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Week 13: Mission: Rescue Life
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James: Y'all are very, very kind. Thank you. We welcome you to *LIFE Today*.

I'm James Robison. Betty and I are thrilled to have, in light of the challenges that we face today, the sexual revolution, the gay revolution today, L.G.B.T. They talk about it. And it seems that more and more people are coming out, so to speak.

I've been trying to get people to come out for years, out of the closet and begin to be a bright light for Christ; to come out from under cover, to be a witness. I wrote the book *Living Amazed* to encourage people to live in amazing grace and power of God, divine enabling, supernatural.

Janet Boynes had a pretty tough childhood; really was hurt and decided that she was gay, that she was a lesbian and she lived that lifestyle for many years. And a miracle occurred -- Janet was set free from the lesbian lifestyle but people in the gay movement don't even want you to say that they have something to be set free from. This is actually the way they've been made and the rest of you need to get free and understand it and accept it.

So I'm interested in hearing Janet's story because she has been back in what she believes is the center of God's will, living as a woman and she believes she can help us, all of us, help others who have a challenge. They may not want to call it a problem but some kind of a challenge. Would you welcome Janet Boynes to *LIFE Today*?

[Applause]

Janet, good to see you.

Janet: Good seeing you.

James: You were here a few years ago and you were a new person and you're still a new person now years later. You have a website because you want to help churches and Christians know how to reach out. You want parents of a child or grandparents that have brought this situation to them to know how to deal with it. What is the website they go to get advice?

Janet: W.W.W.JanetBoynesMinistries.com.

James: All right, and it is there is on the website. You know we don't have to put the W.W.W. anymore. You can just start Janet Boynes.

So tell us what you want us to hear from your story but also what you want to say to us as Christians so that we can help people that we believe, according to biblical truth and even nature, because Romans one is clear -- this is not Old Testament, this is New Testament -- that when you begin to cast aside the truth of God and you worship something created rather than the creator, and you change truth into something other than truth then you're given over to appetites that the scripture very clearly says are not natural, they're not the norm, they're not sexually natural even, and you give in to practices like that and then the community will give, without understanding, wholehearted approval to this lifestyle. That's what we're watching today. So talk to us about it. Help us.

Janet: Well, I want to start off with first that I lived the homosexual life for 14 years. I was raised in a family of seven kids, four different fathers. Watched my mother get abused; she abused us and I became the abuser. Then in turn I was raped by my mother's husband, and then later I was raped by an altar boy. So when you really think about what I watched how a drunken stepfather beat up my mom, abused by my mom's husband then by an altar boy, I made a decision early in life that no man is going to hurt me again in life.

Even though I started to get married at the age of 35, 3 months before I was supposed to walk down the aisle, I walked away from the Lord for 14 years. What I've learned is sin will take you further than you want to go and keep you longer than you want to stay. I never intended to live a homosexual life for 14 years. I thought I was just going to try it for that short period of time. And I caught myself being caught in the enemy's trap for 14 long years.

But the reason why I wrote this book, *God and Sexuality* is that the church doesn't really have an understanding of how we work with those who are struggling in the body of Christ. Parents don't even know how to work with their kids. We get so many emails from parents. How would you feel when your kid comes to you and says, "Mom, dad, I'm gay."

Most parents say to me, "It's almost like somebody just took the wind right out of me." But what they wind up doing is kicking their kid out of the home.

We have to start having compassion without compromise. Everybody wants to be validated and we should validate people. We should -- it's very important. But we don't have to accept their choices. People want to know, what do I do if somebody gets married or what I call a civil

union? Anything outside of a marriage of a man and a woman to me is not a marriage. The world calls it a marriage, I call it a civil union. Do I go to the wedding? Do we send a gift? What do we do? My suggestion is if you get an invite, acknowledge them. Acknowledge the fact that you received that. Send a nice thank you. Unless you're led by God that you're supposed to go and he drops something on your head and says, "You go," then you go.

