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Week 14: Mission: Rescue Life
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Randy: Welcome to *LIFE Today*! I'm Randy Robison. Sheila Walsh is with me.

Sheila: I'm excited about this show!

Randy: I am too. Because I have a question for you guys. When I say "prophet," what do you think of? Do you think of an accountant?

Sheila: Probably not.

Randy: Probably not? But that's what we have today. We have an accountant who operates in what we call prophecy even though he is a little shy to the term. Would you welcome Hubie Synn?

[Applause]

Your last name is Synn. We'll get right by that; that's just the name you were born with. There is nothing inherent in the name.

What is important though is your book and the stories you tell. This is called *The Tales of a Wandering Prophet*. I have read this entire book and I've got to tell you, it's one of the more interesting reads that I've had -- same for you, I'm guessing?

Sheila: Absolutely. I read it cover to cover. I love the way you begin your book because you begin with what is for me a very familiar scenario. You're flying. Your flight gets cancelled, you're tired, you're cranky, you're trying to get coffee, and then you get this prompting to talk to somebody and you have no idea who they are. Take us through that scenario, Hubie, because that was fascinating to me.

Hubie: Okay, well, I was supposed to fly on a Friday and then there was a driving rainstorm so my flight got bumped to Saturday so I wasn't happy. It's in October, which October 15th is a major deadline for accountants. So I'm kind of dealing with that. So I was going to fly to see my sister for just the weekend and fly back so I lost a day.

I took the first flight out and landed in Charlotte. I went to get some coffee because I didn't sleep. I come back and the place is filled with people. So I'm looking around and I'm like I'm tired, I want to sit down and there is only one seat next to the window, which the big windows where the sun comes in so you can't necessarily catch a nap or anything. So I go and I sit down and there is kind of like a broken chair here and there is a guy sitting there. I sit down. I've got my headphones on with music and I'm just like I'm going to drink my coffee, relax.

And all of the sudden the Lord just starts to nudge me. So he nudges me and I look over and I see this man all dressed in black. He looks like an Orthodox Jewish person. The Lord is telling me I have to talk to him. So I kind of have this conversation like something is wrong, I can't talk to this guy. He doesn't see you like I do. He is waiting for you. I know you came already.

Sheila: This ain't going to work, Lord.

[Laughter]

Hubie: So I'm kind of not sure what to do. Not only that, I don't feel well. When God tells you to do something and you don't want to do it, that's the way I was feeling. I was like I really don't want to do this. I turned my iPod even louder thinking I can drown out God which doesn't work.

Sheila: Nice try, though.

Hubie: So I look over and I guess I'm trying to check this out just because I really feel the Lord pressing me. So I look over again and he has a book like this. So I kind of lean over and kind of yawning type of thing and he was reading a book, Proverbs.

Randy: That doesn't tell you much.

Hubie: Doesn't tell me much, Old Testament.

[Laughter]

So I'm like, Lord, something is wrong. Something is definitely wrong. My stomach is kind of feel pains, like turning. So I'm nudged again and the man is in his seat and he is like this. Like I've never been to Israel but that's the way the ascetic people, or the Orthodox pray. So I was like okay. Something is definitely wrong.

So then finally the Lord is like, "You really need to talk to him." So I was like what have I got to lose? So I just took off my headphones, because God wasn't going to give me rest. So I took

off my headphones. I turned to the guy and stared at him. And you know when somebody is staring at you, you kind of know. So he turns to me like this and I said, "So what's a good word?" And we started a conversation. So we started this conversation. "What do you do?" "What do you do?" type of thing. We didn't think much of it.

They call us to go to our flight. So then he's like, "Oh we're going. Nice to meet you."

"Nice to meet you."

Then all the sudden the Lord is like, "Now!" So I was like, Jonathan is getting up and tells me to sit down. And I just tell him what God wants to tell him.

Sheila: So a very personal message to him from God.

Hubie: Yes. And what I do is scary because I don't know what I'm saying. So when people kind of look at you like... And then they kind of turn their head like this. You're not really sure how they're going to take it. After it was over he goes, "You're getting on this flight; right?"

I went, "Yes."

