives that we care about, but that we put aside peripheral things to unite for the cause of the kingdom, to proclaim the gospel in our generation.

And that we ask God, cry out to God, these are desperate days, for revival. Now in one sense I like to think that revival has come in the sense that the reviver is in us, the Holy Spirit, Jesus is alive in us. So in one sense, for revival to come, God's people just need to start doing what God's already told us to do, to pray and witness and live holy lives in an unholy world and to obey God in that way. And if we do, then our light is going to shine. The reviver is here, the reviver has come but we've sinned and we've broken God's commandment so we need to get right with God and renew our faith and restore the impact and the power of the Holy Spirit who is in us.

James: Everything inside of me, Jack, in light of the times in no way says it is time to give up and get out. I think the two of us are saying continually, let's stand up -- no longer cover up, don't seek comfort, let's pierce the darkness and let's do it together as a family. You and I are great advocates for getting Christians to recognize they have distinctives and differences and that's not a problem. We don't need to divorce one another and divide and be destroyed. We need to stand together in a total -- and love the people that call themselves our enemies. We just don't get in bed with them. We don't join them but we love them.

Now I want to ask you about this because I feel like our nation is in trouble. And it is very clear throughout the prophets that when we move away from God and we disregard him and we cast it aside, the consequences of that are horrific. There is nothing attractive about it. He says that our sins separate us from the blessings and the benefits that God freely waits to pour out on us like the rain.

Here is something I want you to respond to. Your hand -- this is Isaiah 59; this is a major prophet. Your hands are defiled with blood, your fingers with iniquity. Your lips have spoken falsehood. You trust confusion and speak lies. Your feet run to evil and again hasten to shed innocent blood. You don't know the way of peace within and peace here in the land.

Has our spilling of blood, the helpless, the millions we've terminated in the wombs of what should be the safest place on the planet, has that separated us from the blessings of God? And if a candidate -- now we're facing a major election this year. It's real important. If a candidate, if a party, if representatives commit not only to tolerate the shedding of blood but defend it and demand that it be totally available and approved, is that something that should concern the church enough to say, "I cannot, will not, support that." Should that say to any representative, to any candidate we have to change. I have heard the prophet saying, "Stop shedding innocent blood. Stop spreading the lies."

Pastor, what should the church in America do?

Jack: When you start with nearly 60 million babies aborted in our generation, this has been on our watch since 1970, it's been legalized in America, and then around the world, millions more, when you see a nation reject God as we have, secularism, meaning life without God, it's a totally secular life, it's becoming a way of life in America.

James: And if you speak against it now they're trying to tell us that's against the law.

Jack: And thus needs for religious freedom and we can all tell stories. We're already seeing it. Opposition is rising. We know there is a growing if not hatred, in some quarters a hatred, certainly a despising of the values, the biblical values that we love and hold dear, when you see a nation like that and for the sake of... start with God's glory and then for the sake of the future of this country with our children, our grandchildren, I'm a grandfather now as you are and I don't want our children, our grandchildren to look back and say, "Why didn't they do something? Why didn't they try? Why did they give up?" How could we possibly give up?

James: How do we step out of the battle?

Jack: And how can we give the enemy this victory? So we keep fighting, and we've got spiritual tools to fight with. We've got the gospel, we've got prayer, we've got the church, and a part of that strategy is the church to unite and to express its voice. In America, in spite of the fact that we're being more and more limited in what we can say, we still do have freedom of speech.

James: They say we're being limited but I don't think we should be. I don't think we should accept the limitation of our speech or our message as representatives of truth and of the Word of God.

Jack: No question about it. So what I encourage Prestonwood people to do, and therefore people who will listen to me, watch me on *PowerPoint*, our television ministry is look, you vote

your convictions. We care about issues. I don't think one time in my life as a Christian and every Christian should vote. It upsets me when I hear some Christian saying, "Well, I'm just going to sit this election out. I don't like either of the candidates. I don't like this... I don't like that... I'm out. Just count me out."

We'll get to 2020 and it will be too late at 2020 if we fool around.

Betty: But they are voting by not voting.