But I think that what's really important is that what comes out of our mouth we're putting into action. So if you say that homosexuality is wrong and you're going to invalidate that by going to this civil union then we're talking out both sides of our mouth. So we need to know without a shadow of a doubt if we're going to something like that is where the Lord is telling us to go.

The other thing is people are transitioning. They either have surgery, men are becoming women and women are becoming men. How do we respond to that?

James: And even children -- the sad thing, is children who are going through some challenges and make decisions they may regret for the next 50 years.

Janet: That is the parent's fault. How can a child tell their parent at the age of five, "I want to transition, a reassignment surgery and I want to become a boy or a girl"? The parents should be ashamed of themselves. We are going to have to do our part.

Homosexuality is in our schools. What do we do? The parents and the families are going to have to start stepping up and be a voice for our kids in the schools. We are seeing marriages fall apart all over the country. Marriages are diminishing. You might not hear about them but I hear about many marriages that husbands are leaving their wives to go into a homosexual life and vice versa. What do we do? We continue to do what we know to do. We pray. We become the loving church instead of the judgmental church. We start having compassion without compromise and stop trying to play God junior. You are not God junior. We can't change anybody. He's going to change them by them sitting under the word of God. So we need them in our churches.

James: Delivered in love. If it is not delivered in love it is diminished in its affect if not the affect totally destroyed by lack of love.

Janet: Because we have many people that are dealing with pornography in our churches. We have a lot of marriages that are having sex outside of marriage. We have a lot of them stealing and doing drugs, and all these things but they're accepted into the church. And if you're a gay or a lesbian they want to kick you out of church. It's wrong. Because the only way --

James: We're not accepting the compromise of the defeat in a person's life when they're

addicted or controlled by some other force other than the wisdom and love of God and when they're sleeping together while they're dating, knowing that this is not biblically approved. But somehow they feel like they can sit there in an atmosphere where somebody cares about me and they will tell me the truth and we deliver the truth in love to see them hopefully transformed. And if they talk to us about the issue we would say this is not right, this is not best. We believe God can walk you out of it.

The sad thing with people in the gay community though is it seems they don't even want to admit that there's something to be walked out of. In other words, we say we can get help for a problem but if you don't admit that there is a problem you're not likely to seek some kind of solution to the problem. They will call this "The providential hand of God making me this way. This is the way he made me, now you accept it." They do bring that.

It's not like people are saying, "Well, God made me sexually pretty driven so I just have to keep having sex." They don't even think that will fly so they don't argue it. But in the homosexual community, "This is how it is. You're going to have to accept it" and so forth.

So what's causing this resistance on their part that almost becomes so demanding -- and is it because the church has joined in the mockery and the feeling of being bullied that we have been found in that circle and they don't see us as actually caring about them when they say, "Why would you care about me? There's nothing wrong with me." How do we deal with this incredible divide that's there? How do we get across that divide?

Janet: It's going to be the grace of God. But do you know, James and Betty, that there is a lot of men and women that are living a life of homosexuality that used to be in the church? There's more leaving the church going into homosexuality than there are coming out of the church. And a lot of them have been hurt by the church. It's not the reason why they might have went into the life of homosexuality but even when they are at church and they ask for help they didn't get the help that they needed. And we are missing it right now. We have an opportunity right now to help those that are struggling.

James: I really do believe that. I think we all need help in knowing how we walk through the door. We had a young lady, a very beautiful girl who we asked her to do some things for us that related to care, pet care. Then she said, "I think maybe..."

And she was a sweetheart. We just really loved her. Beautiful. She said, "I think maybe you need to know I'm gay. I'm a lesbian."

I said, "Well, man, I don't know. I don't know how this does fit. I appreciate your honesty." I said, "Do you have a friend?"

She said, "Yes, I do."

I said, "Do you ever go to church?"

She said, "Well, when I go, I go to Gateway."

I said, "Why don't you come and bring your friend and sit with me and Betty? Why don't you just go with us from now on? Just go and sit with us."

