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James and Betty Robison
Mark Gungor

Betty: Thank you so much for joining us on *LIFE Today*. I'm Betty and this is James!

James: Yeah, and this is a pastor here that says that if they want to do the right thing as a wife you need to treat him –

Betty: Treat him like a dog! [Laughing]

James: Treat your husband like a dog?

[Laughter]

Betty: He said it. I didn't!

[Laughter]

James: Well, here's the cover. We'll give you a little close up but this is Mark Gungor and he's got Celebration Church up in Wisconsin. This little girl here, she's just hugging this little dog and I used to tell all of you with our little Princess, our little dachshund, that when you go home at night she just meets you like this and I said she needs to teach all the women in a seminar how to meet your husband when he's coming through the door!

Mark: That's what I'm talking about!

James: Welcome Mark Gungor back to *LIFE Today*!

[Cheers & Applause]

James: You've been pretty popular because you make our viewers laugh but you give them a lot of truth. Now, you're serious about this?

Mark: I'm serious! The whole book isn't about the dog. That's just chapter one.

James: Chapter one?

Mark: Yeah. But how are you doing, you guys? You look great!

Don't they look great? These people look like wow!

James: She's been treating like a dog ever since we got married. Is that why we get along so well?

Mark: I don't know. But you guys look good.

James: Okay, you say treat him like a dog. Treat him like a boss. Treat him like an employee. Treat him like a gynecologist.

[Laughter]

You wrote that in the book!

Mark: I did!

James: Man, like treat him like a cab driver. Treat him like a cab. Treat him like a personal trainer. Treat him like your phone. Treat him like a stranger, but do not treat him like your girlfriend.

[Laughter]

Mark: That's a bonus chapter! All of these are like insults but they're not insults, they're just tongue in cheek. It's very fun. It's a cute little book. I was just pointing out, if we have the capability to be nice. Okay?

I was here a year ago, talking about another book. Do one of the chapters, just be nice. Be nice! If we would just be nice to each other, right? But people get married and they think they don't have to be nice anymore because they get married. Because we bought into this insane thinking that I have to be honest with how I feel at all times in my marriage. I think it's just bad advice.

[Laughter]

No, I do! I think it's terrible advice. People ask me how have you guys been married for 43 years? I always say because we're not honest about how we feel!

[Laughter]

Who does that? Only crazy people do that! But it's good for us. The Psychologist and all the crazy people tell us you shouldn't hold anything in. You should hold everything – But the Bible says only a fool gives full vent to his anger. See, that's what the Bible says. Now the newer studies coming out are showing that people who have been doing this, it's not good for them. It's better to control yourself. Just don't be going crazy psycho on people. You need to be nice. So, all this book is doing is showing how to be nice. So I say, number one, treat him like a dog.

By the way, you talk about the dog – everybody should treat – So I heard this story.

James: Is it just us?

Mark: Just you and me. I tell the guys, you know how you can tell who loves you more, your wife or your dog? Do the following test. Take your wife and your dog and lock them in the trunk of your car.

[Laughter]

Come back in thirty minutes. Open the trunk and see which one is happy to see you.

[Laughter]

Mark: I don't care who you are, that's a funny joke right there! So anyway, the first one, treat him like a dog. It sounds terrible. It's not. But how do you treat a dog? You see the dog. "How are you doing? I'm so happy to see you. You're such a cutie." And you pick up the dog and you hug the dog, and you pet the dog. And you don't tell the dog, "You stupid dog! You pooped all over the floor yesterday morning!" You don't remind the dog of his mistakes. Right? We have the capability.

And it's actually a running joke. A lot of guys tell me, I just read about you the other day. I saw your book, and I always tell my wife if I ever come back, I want to come back as one of your dogs, because of the sweetness and all. So again, obviously there's reasons people – But if people would just do that, what a nice thing to do.

Treat him like your boss. Okay. Now this is real good one because a lot of women struggle – Well, women struggle with the whole concept of respect. You know? And I don't understand that. What are you staring at over there? Okay, so –

[Laughter]

So now men, when they hear the truth, they feel compelled to act on it. Over all, this is generalities. But when they hear it they counter it by saying, “I don't want to hear it.” That’s what men do. “I don't want to hear it.” They want to go to church. “I don't want to hear it.” Because when they hear it they feel they have to act on it.

