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Week 27: WFL
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James: Welcome to this very special program. I'm James Robison. My wife, Betty and I appreciate the opportunity of sharing with you in a time when we so obviously, all over the world, not just here in the United States, but around the world, we have a need for what people would rightly call "miracles" if you've ever needed one.

Betty and I prayed for the life of our daughter in a battle with cancer. She was our baby girl and she died at age 40; three teenage children, a wonderful husband left behind, a great testimony of life and witnessing the entire 40 years she was here. But we needed a miracle and we didn't get that miracle. She's totally well. She's perfect! But there is no question we needed a miracle.

I want to make this impression on your mind. We live in a day that people desperately need miracles, and sometimes we have to say, "Well, we didn't get the miracle we prayed for." But what if -- now just think about what I'm saying -- what if a miracle, desperately needed all over the world, was guaranteed? No wishful thinking -- no mere prayer without hope, but I mean a real miracle.

Now listen very closely to something the greatest man who ever walked on this planet said. It is a very simple statement but I want you to grasp the implications of it. Jesus said, "If you just give a cup of water" -- now think about this. "You if just give a cup of water in my name you will not lose your reward."

Now please understand this. Jesus understood things from an eternal perspective; not just something right here but for all eternity. If you give just a cup of water you will not lose the reward, the benefit, the greatness that comes from that gesture for all eternity. Now the significance, "if you give a cup of water" and as I pray for people who need water, they don't have clean water, they're desperate, their children die. They live sick because of contaminated water. The greatest crisis perhaps in the world from a physical standpoint is contaminated, disease-ridden water and the lack of clean water.

But when Jesus said, "If you just give a cup of water, the effect of that for you is eternal." Well, what's the significance of that cup of water? And as I prayed, I really believe I heard the heart of God. When you give a cup of water -- something has happened, something of a supernatural

nature has happened. Here it is. You noticed a need. You saw a need and you met that need. And the greatest truth ever shared is that God notices every need. And he alone can meet every need in every life but he uses us as the instruments to deliver that miracle.

Would you like to be a part of a miracle that lasts for all eternity? Would you recognize a need, allow God to do what he longs to do -- meet that need effectively?

Betty, we're going to let our viewers see the incredible challenge around the world that we can meet miraculously. Watch.

On the mission field

Ralph: Imagine living in a village where everybody is hot, everybody is thirsty, where people are dying on a regular basis all because of the water. Is this a water source for the village, Urma?

>> Yes, that's the water source of the village.

Ralph: They drink that?

>> Yeah, they do!

Ralph: Wow! What do you see in this cup? What we don't see is what should really alarm us; just all types of germs and diseases are in this one little cup of water. We have heard countless stories already of how many people have lost children from drinking this water.

Announcer: Whenever the *LIFE* mission team visits a rural village around the world, one of the first questions they ask is if any children have died from a waterborne illness. Unfortunately, the answer is almost always yes. In fact, many mothers are still grieving from a recent death where they share losing several of their children from drinking diseased water. Can you imagine how a mother feels when she has no other choice but to give her children dirty water to drink?

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>> I'm very afraid my other children will also die because even when I'm sitting here I feel like my heart is not at peace because my kids can die at any time.

Announcer: Now imagine how a mother would feel when she sees a *LIFE Outreach* drilling rig enter her village and how her hope would be restored as she watches the assembly of a new pump that will deliver clean, life-giving water to her children.

[Laughter]

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In the studio

James: Listen, sweetheart! I don't know what you're saying but your face... By the way, if you understood that language and you want to email us here and just say, "That's what she's saying," Tell me because it's good because her countenance.

Isaiah, the prophet talked about the people in the old times in the nation of Israel, they were rebelling against God and he said, "Your countenance testifies against you." You look at the countenance of many people, sadly even sitting in church and their countenance testifies against them. It doesn't look good.

That lady's countenance, I'm telling you, it testified gratitude, it testified this is a miracle. It is not a miracle just to hope for, I can see it.

Betty: I just heard the words "joy unspeakable" because when we heard from God, when God's met a need in our lives, boy, that's what we feel like. I feel like saying, "Ha ha!" just like she did. Whatever that communication between you and God means that's what it is.

James: I tell you what. We pray -- here's the thing. Betty and I have been married 54 years so we've been on planet earth a long time. We're going to be here by the grace of God until Jesus comes or we go to be with him. But the point is, we've been around. We hear many stories now of our friends losing a spouse, of our friends leaving us and there's a lot of heartache there.

Then we see people all over the world that we pray for who have someone fighting a challenge like our daughter fought. If somebody could walk in to that situation and raise them up and they be whole and you think we wouldn't be rejoicing like that?