Now was that right for me to say that because I felt perfect peace and Betty did too.

Janet: Why not?

James: And I want to know her friend. And I want to know where you are and I wouldn't hurt you. I would want to help you. I'm not going to approve of where you are but I'm going to love you where you are and we can talk about where we can go.

Betty: Don't you think the hesitancy for the church though is, when you're dealing with this kind of situation, that they're so afraid of what others will think. Are you going into that that lifestyle? Or dismissing it and just accepting it. So how does the church approach this very difficult challenge?

Janet: The sad thing to say is the way we approach everything else, with the compassion of love. If you see somebody sitting in church...

James: I think we did that right. Would you agree we did right with the way we approached that? I still mean it. If you're watching, love you. I want your friend to come. We care. I'm not going to beat you up we're going to lift you up.

Janet: Because you're not going to change them. What you're saying is that, "Hey, I'm going to let you sit in church where the word is powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, it pierces the heart of the marrow. If the word don't change you I don't know what's going to because it is the truth." Absolutely. But you know what would help me?

James: I'm going to love them where they are.

Betty: Don't treat them like an outcast.

Janet: No. It's wrong but you know who helped me when I came back to the Lord? It was

the church. When I walked into that church, I didn't look like this. My God, it's amazing what 18 years can do. But they loved me right where I was. I looked just like a man. Just the way you're sitting there today, I looked just like a man. And these women in the church in this Bible study just took me under their wing.

Eight months later one of the families came to me and said, "Would you come and live with us?" So I went and lived with this family for a year and that's where I learned how a husband treats his wife.

James: Was this up in Minnesota?

Janet: This was in Minnesota. I look forward to the day, after 18 years of being out of that life to get married. God, bring me a husband.

James: You'd be happy to get married to a guy?

Janet: I'm so excited.

[Laughter]

One day it's going to happen and I'm going to be so excited.

James: Let's just pause here. Lord, I just pray for Janet, that you would send that person, Lord. And don't send a bunch of spooky people. Okay, God? Don't send a bunch of religious people. Send somebody in love with Jesus, that's the real deal relationship. Lord, let her find that person that you designed for her and her for them; in Jesus' name.

And she would be the happiest thing you ever had in your life. You seek God, his will, only God can do this. This probably might be our new dating service here on *LIFE Today*. But see I want that for you.

Janet: I do too.

James: I tell every girl, I said this to a little girl working on the golf cart that brings the little things around for people who are thirsty. I usually just get a cup of ice. But the point is, that really is what I get. So I give them some money for the cup of ice. But I asked one of them the other day if she was out of school. "Yes."

"Are you dating?"

"Not really."

I said, "You want to get married?"

"Yes."

I said, "Let me just pray God will give you somebody that will love Jesus more than he will ever love you so that he will know how to love you the way you need to be loved and want to be loved."

And I pray that for everyone because I want that for them. So I just prayed for you. I prayed it for you back here before we came out here.

Janet: You know what I want those who are living a homosexual life to know? That it's not a death sentence. That God still loves them. He is not looking down judging them. God wants what's best for them. God does want them to come out of homosexuality, not to go into heterosexual life, but to walk in holiness. I know that what he's done for me he's going to do for them as well.

I can tell anybody who calls our ministry that we're going to love you just where you are. That's why I have gays and lesbians following me on Facebook and Twitter because they've seen the compassion that I have in my heart because I understand where they've been. And I won't let anybody beat down somebody that's living a homosexual life because we don't have any right to do that.

James: Are you willing to go and speak in churches and help them learn how to maybe approach this situation and set up programs?

Janet: That's what I do.

James: And you're in the Dallas/Fort Worth area now?

Janet: I am now. Praise the Lord.

James: And your website again, repeat it. And we're going to put it on the screen.

Janet: JanetBoynesMinistries.com.

James: And they can get this book, I bet on the website. They can get it in the bookstores. But do you feel like you help parents, grandparents, family members, church members know

how to approach the people who are in this particular process of what we might call bondage or defeat, but they might call it just coming out and getting honest, that you can really give us some insight to the church and to family members as they go through the book?