I'm like, oh no -- security. This is not good.

[Laughter]

Randy: He may be getting you off this flight.

Hubie: Exactly! Exactly! So then he said, "I want to come up and I'm going to come find me and you need to tell me again." I'm like, "It doesn't work that way." He said, "I guess I'm going to come find you."

So we go up. I'm thinking, maybe he will miss me. I'm in the aisle seat because that's the seat I like. So he comes down. I see him. He takes me to the back. He's like, "Let's go to the back."

I'm like, "It's a crowded plane. Where are we going?"

So we go to the back and there are two seats. We sit down in the seats. He pulls down a tray table. He goes, "Okay, tell me again."

I'm like, "I don't have anything."

He said, "But you have to."

I'm like, "I can't."

So he goes, "Let's start praying."

So we start praying. I start praying in tongues and people around us are kind of looking at us funny. And then it all came back and it all had to do with this book that God had downloaded to him called *The Harbinger*.

Sheila: Now had you ever met him before? Did you know who he was?

Hubie: My wife and I used to listen to a radio show called "The Two Nice Jewish Boys" 30 years before? So I kind of knew once he said he was still doing that show but I didn't really, I never met him. I never really put two and two together until afterwards.

Randy: A couple of questions come to mind in your story, which is like one of those stories that you tell and people go, "Whoa!" Because what you said to Jonathan Cahn came true and that he sold a book -- he wrote a book that impacted millions of people; correct?

A few things, you seem reluctant and even talk about you wanting to maybe -- or someone calling you "the reluctant prophet," I think Jim Bakker called you that.

Hubie: Yes.

Randy: But yet you are willing to be used by God and I would assume wanting to be used by God. Where does the reluctance come from in that?

Hubie: The reluctance comes from the fact that we had gone to a prophetic church for awhile. And my wife was pregnant and we got called to the front and the pastor prayed over the baby and said the baby is going to be healthy, the baby has a destiny, the baby has this and this and this and then we went home. And then a couple weeks later my wife started to cramp. And so my wife got scared because we'd never had a problem having -- this would have been --

Sheila: Your fourth child.

Hubie: The fourth child and we never had a problem but we were approaching later in years and so she's like, "Honey, I think something is wrong." I'm like, "Don't worry we're going to be fine" because I had full faith in this based upon what had happened before. And then she is like, "Honey, it's getting worse." So she is getting fearful. I go, "Honey, don't let fear creep in. We're

fine. We're praying." She goes upstairs and she comes down the stairs and she is looking all white. She goes, "We lost the baby."

I didn't know how to react. I got dazed. I got numb. I was just in shock because we were told this and now this happens. I don't know how to process.

Sheila: Did you ever go back to that pastor who prophesied over you and said, "You told us this but here's what happened?"

Hubie: We never did. Because for a long time we kept quiet and didn't say anything. Because I was like, well, I guess it is our problem. I'm dealing with it. And it hurt us so much that we sat out of church for about a year, that we just said forget this. And God kind of brought us back but I had a very deep wound. I took it harder than my wife; not to diminish what she took but it seemed to hit me harder.

Randy: It hit you in your faith as well. Were you operating in any prophetic role at the time that this happened?

Hubie: No.

Randy: So this was someone else that was speaking prophetic words to you that you thought to be true; they were not true and that hurt beyond just the obvious pain but at a deep spiritual level.

Hubie: Yes because when you're on a missionary trip, which I was going on earlier and you saw God move, you put all your faith, this is God, this is God. And there was once when the prophetic thing happened when I was praying for somebody but I didn't know what it was.

But when that happened and then this happened, it was devastating because it was like my son was sick in eczema -- a really bad eczema -- and she called him up and said, "Look, the Lord has healed him," which didn't happen because we had to take him to the hospital and they gave him steroids.

Then there was a house we were in closing for and the way it worked at this church was you had to clear it with the pastor first. So the pastor came, she prayed over it, she goes, "Yes, this is the house for you." Then through no fault of ours somebody outbid us and took the house.

So we had these three things happen so quickly I was like, I don't know about any of this so let's take a step back and live our lives as regular people. So we did.