Women, when they hear the truth, they don't want to do it either. They just want to ask questions about it. Right?

[Laughter]

So if I get a hundred men in a room and I say, “The Bible says you should love your wife like Christ loves the church.” A hundred of those men will go, “Okay.”

[Laughter]

But if I get a hundred women in the room and I say, “You need to respect your husband,” I’ll get 99 different versions of, “What do you mean about respect? Do you have a Bible study about respect? Do you have a small group study about respect? Can you do a sermon series about respect?” Really? Just asking questions is not being respectful. So the analogy of bosses – because you all have jobs, right? You work for a boss, and you treat the guy with the respect, even if he’s a moron! Right?

Betty: Even if they don't deserve it!

Mark: Bossy, yeah? So anybody out in the real world knows what I’m talking about. You work with someone and you're convinced you know more than the boss, which is not unusual. No, it’s really not. Because women sometimes struggle with that whole spiritual authority thing. They think he should do everything. No, that’s not what being in charge means. So a lot of bosses, honestly, it’s easy to think I’m smarter than this guy. Which is probably true in a lot of respects. Why is he the boss? Because he owns the company. You know? But you still treat him with respect. You don't slam him and stuff. So the reality is that even though you can see their weaknesses, you know how to control yourself and treat him with respect. That’s all I’m saying to your husband. You know how to treat somebody with respect. It doesn't mean you can't get in his face and challenge him. Look, if it weren't for women challenging us we’d be a disaster! Oh really, man, I’d be in jail.

[Laughter]

James: Are you going to take another one of these chapters? I get nervous about you moving to another chapter. I don't know where you’re going. I live a little edgy here.

Mark: To be honest with you, I don't even know my own book. What's the next chapter? Treat him like an employee. What do you do with an employee? You tell them what you want. You are very clear. Can you imagine your boss coming in and just going [crying], "If I have to tell you again it's not even worth it!" Really? "If you really understood what I need and you don't. You respond accordingly." Good grief! No! If you've got someone working for you, tell them to do it.

Betty: So you can't read our mind?

Mark: No! We can't! No! Men don't have ESP. No, we've got ESPN. That's a whole different thing.

[Laughter]

So I always tell women, look, you've got to tell them what you want. You probably have got to tell them more than once. Right? Because telling my man to do something once is like never asking them to do it at all. And don't insult when you're – It's just like an employee. You tell them what you need. This is what I need. Here's my expectation. Not that these are – these are just analogies. You can't treat him like he's actually an employee.

We'll skip the "Treat him like a gynecologist" because Christians don't actually have sex, from what I hear. I don't know. But we'll skip over that one.

Treat him like a cab driver! What do you do with a cab driver? You tell him where you want to go and you sit in the back, and you zip it, Skippy.

[Laughter]

Right? You zip it! "Well, don't go that fast! Look over there! Turn around!" Have you ever been in a cab where you're scared half to death?

James: New York!

Mark: New York? Oh, if you travel around the world at all, those people are crazy!

James: Yeah, they are!

Mark: You've just got to close your eyes. Oh, dear Lord Jesus!

I was in Africa and this guy is driving. It's like – do you ever see these video games like – it was like being in the video game. I mean this guy started [Nyeeeeew] We're just, "Oh, thank you, Jesus. Hallelujah! Praise God! Hallelujah!" We couldn't even look. I mean, just freaked us out! But you didn't say nothing because he's the driver. Right? And he might kill us all.

[Laughter]

So, treat him like a child. Alright, now this isn't an insult. These all sound like insults. What do you do with a child? You are so committed. Women are so committed to their children. They could do anything. They could burn the house down. "Oh, he's still my baby!" Right? No matter what he does, he can make the ugliest picture in the world, and you stick it up on the refrigerator.

[Laughter]

And you think it's beautiful!

Betty: Absolutely!

Mark: And I walk in and say that's the ugliest picture I ever saw! But I don't say it because I'm in your house. So you put up with stuff and you complement and you encourage and stuff like that. Men need that. It's true.