Janet: In that book we're dealing with the elephant in the room. Yes.

James: And you're willing though to also speak and share with churches. You're happy to try to schedule that and be a help or meet with groups that want to know how we can be more effective?

Janet: That's what we do.

James: Well, I see you as a miracle. I saw that miracle when you came here years ago. You said you thought maybe 2009 is when you were here? I still see the beauty of the Lord in you. I'm really proud of you. I'm proud of your journey, I'm proud of your desire to help; so pleased with the love that flows out, the understanding that God has given you and the fact that you want to share it.

Would you say thanks to God and thanks to Janet for being available?

[Applause]

I want to encourage you to go to the website and find out how you could get the opportunity for her to come and help you in any way communicate with her. Get the book. Boy, there are so many people that are asking the questions that you deal with effectively because you do, you have a gift. You have a gift to communicate. Love radiates from you. I'm just so thankful that here you were here like eight years ago and the walk is there and the steadfastness and the commitment -- and the joy because we can see it. We thank you.

Do you know what we're going to do, our viewers, we're going to do our best to rescue children and women and sometimes boys from sexual trafficking where they've been taken as prisoners. I'm just asking you please, when you look at a situation and you know it's real, just say God, what can I do to make a difference there?

Now understand, these are not people who are trapped because they want to be. They are not in something they want to be in. They're slaves. Predators have taken them prisoner. Betty, you have mentioned that they're locked up against their will. They're held captive, their families threatened, they're threatened, they're beaten, but they've also gotten them addicted to drugs. They give them drugs so if they want to get that next fix that they now become dependent on you have to keep doing what we say. And one of the big threats is they will say to these girls, "Now

you remember. You do what we say. We know where your sister is -- your little sister. We're going to kill her if you don't do this." And they know they mean it because this is the kind of people that take them captive.

But listen to me. Love never fails. When it is released with purpose and direction and yielded to God, people are in place, miracles occur and you're the one that launched the miracles. Now watch because you're going to make the difference. God's going to use you to set people free.

On the mission field

Kirie: Row after row of brothels and just -- I've lost count of how many girls I've seen. They just sit in little benches with some man watching over them. I don't know what is worse than this. Where do they go that's worse than this? Their situations are unthinkable. They've all been sold by someone into the sex trafficking business. Their lives have been torn apart. Their lives have been crushed and on a daily basis, every one of them, without exception are beaten.

This is not something that they chose. They were forced into it. They were taken as young children. They know nothing else but to be a prostitute.

They don't want it. They don't like it. They're broken over it. They're ashamed. But they don't know what else to do. They're still chained to their past.

And that's what we want to do, we want to break those chains from their past. We want to show them that they can walk out of bondage. They can find a life outside of prostitution. It isn't easy but it can be done.

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In the studio

James: God bless you, Kirie. Kirie James is one of our sweetest friends. She went with us to Chernobyl in the Ukraine. And holding the little children there and taking care of them, she got a very deadly disease that nearly killed her and kept her hospitalized for over a period of years off and on.

And yet, there is she is back on the mission field because she is a missionary, as a grandmother, and a mom, a homemaker. And you say why? -- Because she's seen what love does in impossible situations. She goes into the pit of hell as a mother and a grandmother to try to lift them out to see them have the joy that she's seen with her own grandchildren what love does.

What does your heart say when you listen to one of your closest friends over there pointing to the

need that love can meet?

Betty: First of all, I want to say thank you, Kirie for going over there, for having such love in your heart that you wanted to reach out and offer hope to these precious children that didn't ask for the situations that they're in. A lot of them were lied to, told that they would have a good job, just go with them and they would make lots of money and provide for their family. They went thinking that there was some hope there. And when they get to where they take them, they lock them up like animals. They beat them, they abuse them, they sell them and they treat them like animals -- worse than animals.