Jack: Of course! But there are three principles that I'm going to vote coming up in this election because I always vote principles, not people, persons, not party, not even my pocketbook. The economy is important. America and restoring America in the future for the impoverished, that's important but we really don't vote our pocketbook. We vote our principles. We vote...

James: Well, your principles determine your economic security. If you violate those principles that freedom and the free market economy, you're done.

Jack: But the Supreme Court, the next President of the United States just in the national election, the next president is going to appoint one, two, three, maybe four Supreme Court justices.

James: Will determine the five people that can totally direct this nation and our future. Five people!

Jack: Therefore you just can't vote for a person who is going to eliminate life in the womb. You just can't. So the Supreme Court will shape the future constitutional interpretation of the nation and all the rest. Then of course, there is sanctity of life that we've talked about.

James: Yeah, but marriage! What about the attack on marriage, the first institution God established?

Jack: And then religious freedom. We must vote for someone who will stand for our freedom as religious people; and that includes the people who choose not to believe of course. But to allow us, we have the right already but without repercussion to speak God's Word and speak God's truth without hindrance.

James: Let me just say looking in. I think there is a difference in being affected by evil. We all are; right? But when you are sold out to evil there is a vast difference. It appears we've got certain practices and processes in certain political platforms that are sold out to evil, not just to the preservation of it but promoting the practices of evil. Would you agree with that?

Jack: I totally agree with that.

James: So we totally stand against it. Now we know that all of us are weak but we don't have to be sold out to wickedness. We are affected by wickedness and its influence but if you join -- we've missed the mark. You and I know we have because we know we've got a standard that shows us there is a mark to miss and to get back to.

Right now we've got people living in a adultery. We've got people shackled up together, so to speak, living in sexual immorality who will be sitting in our churches, they're doing these things. It's wrong. We've got people hooked on all kind of addictive substances and practices, and they're there. It's wrong.

Here's the thing I wish people would understand. They're doing it but they know they're missing the standard and they know what they must do if they're going to do what God says about repentance in a relationship.

We now have a movement. We have confused people about sexuality. We've got people who are addicted to very compulsive behavior or what we would call even unhealthy or even unnatural attractions, biblically it says. They are drawn there. They're confused, they're hurting, they're trapped, they're attracted. It's no longer satisfactory to say, "I've got a struggle. I've got a battle. I'm missing the mark." We've got to eradicate the mark. We've got to remove the standard. We've got to cast it down and change it into a lie.

God says when you do that, you're going to be given over to the total control of such actions. It'll be just like the people who suddenly say, "Adultery is terrific." "Immorality among the heterosexual is great!" You just turn license loose for anything that is right in your own eyes -- right. So there are no standards.

The real issue to me is not that we miss the mark, it's we move the mark, erase the mark, and then we find ourselves totally controlled. And the end of Romans chapter one, not just the ugliness of what happens when you forsake God, but you can't even think straight. You have a reprobate mind. And get this, Jack, because this is what happens in your elections now but don't you dare say anything about it or you will lose your tax exemption. You hear me?

Jack: Lots of threats.

James: That's there. We not only do it but we give hearty approval to those who do it. Our nation, our courts, our Supreme Court, our legislators, our media has given hearty approval to

it. And I say the church stands up and says, "No more!" And "Stop the nonsense." Am I making any sense?

Jack: Yeah, you are. That's a prophetic voice. That's a heart cry for revival. It's a heart cry for revival and restitution.

James: Can I still come to your church?

Jack: Any day! Anytime -- twice on Sunday.

[Laughter]

But here's one of the problems with the church and Christians. We have gotten used to the darkness. So when you go into one of these restaurants you go into now; you can't see but finally your eyes adjust and you can actually read the menu. Your eyes adjust to the darkness. And in many ways Christians have adjusted to the darkness around us and we're compromised at many levels. When we're compromised we're not bold because we have sold out.

So it's time for the church... and to me, it's got to start with pastors and church leaders who are willing to take that stand, to boldly stand in front of their people with truth and grace. Jesus came with truth and grace and we're not going to be just shaking our fist at people but we're going to be opening our hearts and opening our hands because the world is our mission field.