We were talking earlier, you know. Men want to succeed and they're actually scared to death everybody is going to figure out we don't know what we're doing. You had a better way of saying that. How did you say it?

James: I don't remember. I'm too old. That was a while ago.

Mark: So, we like encouragement and men need to be encouraged. Treating them with respect and encouragement and all of that kind of stuff, that's what you do with your kid. Every woman knows this and no matter how nasty the kid is, or frustrating, or insulting, or whatever – his little problems at school – she never gives up on the kid.

Betty: They like to be complimented too. Don't you think?

Mark: Oh yeah! I compliment myself!

[Laughter]

Look, that's a beautiful man right there in that camera!

James: See yourself on the monitor! Where did get the suit? Where did you get that suit?

Mark: I'm a gangster.

[Laughter]

I'm the gangster of love.

[Laughter]

Actually, I dressed down for the show.

James: You did?

Mark: You have no idea! One of these days I've got to wear my – but the cameras will freak. They'll be, wow! What is that?

Treat him like a personal trainer. What does a personal trainer do? They push us. They push us and they challenge us. You know? Now I don't have a personal trainer. Apparently people do that. I am paying nobody to yell at me, man.

Do you do that?

Betty: Wouldn't men not consider that nagging, though? Push them?

Mark: No, this is her. Treat him like a personal trainer. Allow him to push her.

Betty: Oh, let *him* be the personal trainer?

Mark: Yeah, the challenger but in a nice way. No, I don't want a trainer. I don't do Jack. Did you have trainers? Are you a runner and stuff?

James: No! I do good to get out of the recliner.

[Laughter]

I have an ejection recliner. [Laughing]

Mark: I do sit-ups actually. Hundreds of them. I do. I sit up in the morning and then I sit back down at night. That's one. So I do like 365 a year. So that's how this happens.

James: Are we learning anything here, folks?

[Laughter]

Mark: Treat him like your phone! Now men and women are both guilty of this one. We're just so obsessed by those little glowing things. You could be on fire and you'll say, "Wait a minute! It rang!" You can be in the shower and it dings. Right? You jump up! Ahhhh! I've got to answer right away! And just slip and fall, kill yourself.

But I mean, it just always gets our 100 percent attention. And this goes both ways obviously. But I wrote it to women. People say, "Why do you write it to women?" Because men don't read books!

[Laughter]

So I ain't writing to them! I'm writing to women. I'd be poor. But it goes both ways. But the phone dings, and they respond to it. And so everybody gets that. Okay? And they're really cute. Illustrated pretty pictures.

James: It does have great illustrations. It does!

Mark: Do you know why? Because I found –

James: Did you have an illustrator in your church that did this?

Mark: No! No. I hired some lady in some third world country. I don't know where it's –

[Laughter]

I'm serious.

James: What is this one?

Mark: That's a trainer. Treat him like a personal trainer. It's colorful and it's cute. And a perfect gift for any woman in your life. Christmas, birthdays, you know? Baby showers, wedding showers, hand it to her in the shower.

[Laughter]

I'd buy dozens if I were you, right now. See, I told you I was a gangster.

Treat him like a stranger! I'm telling you, we are all guilty of this. Who are the people we are the kindest to? People who we meet for the first time and they don't know us from Jack. You don't know that person. We need to bring some of that into our home. Right? Because it's hard to love people when you really get to know them.

People all the time say, "Pastor Mark, I just love you."

And I say, "I know, because you don't know me."

[Laughter]

Right? The closer you get to me the harder I am to love, so I hear.

James: We've got time for one more.

Mark: One more? The bonus chapter. Do not treat him like your girlfriend. Men are not girlfriends.

James: Not his girlfriend.

Mark: No, no, no! Don't treat him like he's just one of the girls. Don't treat your husband like he's one of the girls.

James: So why is that problem?

Mark: Because just the way that we communicate. For example, when a man answers the question, "What happened?" we tend to just summarize. This happened.

When a woman answers the question, "What happened?" she tends to relive the event in excruciating, painful detail. In fact, it often takes her longer to tell you what happened than it did for it to happen in the first place! It's like you're going backward in time. Ohhhh!