We were going out to eat on Sundays, we were just spending time as a family and God is somewhere in the background. We know of him. And then about a year passed and he kind of called us back. I started doing what I do but I didn't know what I was doing.

[Laughter]

So had I known I don't know if I would have.

Randy: Something had to have changed that if I'd been burned that bad and then I thought, God was saying now I want you to be that guy that's out giving prophecies or speaking prophetic words or speaking on my behalf, anything like that, I'd be like, "God, no way. Use a donkey or something. But I've been burned by that. I'm not using that."

How did you get to a place of healing and restoration? Was there something in there that brought you to be able to go out on a limb like that?

Hubie: Well, at first it got to the point where we would watch television and we would see the televangelist, because we were still in the safety of our home. Then we took a step out to start going to a church. And we went to a mega church and hung out in the back. Didn't know anybody. So we were kind of playing it very conservatively because as an accountant, they teach you to be very conservative.

[Laughter]

So then we went to a friend's church. He invited us. We went and they were prophetic because it came out of the old church. Any time any prophet person came they would pray for my wife and I'm like just stay away from me. And for a long time they did. Then they started giving me ones like, they would look at me funny and they would just go, "There is greatness in you." You know, that was fine. But when you keep getting that over and over again from different people you're not really sure what it means. So I was kind of like, God lives in my heart so he's great and I was fine with that.

And then I guess as we started to kind of get restored we read a book called *The Bait of Satan*. A friend just sent it to us. He didn't even tell us it was coming. He goes, "You need to read this." So we read that. Then we kind of started to say, okay, let's go at this at a short period of time. So we started to go little by little by little. Then the way God started is kind of like oh you're going to need to talk to this person. I didn't know what it was but it was kind of like I just felt like I needed to talk to you so I'd go talk to you, and something would come out and you would cry.

You would say, "How did you know?"

I would be like, well. You'd start making a big deal about it. I said, "No, no, no. You're following God, I'm trying to follow God, we're both getting through this together. That's all that needs to be said." Then I would leave.

That went on for quite a few years.

Sheila: I honestly think, Hubie it gives so much more, credibility isn't the right word but to what God has called you to because you are reluctant. It's not like you're on the road with "Prophets R Us." It's just not like that. I love the fact that despite the brokenness and the pain to your wife you're still willing to be open.

I'm thinking of people watching thinking, well, I don't know what my spiritual gifts are and I don't have this kind of thing. But when I read your book, you didn't have a great start in life. You had a really rough start in life. When I see where you are today, to me it is an encouraging message to anybody that God will use us if we're open to be used.

Hubie: Yes. And I think for myself I value my family very high. We went through so many struggles. I said, "Lord, I'll do anything you want me to do, just take care of my family." I really didn't realize to be honest what I was saying but it turned out to be this. So that's why God's kind of taken my free will away, which is fine, and it gives me my check because I really know when he wants me to speak to somebody.

Randy: What do you say to that one who stumbled by this show and thought, oh they've got a prophet on? And they're where you were at. They might have been burned or they're just not going to church but they're watching Christian TV. What would you say to that person?

Hubie: I would say that I personally know what it is like to hurt. I cried. I felt like they pulled the rug from me and I hit my head and just went dazed for a little while. I think if you just give God a try again and say, okay, I'll meet you halfway -- not full way, halfway -- meet me halfway and show me that you love me, that you care for me and I'll start to move along but give me something to hold on to. And he will.

Sheila: I'm a huge -- anyone who watches knows I'm a huge football fan, I'm a huge N.F.L. fan, college football. You tell a fascinating story in there about a New York Giant, David Tyree. Do you mind just telling a little bit about that story because I thought this was just amazing. It became a Super Bowl first.

Randy: The catch!

Hubie: Well, basically I was working at a fashion company and doing very well and God told me to quit because it took too much of my time, my family life was a mess, my Godly life was a mess because everything was in the fashion company. So he told me to scale down my hours and basically, what is important in your life?

