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Week 42: Transport LIFE
James and Betty Robison
Kirk Cameron

James: I love to watch my wife smile. I'm telling you. Sometimes I'll be sitting at the house and just say, "Smile at me! Just go ahead and smile at me." Let me see your teeth when you smile. You know what? Listen to me. Thank you for watching our show and all of you here. Thanks for being here with us.

Kirk Cameron is here. I'm James Robison, married to this beautiful girl, Betty. Kirk is somebody that I think I have about as much respect and appreciation for as anybody I know. There are a lot of people that have been successful, been actors and popular and kind of ride the popularity. That's not what he's done. He is popular. It is really fun to watch all the iPhones just taking -- they've got all the memories.

I told the folks here, I remembered when the beautiful girl he married walked in the first time on the set and I told Betty and my whole family, he needs to fall in love with that girl and marry that girl right there. Thank God he did. So prayers were answered. I'm still praying.

You know what I'm praying today? And boy, I mean I'm praying what Jesus prayed and all of you here in the studio know because you've heard me just talking to you and you know if you've watched, I want to see us love one another the way the family of the perfect Father loves one another because a fatherless nation and a fatherless world will run to that Father.

Well, this young man makes the Father look like the Father he is. I believe that Kirk Cameron is being used of God in the most supernatural way to help bring the family together in the presence of the Father under the watch care of the Lord who is our shepherd.

I want you to give him a great welcome to *LIFE Today*. Would you?

Kirk Cameron -- great to see you.

Kirk: Thank you!

James: Here is, I assume this is just a DVD but is it something that is going to be being

produced with what's about to happen? Or is this something ahead of it? Tell me how all of this fits, this *Revive Us* because you've already talked about revival but now we've got kind of a Step 2, you're talking about.

Kirk: That's right, exactly. Well, thank you. It is an honor for me to be here with both of you and to see you again after a few years. And I'm still married to that beautiful woman. You know we've been married now for 26 years, which is about 260 in Hollywood years; right?

[Laughter]

James: Every bit of it.

Kirk: And we have six kids now; a few more than the last time that we were together. I think having children makes me even more -- I feel the weight even more of the importance of shaping the future. As we get older it's often easy to say, "Lord, thank you for all that you've blessed us with" but when you have kids you say, "Lord what can I do for the kids, for the grandkids, because they have to live in this world?"

What I want to see and I know you want to see, is revival. I want God to tear open the heavens and open the windows and just pour down blessing and turn this nation back to his word and back to his ways because they're so good. And if people would just turn back to the Lord they'd see that the failed attempts of secularism, the failed attempts to push God aside just lead to pain and shame. If we could turn back to the Lord we'd have blessing upon blessing upon blessing.

James: If you change one word of God and change it into a lie or deny it, you've just accepted, invited and accepted a life of a prisoner and in bondage. You take the Romans one chapter, which is just so powerful. It is very plain -- plain English. You can see it. It talks about when you don't glorify him as God and you change his truth into a lie you're given over to all this foolish thinking.

But there is something at the end of that chapter I think most people overlook. They not only watched it, saw it, but they gave hardy approval to all this trend and practice. When you watch it and give hardy approval to it, to what? Not glorifying God as God, changing his truth into a lie, burning in lust until it controls you to where you have a reprobate mind, you can't even think right. You see light as dark, right as wrong, good as evil, evil as good; everything is flip and you give hardy approval to it. What does that do? That's a whole nation going into bondage.

And when the church loses its effect as salt, then the precious is what? Trampled under the feet of men because salt protects and preserves the precious, it's a healing factor, it adds peace and joy and meaning to every aspect of life. You lose the effect, the precious is trampled.

Now what do we do to reverse it? That's what you're talking about -- revival. Some of us refer to it as a spiritual awakening that one must have. That is the answer. If you come to me and I've got an issue but I won't admit it is an issue, that's like a doctor saying to a person, "I diagnosed you; you've got cancer." And they say, "I don't have it. I call it something else." And deny it and go out and die. That is the foolishness. If you won't admit I've got a problem, I've got an issue, I've got a sin, we won't call it by its first name, we won't agree with God, we deny it, then we become one that's subject to the destruction of that disease and that rotten belief system.

That's what's happening to America right now. We have flipped the truth of God over, we've denied it. Now what we've got to do is come back to truth. I think because the way you love your family, the way you love truth, you're trying to get America back to truth. You're try to get America to come together and pray that the wisdom and truth of God will come back on the nation; am I right about that?

Kirk: You're exactly right. I think we're all parents here so we have that common concern for our kids.

James and Betty, last year just before the presidential election, I think we can all think back and remember the anxiety that we felt wondering how is this going to go? What's the future going to look like? How did we even get here in the first place? And I thought to myself, wait a minute, when I read through the Bible, this is the most exciting point in any story; when God's people feel pressed in on every side, that's when you drop to your knees and you call out to God. Maybe he'll part the Red Sea.

So I thought, let's call a national family meeting. And part of what inspired *Revive Us* as a national event was when I saw you and Dr. Ben Carson and Mike Huckabee together with Donald Trump, this was just before the election or was it just after the election?

James: It was back in the spring. It was in April.

Kirk: And I saw a thousand Christian leaders praying together across denominational lines, across all kinds of what could be divisions for the health of our nation. I thought, if only the rest of the church could see this, people coming together in unity, it would be so inspiring and give so much hope and we did it. We had a church that took place, a revival that took place in a thousand revival tents but those tents were movie theaters all across the nation and we broadcast into them...