James: Sure, the people that are confused, we don't make fun of them, we want to help them. Their battles are in many ways like ours.

Jack: The world doesn't care about them. The world is just using people. This whole thing about when we're humble again, when we're repentant again, when we seek God again, that's when we'll be great again.

James: Jack, thank you. Would you say thanks to Jack Graham for being here with us? Let me just say to every one of you watching right now. Jack Graham has got a tremendous book. It's in the bookstores. It's called *Angels*. The last question, "Why does it matter?" This is a fantastic book. Get it. Get it for your friends.

The Stream is in the bookstores. This is five years of praying, and I think delivering the heart of a shepherd. I think really, the heart of just not a father but I think in many ways the Father for you to know how to navigate in these days. Why do things matter? How do we address them? And what would correction look like? The chapters are one and a half to three and a half pages

long. I deal with every area of concern that you are confronted with or that you care about or should care about. We'll be glad to send it to you.

Jack, here's what we're doing right now. We're drilling water wells. We've drilled over 5,000. Right now we're in the process of drilling 500 more wells and we've got to add a drilling rig at \$380,000. This is big. I want you to look and listen. I want you to listen to someone who understands loss. Tammy Trent lost her husband. She knows what that feels like. Now she is with people that are losing their children. And all they need -- think about this; now listen -- all they need is a fresh cup of clean water. Watch closely.

On the mission field

Tammy: This is absolutely horrible -- to think that this is his only source of water. I've watched child after child come in this little pool of water and dip their precious little cup and drink this water. It is horrific!

My heart aches to know that they struggle every single day to survive but they have nothing else that they can do. This is it! This is their only source of water so if they don't even dip in to take a drink of this, they won't survive.

This water brings death but we are on a mission to bring life and not just a quick fix but something that will change this community for generations to come. We can change this for them. We can come in here with a drill. We can drill them a water well. Won't you partner with me today? Together, I believe that we can make a huge impact into this community -- together we can make the difference!

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In the studio

James: Tammy, God bless you, sweetheart. You've been such a missionary. I never look at you and don't know how painful it was in water to lose your husband to water by drowning. And to watch how you've gone all over the world to put the arms of God's love around people who have lost their loved ones. I want to thank you Tammy.

I saw that child with that dirty water and little face down. Betty, I know that has to move you when you know how easily we can get water here. You know we've got clean water and yet people oftentimes buy bottled water to try to take it another step, whether it is the taste or whatever. I don't know but we've got access to it. They don't and we can give them access.

Betty: As I watched that little girl drink that dirty water I just had kind of a sinking feeling in my stomach and in my heart I thought, no, honey. It's going to kill you. But what do they do? That's all the water they've got. They have to drink it just to survive a little while.

But we don't have to watch that happen. We can do something about it. We can get the water wells, the clean water that those parents, those mothers would so desire for their children. They'd rather give them the clean water than them have to go to that dirty infected source. Let's join together. We can do that. We've done it before, we can do it again.

James: Well, Betty we've drilled 5,000 wells because of people you just talked to. Some of you have helped us. You've helped over the years; you've helped us drill many perhaps. Some of you actually tell me that one of the greatest highlights of your year is that you pray and you've been able to give a well every year. Some of you say, "James, we give a well every time you ask."

Betty and I prayed back when they were \$3600, we said, "God, would you let us be able to drill a well every time there's a need?" We didn't realize that it was going to be so great that we'd be drilling wells a second time or a third time. But Betty and I have always been able to see that prayer answered. Why? Because it was deep in our heart. Because we were praying as though it was our own child or our own family knowing how important it is. So I know you care.

Now here's the thing I want you to understand. Not everybody, most people can't drill a well; they don't have \$4800. But if you do, I believe you're going to do it. I believe your heart's going to leap to do it and you're going to say, "God, thank you that I can do this. Let me do even more." I believe you feel that way.

If you can give part of a well and pray for others to join you, \$1200 and say, "Lord, raise up three more that can do \$1200"; we've got a well. \$2400, "Lord, let somebody match this"; we've got a well. Most comes however from \$48 gifts, \$144 gifts.