So, don't expect your husband is the same as – People say why do you get a girlfriend? Get together with your girlfriends and you can spend all afternoon talking about a five minute event and it will be beautiful.

[Laughter]

That's all I got to say.

James: Do y'all like this guy? Is he a comic relief?

[Applause]

Mark: By the way, all the girls in the audience get a free book!

[Cheers & Applause]

It's an Oprah moment!

[Laughter]

James: Okay. Now, it's been pretty hard. By the way, this is in the bookstores. Right?

Mark: No.

James: Where do you get it?

Mark: My website.

James: Is that where they get it?

Mark: If you know a distributor, call me. markgungor.com

James: That's it, just like it's on the book.

Mark: markgungor.com

James: Well, I'll tell you what I'm going to do. If our viewers have lived through what you shared, and they're interested in seeing you probably write a little bit serious, we even got nice illustrations, we'll send you the book.

But what we're doing, we're doing something very serious, Mark. We're trying to give water to people who, without it, aren't going to live, and they're not going to live healthy.

Let me just say this, you meet a lot of people on *LIFE Today*. One of the joys of our life is not only sharing life with people who will not even live without an expression of love, but just sharing the beautiful parts in the body of Christ, the great gifts I believe, to all of us. And introducing you to people who are full of truth and full of life and full of joy. I know you appreciate that.

But I think most of you who watch, and this is the interesting thing about our viewers, you know that you watch *LIFE Today*, you're not only going to receive a boost in your life today, an encouragement, but you're going to have an opportunity to be the difference in somebody's life as it relates to life. You're going to be actually able to give them life.

I want you to look in on a situation, and if you've ever said God, please give us a miracle. We've got a great report today from one of our friends battling cancer and the report came back so wonderful that we wanted to shout. I think we did as we were driving. We just praised God. Have you ever wanted a miracle for someone? Well, what if you knew beyond any doubt you could be a part of that miracle, that reality? No exceptions. Watch closely!

On the mission field

Ralph: For several years now we have been drilling 500 plus wells a year, bringing clean water to villages all over the world.

But throughout our travels we have located places, up in the mountain areas especially, where they cannot get well-drilling rigs, to those locations. And we just hear story after story from mothers who their child gets deathly ill and many of them even die, simply from drinking contaminated water. The sources they get this water from are just like mud puddles. It's full of germs and full of bacteria and worms.

We've prayed about what can we do to bring clean water to those places where we can't drill a well. And we have decided to make available these water filtration systems. What it is, it's a bucket and a hose. The hose connects to a filter and this filter will drop into what's called the clean water bucket and in about 30 minutes to 45 minutes they can actually have beautiful, clean water.

So where we can't get a rig into to drill, we can take one of these filtration systems and we can provide water for a family. They can keep it in their home and we can pass these out around the village. But this is something that we've been blessed to offer to the families that are kind of forgotten up in the mountain areas that we can't even get a vehicle sometimes, but especially a drilling rig.

So, we feel very blessed to have these and we just pray that they're going to bring change and hope to a lot of people up in the mountain areas.

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In the studio

James: Isn't that great? Don't you all like seeing what you just watched right there?

Betty, to be able to say that somebody can bring some kind of a receptacle and get that filthy water, and it doesn't matter how much bacteria or disease is in that water, it's actually filtered out. It works just like dialysis. We have scientifically – not we but God blessed our team with finding the individuals who created this. That system is just incredible. If we give one of these containers to a family, then they have clean water for their family. It's not going to change the water situation where they go to get it. It's just going to purify it so they can drink it and not bring disease and increase disease and even death in their children and their families. So I think it's a miracle.

You know we've been drilling the wells for over 20 years and we know that we've got a drill right now, emergency, 188. We're going to have 400 this year, by the grace of God. The missionaries have said that we have identified 188 critically needed places. If we don't get the wells drilled quickly the death cycle is going to be almost indescribable. So we've got to drill the wells. But then we have the problem, in areas like Burundi in Africa, and many of these hard terrains where we need to get something there where the drilling rig can't go. This little simple container, it's just a five gallon bucket with gravity feed, and you've seen the water, it's just amazing what happens to it.