See here's the significance of what I'm trying to get through to you and with all my heart I wish I was right there in the room, I wish I was just a few feet from you because I am not exaggerating when I tell you, you can be the miracle that many people thought was impossible. You can be that moment that changes everything that gives joy just like you saw. And the little children, they're so thrilled when they have clean water and they don't feel sick; and they don't have to watch their children and their grandchildren dying and wondering if the next child is going to die. That is the reality of the world they live in.

Now back to the cup of water. If you see a need, this is the significance of just a cup of water. Every time you see a need that can be met and you want to be an instrument to meet it, then you become the channel of blessing through which God flows his supernatural power to meet that

need and be the miracle. Would you like to be a miracle in the life of many families -- hundreds of families?

We drill water wells all over the world where contaminated, diseased, bacteria-infested water is destroying life, destroying precious little ones. When you put a well there, just the joy you saw in that woman, its joy unspeakable full of glory -- that's what's there. We're the miracle together. When I say "we," the missionary with a broken heart can walk into the pit of hell for a heavenly cause but they can't meet a need that they see. They can't even give the cup of water without us enabling them. They've got a heart that overflows with love and compassion.

Do you know how we know where to drill the water wells? One of the first indicators is the missionaries see the crisis but in most instances they know there's water there because many times the people have dug a borehole that gets filthy and contaminated rapidly. But the water is there. So if you go down into it and then you encase it, protect it, give them a pump the children can work, you have changed everything in a village. And those wells cost \$4800.

But here's one of the miracles because I believe if you can give a well you will because it just changes everything for a whole village. It gives them life. It becomes the miracle. It becomes more than a cup of water, it is a well of water.

Imagine what God is saying. Think about what that means to you and to them. If you couldn't give a well, can you give part of a well? Many of our friends give \$1200 and pray three join them, we've got a well. You know how most of the income for wells comes? Because we've broken it down basically; \$48 will give three people water the rest of their life.

I want you to look and see what people do over and over to the same effect, death; and I'm telling you, listen to me. You can change that today. You can be a part of sharing the miraculous love and transforming power of God as he flows his love through you. \$48, literally, think about it, will give ten people water basically the rest of their life. \$144 will give 30.

I want you to look at this situation. Just watch what's going on and say, "God, can I be a part of the miracle they long for?" Watch closely.

Announcer: They say that the sure sign of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. For Naror, she has no choice but to repeat her steps even when she knows those same steps cost the life of her baby girl. Now as she draws water yet again from the same contaminated source she hopes this time will be different, that her older daughter won't fall ill and die the same terrible death as her baby girl.

Open Captions:

>> My baby girl became ill so I took her to the clinic. They said nothing was wrong with my baby girl and they sent us home. She died that night. [Crying]

My baby needed clean water. If I was not so poor my baby would still be alive.

Tammy: It's so hard for me to sit here and listen to her story and see such pain in her eyes. It's so raw, it's so fresh, but the biggest thing is just hearing her say that all she needs is clean water and knowing that that could have changed everything for her. Like she is fully aware of what she needs but she can't do anything about it.

I would love to be able to speak hope into her life and tell her that things are about to change.

Announcer: Indeed, change began that day as Naror prayed to receive Jesus as her Lord and savior. Now her soul will never thirst again and it is our prayer that like so many others around the world, with your help, she will no longer thirst for clean drinking water for her family and village.

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In the studio

James: Boy, that is a miracle picture. Think about it. Because of the love of God that's in the heart of people like you -- and by the way, if you don't even claim to know God, I can't imagine you not wanting to give clean water to precious little children and families. And I believe you will. But I do think it is important for you to understand that for Betty and me as Christians, and Jesus changed the life of a boy, myself, who didn't have a father. I knew what it was to hurt and God did become my father. He is very real to me.

But I believe even if you don't know God, you want to help people. I believe there is just a basic compassion. But if we know him then we know we need water for life but we also need the water of life. And so our mission workers are going to share Jesus.

What I would like for you to understand is that right now you can help us drill wells all over the third world where missionaries have pointed to the need and we know the water is there, and they don't need to continue the insanity of going back to do the same thing and get the same results. We can give them a miracle.

Here's what I'd like to ask you to do. Would you just go online right now, the website you see, would you take your bankcard and if you can give a well, I believe you will or part of a well, but

if you can give \$48 -- please don't think that's small because for ten people you're giving them water the rest of their life. That's a miracle! That is a miracle! \$144 will give 30 people water the rest of their life.

Would you dial the phone number? Would you take your bankcard, in either case, go online, dial the number, and really, it is so important that you move now. It is so easy to get distracted and we're talking about a need for a miracle that's very realistic and you can deliver the miracle. Take that bankcard, make the largest gift you can as God directs. If you call, use that card. If you want to make a check, make it to *LIFE*, that's what you're giving, but call us and tell us you're sending it because we've got to let the missionaries know. Please do it now.

Betty, I'm praying that there would not be a single person watching who can help that won't gladly help.