And these precious little children, we've heard some of them say, "I just want my mama. I just want my mama." Can you imagine? These are precious little children. They don't understand why they're in these situations but there they are.

I'm so grateful for some of you, so many of you that have reached out and helped in these situations before but we need your help again. There are so many more children out there that are crying out, "Mama! Somebody help me! Somebody care. Have I been forgotten?" And they think there is no way out but there is. It's because of the love that you have for them; the love of God that reaches out to them that gives them hope.

So please join with us. Let's make a safe place for these children to go to and to be children as they should be.

James: And we can actually do that. The missionaries have planted their lives in the midst of this suffering and pain. They've left their comfort. It is amazing grace that leads them there. But they need to be enabled.

Right now the mission workers have told us we can rescue 5,000, that's what we can rescue and we have the facilities either rented or that we have built or are in the process of building, to take care of them. It averages \$128 to rescue one. That is not much money to work a miracle that changes everything for them.

So what we're asking you to do right now is to go online to the website there or to dial the number; take your bankcard and then this is what I want you to pray about: \$128 will rescue one. It changes everything. That will cover the cost. We have targeted 5,000 that the missionaries say we can handle right now but we need the resources. Can you do that? Let me tell you about a miracle. Some very caring Christians have come together and said, "We'll match \$200,000 -- we'll match what you give." -- Which means instead of \$128 rescuing one, it rescues two.

We also, and I emphasize this to people who are able to do it, \$1280 rescues ten but now it is actually 20. If you can give at that level, I believe you want to and I believe you will as an answer to prayer to meet a need, a legitimate need, and to see a miracle.

Would you right now please very prayerfully with a broken heart and with love, would you reach out and change a life today? That's what love does. Go on the website you see, take your bankcard, use it like a check or dial the number and use that card like a check. Make the gift God puts on your heart. Remember this, the greatest gift we can give is the life and love of God. Would do you that right now? We have some gifts to send you to say thank you and to bless you. And if you could help us rescue 10, now 20, make that special gift. We'll say thank you and you'll be part of a miracle. Thanks for doing it.

Begin video clip

Announcer: Innocent children and young people longing to be loved and cared for are being abducted and sold at the hands of violent predators, their spirit and body broken under horrific emotional and physical abuse. Through Mission: Rescue Life you can reach out to save children vulnerable to sex traffickers. You can help rescue those already enslaved and you can help restore their lives and give them a future.

Now a generous opportunity of a \$200,000 matching gift means your gift of \$128 to help rescue a child will be matched to help two children. Your \$64 gift will be matched to help rescue one child from the horrors of human trafficking. And a \$32 rescue gift will be doubled to \$64.

With your gift we will send you James Robison's new book, *Living Amazed*: How divine encounters can change your life. As you read these inspiring stories you'll learn how to live amazed in the presence of God 24 hours a day.

With your gift of \$100 or more you'll receive James's new book, along with the companion Amazed Journal so you can record accounts in your own life where you're amazed at God's goodness.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1280 which will now help rescue 20 children and you may request our beautiful new "Determined Eagle" bronze sculpture.

Please call, write, or make your secure gift online today.

End of clip

In the studio

James: Betty and I say in behalf of people you've rescued, set free, many of the children that we started years ago and rescued, they're now professors in universities and they're in love with God. Many of them have their own family now. Many of them work at a wonderful trade because of the love of God through you.

I want to send you the book, *Living Amazed* because God wants us all to live amazed to say thank you.

If you'd like to have Janet's book and you say, "Well James, would you mind sending it to us because we face some of the challenges that she addresses that we have to deal with in situations where we love the people or the family members." We'll send it to you. You just help us reach out to someone and say, "Would you mind sending me Janet's book too?" Sure we will to say thank you.

Would you say thanks to Janet for being a witness for Christ? Thank you, Janet. Thank you for your faithfulness, being available to God.

Thank you for watching *LIFE Today*. And above all, thank you for sharing his life and his love every day. God bless you! You can live amazed!