So I resigned, which I was pretty uneasy to tell my wife because I didn't have a job. So they decided to keep me on as a C.P.A. because that's what I do and then I met a financial guy who we were doing some stuff together. He had a client named David Tyree. So the Lord kind of -- I went to the guy's house. I met him for a couple of minutes and then we left. And then the Lord just had me start praying for this guy. Now I'm a Jet fan, we don't like the Giants.

Sheila: Oh that's a conflict of spiritual interests there. Yes!

Hubie: Exactly. So the Lord had me praying for this guy and I didn't know who he was. I didn't know what he believed in. So I'm praying for the man. The Lord is keeping me restless at night, can't sleep.

So then I'm at the office one day and the Lord is like, you need to call him. I can't call him. It's not going to work. There's a line. He's a client. I can't cross that line. So the Lord really got on me really bad. I couldn't sleep well. My stomach is turning. I get so uneasy, so uncomfortable all the time.

I said, okay. So I went and grabbed the number from the Rolodex, put it in my pocket and said, okay, I'm going to call the guy but I'm going to call him on a Friday. Because if something happens I have the weekend to kind of deal with it.

Sheila: To recover.

Hubie: So at least I have a couple of days to do something with it. So I went downstairs on a Friday night, I think it was like 8:30. My wife goes, "Where are you going?" Because I grabbed the phone.

I go, "I've got to make a phone call." I didn't even tell her what I was doing.

Sheila: Smart man!

Hubie: Right! So I go down and I'm dialing it and like my hands are shaking because I've never done this before. I'm like shaking. So then the phone is ringing. It rings once. It rings twice. And I was like, okay, just let it go to voicemail I'm done. Because the uneasiness is still there but I didn't know what I was doing.

So then he goes, "Praise the Lord, hello!" Actually, he goes, "Hello, this is David."

I went, "Hi!"

He goes, "Yes?"

And I went, "This is Hubie."

He goes, "Who?"

I said, "Hubie, the accountant."

He goes, "Oh yeah, yeah, yeah! How are you doing, man? How are you doing?"

I said, "I'm okay. I just wanted to call you because I've got something to tell you."

Now I'm shaking in my basement; my hands are like this, my voice is stuttering, I don't know what I'm doing. And all of the sudden it just kind of comes through and the Lord told him that he was going to -- his life was going to change. He was going to give him a platform. He was going to make him known as a wide receiver. And a few other things.

Sheila: And he'd been through some tough times as a player. He wasn't at the top of his career at this point.

Hubie: Right. It was later. And so everybody knew him as "the special teams guy" not a receiver.

Then came this deadly silence. I'm like, this is bad. This is a mistake. And he goes, "You know, you answered a lot of questions. My wife and I were praying last night and as we were praying, you answered all the questions we had."

I went, "Okay!"

Randy: Thanks, God for getting me out of that one.

Hubie: And he said, we really need to -- I don't know who you are really but we need to get to kind of get to know each other and stuff. Who knew that the prophecy that he got would actually be highlighting what the affect was from him making the catch at the Super Bowl.

Sheila: It was a helmet catch. It is a Super Bowl record. Nobody has ever done this.

Hubie: It is a miraculous catch.

Sheila: It is a miraculous catch. It's ridiculous.

Hubie: You physically can't do that.

Randy: What do you think when you saw that? You were watching the game; right?

Sheila: I love that God cares about football; don't you? I love that!

Randy: So you felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit to watch the Super Bowl; yes?

Hubie: The day of, my wife and I had this jumping in our chest we'd never felt before. So we were watching it and he scored the touchdown I guess near halftime. We're like, "Oh, that's okay." And we're watching it and then Eli went back to throw the pass I yelled, "It's to David." Now I didn't really know but I just felt it was for David. And then when he made the catch we were all just jumping around like that's it! That's what God wanted to do. That's what he wanted to do.

Then he called us the next day and said, "Thank you. Can you believe what God did?"

Randy: And he gave God the credit for the game. I remember that. Going, hey, that's cool! So very good stuff.

I tell you what. We could continue because there are more stories. There's a lot of insight but I'm going to have to ask you to get the book because we're out of time right now. If you will join with us in our effort to bless others around the world, specifically people who are in desperate need in sex trafficking, caught up in the sex trafficking industry, you can get this book today. I would urge you to do that.