Betty: And I know in my heart that you will help because as you saw that young mother go to the same water source every day, I felt like there was still hope in her heart that when she went it would be different. But that hope dwindles as she goes back and back and back again. Let's let that water well be the supply that she can go to with hope in her heart and assurance in her heart knowing that when she gets that water from that well it's going to refresh and give life to her children. Please help us!

James: And I can promise you when that well comes in, you're going to see the happiest people and the happiest children. Not only when we hit the water but then when it is cased and they're smiling. You can take a desperate situation and become the hope for a miracle. Please right now go online, dial the number, and become an answer to someone's prayer, an answer to their need and become the miracle they desperately need. Thank you!

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Announcer: Every day children living in extreme poverty are forced to make a dreadful choice: Drink polluted water filled with deadly disease or perhaps die of 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 and viable demonstrations of God's love in the world today. Suffering can end because clean water changes everything!

With your gift today you can help drill 400 water wells in remote villages in 15 nations. A gift of \$48 will provide disease-free water for ten people, \$72 will provide for 15 people, and \$144 will help provide clean water straight from the ground for 30 people.

Please also consider an additional gift of \$100 to help provide three families with water filtration kits in emergency areas where our drilling rigs are unable to reach. As our thank you, we'll send you the books, *Words of Jesus* and *Words of Healing*. One contains only the words of Jesus and the other scriptures for healing in your body, mind, and soul. With your \$100 gift you can receive both hardbound and softbound editions of these scripture promise books.

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 beautiful hand sculpted "Determined Eagle" bronze. Please call, write, or make your gift online.

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On the mission field

Open Captions:

>> My name is Dauphine and I have three children still alive. Two of my children have died.

When I give them this water they get diarrhea and start to vomit. My boys are getting thinner and thinner. Two years ago my eight month old baby died. The baby got diarrhea and a few days later he died. This water, right here killed my children. It is because of this water that my kids get sick and die. It's very hard for me to keep on living. My heart hurts so much. Why did my children have to die? Why must we suffer like this? It hurts.

End of clip

In the studio

James: I love you little child! I don't know if you're trying to get flies to go away.

Betty and I know what it is to lose a child. I'm believing that we'll be an answer to that mother's heart cry.

Betty: As a mother myself and a grandmother, and now a great grandmother, I'm asking you, please reach out and let's help these children.

James: And Betty is asking you to give a cup of water in Jesus' name. And then remember you will not -- you will not lose your reward and that reward is through eternity and don't try to reduce it merely to a monetary or material return. What God offers is so much greater than anything we could ever describe or even fully comprehend but it is something he says you will not lose.

Let me tell you something. I would never need to get something back in order to experience the joy of seeing mothers like that knowing "my next child won't die"; and those who are having children, "My children will live." Because what? "Somebody loved me." And they didn't just give a cup of water they helped give a well of water. Would you do that? The missionaries have shared the need with people who can meet the need and become the miracle people long for.

And then remember this promise of God that's so clear in Isaiah 58, when you become an answer to someone else's prayer and you meet their need God said, "I will answer quickly." I'm going to move." God not only wants to bless us, he wants to bless through us. Would you allow him to bless others by giving not only a cup of water but help give a well of water? Thank you for doing it.

Go to the website, or dial the number and make the gift God put on your heart. Use your bankcard like a check. If you write a check make it to *LIFE*. Thank you for doing it.

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On the mission field

Ralph: We're here in Burundi, Africa up in the mountains where they cannot get drill rigs to come up here to drill wells. This scenario happens around the world, not just here. We've discovered that these people up here have pathetic water sources. This is water that mothers are bringing home to their children only to get worms, other waterborne diseases, cholera, extreme diarrhea, and then to hear stories of death.

LIFE has been given an opportunity to bring these water filtration systems into the mountains so that when mothers bring water home to their children they're no longer bringing water that is killing their child, they can create water that brings life to their child.

I think you see the joy in their faces. It's going to bring so much joy to these homes that can provide clean water for their families. Again, we thank you so much for all the generous giving. It really is making a difference. God bless you.

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In the studio

James: Well, Betty and I express thanks for all the moms and dads and grandparents of little children that are going to experience a miracle because of your love. Let me just say this to you. If you get a busy on the phone, that's not a bad sign. That means that somebody else has decided to join you in being a miracle. So be determined to give a cup of water, to help give the well of water. You call until you get through. If you go online, you'll get through.

I want to thank you for your gift. We're going to send you -- now think about what I'm saying -- we're going to send you gifts because we want to invest something meaningful and of eternal value into your life to say thank you and to even be an example of the witness so that if someone says, "Where did you get that? Where did that come from?" And you tell them, "It's a result of a miracle -- I was part of a miracle! We were part of a miracle and expression of thanks came in this form." So pass it on.

Thank you so much. Thanks for being the miracle. Betty, I'm believing with all my heart that we're going to see one of the greatest outpourings of love we've witnessed in our lives. Thank you so much. Thanks to God. Thank you!