Betty: I hope you understand how awesome this is. I don't know if you've noticed or not, but I did. Being a mother I noticed and if you're a mother you probably noticed the smile on the mother's face. We always noticed the smile on a child's face when you see it, but a mother's smile – because I felt like I felt her heart leap within her because she said, "My babies, some I may have already seen die, are going to now have some hope. They are going to get some fresh water that won't kill them eventually. They're going to get water that I don't have to walk down to knowing that it's diseased, but my babies have to have a drink." She can now say, "Take this clean water. I offer this to you. I'm your mother and I'm going to take care of you."

James: And that miracle is made possible with the same joy that you expressed when we together can be the one that puts the joy in that mother's heart, and the health in that child. For us to be able to do this, think about it. For \$100 we can give three families their own filter system. It's just over \$33 a piece.

Now the wells still cost \$4800. We're told, Betty, this may be the last time we're able to drill a well at that cost because of increasing overhead. So, we want to do all we can to drill those 188 and I've told you, it's got to be a miracle situation. We just need a flood of support. We need everyone who could drill a well and give the \$4800 to do it. If you can give \$1200 or \$2400, pray three join with you and we'll have a well or pray another person joins, your \$2400 doubles and then we've got a well. Most of the wells are drilled with \$48 and \$144 gifts. \$144 gives 30 people water for life. The \$48 gives ten people water for life.

What we're doing this year, we're offering the book by Sheila Walsh on *A Fresh Infusion of Joy*. We're sending the beautiful "No Greater Name than the Name of Jesus" canvas to those of you who make a gift, any gift, make a gift of \$100 or more.

But here is the beautiful *Determined Eagle* bronze. I think it's the most beautiful bronze that we have ever given. And this came from really a vision, and just a move of God in my heart that he wants to see a remnant of Christians who will rise up with wings as eagles. We'll literally soar on the turbulence of the times and the challenges of the day. So this becomes a great testimony because you're going to be determined to let God carry you through any storm and rise higher, mount up with wings as eagles. We sending that to those of you will make a \$1200 gift toward the well and I know it's going to become a great conversation piece to inspire people to be part of that remnant.

Here's what I'm asking you to do right now. If you can give the \$48, \$144 or a portion of a well, \$1200, \$2400, or \$4800, do it. But also keep this in mind, for \$100 you can give three families their own filter system in some of those very difficult areas of impossible terrain to get a drilling rig in.

So would you right now go to the website? Take your bankcard, very prayerfully make the gift God puts on your heart or dial the number and make the gift. If you plan to write a check, make it to *Life* but call us and tell us what you're putting in the mail. It's very important for us to know. Please do it right now and in behalf of those you help, thank you so much!

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Announcer: Every day children living in extreme poverty are forced to make a dreadful choice, drink filthy polluted water filled with deadly disease or die from thirst. No child should ever be faced with this decision.

Our teams have recently identified 188 remote villages in southern Africa where children are suffering from contaminated, disease ridden water. The situation is desperate. They need clean disease-free water immediately.

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Please consider an additional gift of \$100 to help provide three families with water filtration kits in emergency areas where our rigs cannot reach. And you may request our "No Greater Name" canvas print.

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

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In the studio

James: Betty and I say thank you. Honey, I appreciate the way you shared about what it means to a mother. Boy, are you going to make a lot of mothers happy.

By the way, be persistent if you're calling the number. I hope so many people call you got a busy. But just say I'm getting through because I'm going to give a cup of water. I'm going to give a family water.

We're sending Sheila Walsh's book for any gift, the beautiful canvas, the Determined Eagle. But also, if you just want a smile, and want to learn what it is to treat him like a dog, I have an idea that's pretty positive and if you join me and Betty in saying thanks to this guy that put a smile on my face now.

Mark Gungor, God bless you. Bless your church. Thank you. Thank you for being a friend of *Life*.

Thank all of you for watching. Thanks for helping us share water --water for life and the water of life.

Announcer: In his new book, *Living Amazed* James Robison shares how divine encounters can change your life. *Living Amazed* -- coming soon to online and retail bookstores.