You say, "Why do you mention that number?" Well, \$144 -- 30 people water the rest of their life. That's how it breaks out. \$48 -- ten people. There is a level at which you can join. In other words, there is something you can do.

You say, "Maybe I could give even less?" How about just a cup of water? How significant is that? Whatever God is impressing you to do, do it, please. Right now.

If you want to help us please keep this in mind. We're drilling 500 wells in almost 20 different countries. But we have one other huge prayer need and we need a miracle and I believe we'll have it. We've got to have another drilling rig. That's what the missionaries tell us: \$380,000.

Could you give part of that? Could you be one of 380 to say, I'll give \$1,000! Could you be one of them? Could you give \$10,000? I don't know what you can do but ask God, "Father, show each person this is in my heart, it's in your heart, I'll do it." Lord, give them that attitude.

Would you right now just simply heed what God's put in your heart? If you'll go to LifeToday.org, take your bankcard, use it like a check just like if you were shopping and please, dial the phone number if you need prayer or if you say, "I am going to send a gift, I want to give it on my bankcard or I'm mailing it." Make the check to LIFE but tell us you're sending it. We have to know. We have to know we can order the drilling rig; we can pay for it. It will be delivered. We'll be able to tell the missionaries drill the wells. Would you do that?

We have some gifts to send you. We will gladly send you in addition to the book *Stream* and the other gifts, if you help us with any gift and you want Dr. Jack Graham's book on *Angels*, ask for it. We'll send it to you just to say thank you and bless you and it will. Thank you for giving. Thank you for blessing others.

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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.

Suffering can end because clean water changes everything.

With your gift today you can help drill 500 water wells in remote villages in over 15 different nations. Your gift of \$24 will help provide clean water for five people. A gift of \$48 will help provide for ten. And \$144 will help provide fresh water for 30 people for a lifetime!

Additionally, just over \$378,000 is needed to replace an old and failing drilling rig in Africa. Please consider an additional gift of \$100 or more to get a desperately needed new rig in place as soon as possible.

With your gift we'll send you *The Stream*, a powerful new book by James Robison that charts a clear path for your personal revival and a spiritual revolution.

With your gift of \$100 or more please request the "Promises of God" coffee mugs.

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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On the mission field

James: To be able to give a cup of water in Jesus' name because people like you gave this well where the children are coming to get water, but these children have got clean water because someone like you provided a well and we need to drill them all over the world. We've targeted some areas now.

If you'll go to the telephone and simply dial the number it's a lifeline, make the very best gift you can today please? If you can give a well, give a well. But whatever you can do, it will go together with other gifts and enable us to drill another well like this.

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In the studio

James: I know that in your heart... be determined by the way. If you got a busy, don't let that keep you from giving. "I'm going to give water in Jesus' name." We're going to share Water for Life and tell them about the water of life.

We're sending you the cups that you're going to love, the mugs, the "Promises of God" mugs. The book *The Stream*, I believe gives understanding of the times. It was really not only from my heart to you the church and to the nation and lovers of freedom, I think it was from the heart of God and I know it was from the heart of Betty because she prayed me through all of it.

Angels, I think is a gift from God in a day when we need comfort. One of the things I've told Joel Osteen and he began to rise right after 9/11 and a lot of people are beating him up saying, "You don't do enough." But you see, I love him; I love him like family.

I said, "Joel, right now our nation is hurting and they need hope. I think you probably give people as much hope as anybody. Don't you be distracted but always be ready to be willing to hear and go beyond any boundary you heard at one point in your life." He's always so loving and kind. I really believe he was like an angelic voice and is for so many, Jack, right now giving them hope.

Jack: People desperately need hope.

James: And angels do that. I mean they are an incredible source of comfort in announcing good news. Thank you.

We'll send you the book. You just say, "Could you send it to me if I just help give a cup of water?" You got it. We will. It is in the bookstores. Tell your friends about it. Let's say thanks to Pastor Jack Graham. Jack, thank you.

Jack: My pleasure.

James: Thanks for praying for me. Thanks and I know we stand together against the forces that are there trying to destroy freedom.

Thank you for watching. Thanks for supporting and praying for us. Let's pray for a great awakening together.