I tell you what, sit down for a minute and take a look at what we're doing and how you can be a part of changing some people's lives. Watch this.

On the mission field

Announcer: Hope -- it's the currency of dreams, the fuel for life. And while hope is a treasured quality, like anything valuable it is often exploited by those with selfish intentions.

Sheila: I honestly don't think anything in life prepares you for what you see here. I've just spent the evening walking through the red light district here.

Part of the process of how they dehumanize these girls is that they take away any hope. One of the girls said, "I was told if I try to escape from this brothel, what they told me was, 'Okay, you go ahead. We know where your eight-year-old sister lives.'"

Well, honestly, when I look at their faces I think that could be my daughter -- that could be your daughter. You need to see beyond what's painted on the surface to a broken heart underneath. None of these girls wants to be here. There is a big plan in place for every girl to get them out of here and to get them to a place of safety, a place where they can begin to rebuild their lives again.

But don't be overwhelmed by the streets, don't be overwhelmed by the lights, don't be overwhelmed by the number of girls. See one girl -- see one girl who needs help and who needs hope and who needs it right now.

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In the studio

Sheila: It's unbelievable. Some people said to me when I came home, "Why don't they just leave? Why don't they just get out of there?"

If you knew the way that these men manipulate these girls, they have it down to really a fine art the way they demoralize them and break them down. They don't feed them. They don't let them sleep. And then they will take one of the girls outside of the room and she's never seen again. And basically the message is: If you don't do what we want you to do that's going to happen to you. They threaten their families. They break their wills down. They get them addicted to drugs.

There is such hopelessness there. When I was walking there, it was so clear to me that Christ would be on these streets. He would be the one reaching out his hand. He would be the one speaking to those girls and telling them, "You're worth more." One of the places I went into, the further back I went, it changed from girls with skimpy outfits to some girls with nothing on at all but a number stamped onto her leg. That's how they would be ordered, "I'll take number five." One of the things we know is that in God's sight no girl, no boy, no man or woman is a number. They are made in the image of God.

Even though I felt the desperation of the darkness I saw such hope. I saw such hope. I saw what happens when the people that we work with go in there and rescue these girls and bring them to a

place in Southeast Asia where they can recover their lives, discover that God did hear their prayers, that they have a future, that your history doesn't dictate your destiny in Christ -- that anything is possible.

But we can't do it alone. And Randy, we have some friends who have said, "Listen. We're going to partner with you. We're going to put up a gift of \$200,000, a matching gift."

Randy: And they're doing that matching to motivate you. When you're talking about the evil and what's going on in these places, and I've been there, I've seen some of it too. If you've been in the church very long you've heard this phrase "the gates of hell will not prevail." Well, gates are defensive. Gates are not offensive. You won't see gates marching down the street and taking people prisoners. Gates are meant to defend. Do you know what that means? They only prevail when we don't bash them down, and this is how we bash down the gates of hell. This is how we go in and rescue those who need to be rescued.

We want you to join with us as we go into these dark areas with the light of Jesus Christ because he can break down every wall. He can set every captive free.

The way we're asking you to join with us today is in your prayers, and if God prompts it, in your finances: \$64 you can partner with someone else with a matching gift and that's the average cost of the operation to go and get people out. So for \$128 we say you can help rescue two girls and maybe boys, actually. But the point is, you join with us as we are going into these dark areas. You join with us as we share the life of God, the love of God, the truth of God, the saving power and grace of God. But as we go into these dark areas, these beyond the gates of hell, we reach in and we pull these people out, give them love, and give them life.

Will you go to the phone and join us? Will you go online and help? Do what you can and do it right now.

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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.

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In the studio

Randy: I hope you are going to the phones, going online. When you have someone who operates in the prophetic, you have to ask, is there anything you want to say before we say good-bye?

Hubie: Yes! I just want to say that you're special to God. Everybody has gifts. Everybody has callings and if you just step out in it he will meet you and then life will get very different and it will get fun.

Randy: Amen! Please accept that. Thank you, Hubie Synn. Appreciate you being here. Do ask for Hubie's book when you join with us and Rescue Life. Join us again on *LIFE Today* every day.