James: And what month was that? How long ago was that?

Kirk: We did that in October of last year just before the election. The result of that was people felt, "I can make a difference. I can get up off the couch and instead of watching the culture crumble, I want to be involved and help shape the future for our kids."

James: And they prayed.

Kirk: And they prayed. And they took the basket off of the light that God put in them. They let it shine. There are more people today who I believe feel hopeful about the future because Christians are getting involved in shaping the culture.

James: Could you tell those people in those theaters seemed to love each other?

Kirk: Yes! They broke out in spontaneous prayer meetings and praise to the Lord in the lobbies. It was great!

James: That's what Jesus prayed for. You're talking about all these pastors. See, I know who all was there. There was actually closer to 1500 there. But what you don't realize is because I know, I watched it all come together, these were people that were taught not to ever get in the same room together. These were church --

Kirk: Over anything that smelled like politics.

James: Exactly! Get as far from politics as you can get. They said, "We're coming in to pray for the nation. We're coming to pray for the future, we're praying for our children, we're praying for freedom, we're praying for wisdom and sanity to reign." And they came in from all different groups and they acted like a family.

If you'll remember I said, "If we'll behave like the family of the perfect Father, a fatherless nation will come to the Father." I still believe it. Does that make sense?

Kirk: It makes perfect sense. That's why I'm doing *Revive Us 2*. After *Revive Us 1* people were saying, "This was so great. This was awesome! Can we have another national family meeting for the family of faith?"

After the election things did not settle down; things seemed to have just heated up and there is more division now over racial lines, political lines, economic lines, political lines, gender lines and even in the family, families are divided.

So I've invited some friends back, Dr. Ben Carson, Ravi Zacharias, Joni Eareckson Tada, and some other friends along with musical guests to host a night of hope, courage, and unity and find

a path to togetherness for the family of Christ.

James: Will these speakers be together in one event and then it's put on the screens of all the other theaters and all the other locations?

Kirk: Exactly. What is especially exciting about *Revive Us 2* is a one night only event broadcast from the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C.

James: Which is the Hobby Lobby Green family.

Kirk: A gift to the world. And before it opens we're going to broadcast to the nation. You can get tickets in one of 800 theaters across the nation to join us for *Revive Us 2*.

James: What night is it?

Kirk: It is on October 24th.

James: What night of the week is that? Do you happen to know?

Kirk: That is a Tuesday night, October 24th and there will be an encore in case you miss it a week later on November 1st.

James: We normally tape on Tuesday nights. You think this could be one of the set ups here?

Kirk: It might be. That's an idea. No one has thought of that yet.

[Laughter]

But you're a visionary. Let's do it!

James: You know, this is so fabulous. Did you sense what you've got in feedback from all those different locations that something supernatural happened when those people came together like that?

Kirk: Not only do I feel it, I see it in the word of God. I see where Jesus says, "Where two or more are gathered in my name I'm there with them." There is quite a few more than two or three. It really is like -- it's half church and half town hall meeting because we talk about issues. We talk about racial issues, economic issues, and religious issues and family issues. And we answer people's questions from the audience. So you get out your phone and you send in a question on Facebook and we get those questions and we answer them in a panel with Ravi

Zacharias and...

James: How long is this going to last? This is a lot of people asking questions. So tell me about this.

Kirk: Well, this whole event is going to be about two hours long so we can't get to everybody's questions. But most of the questions start to form a pattern and so one or two will be representative of many.

James: But you're going to tell, it's going to basically be beginning at seven or eight o'clock at night?

Kirk: Seven or eight o'clock p.m. It will go for two hours. And you're there in the theater. I'm talking hands raised, words on the screen, praise and worship, stomp your feet and listen and think, pray, and then get to work.

James: What you're trying to do is inspire an awakening or revival; that's what you're looking for?

Kirk: That's what I'm praying for. Yeah!

James: I'm going to ask you this, you're kind of a famous actor.

Kirk: In some circles -- not all circles.

James: Some people might look at you that way. Here's the deal. You've been interacting, you've been to *LIFE Today* and we've watched you. You've still got the glow of God, you've got the glory of God on you. What's going on in you to make you the way you are? I mean you're a Hollywood figure. What's with you? You're not putting on, Kirk. This is not an act. What's going on inside of you?

Kirk: Well, you're very kind to say this. You know, I guess a couple of things. One is I know that life is short and I want to make it count. You both made it count. I look here and I see you have not only accomplished great things or I should say God has accomplished them through you but you're now passing the baton to others and you're leaving a legacy and you're serving and helping others like you've been saying and that's the kind of life that I think all of us as Christians want to live where we're serving other people.

So I want to finish well myself for the sake of my kids and the next generations. And I want to live a life that is in keeping with the kindness that God has shown me. I was an atheist and now

I'm someone who knows God and loves God. I know that's just because of his mercy toward me and it's the least I can do to love him.

James: See, I look at you and I know all the opportunities you have and I can say this with no hesitation or reservation, you are not motivated or driven by money. And I can tell you, I'm not either. There's never been enough money in this world to buy off anything in my life. I appreciate it and I'm grateful for whatever comes. I understand, I want to be a good overseer. But you're not driven by money either. You're motivated and driven by what I believe is the love of God and a desire for him to reveal himself.

What I say, I say to all of you watching, here's a young man, he's got a beautiful family. He's got enough sense to know what beauty is and he wants it for your family. Kirk could say, "I make money, take care of my family, live, sit back." I can say the same thing. Betty and I, we're old enough, we've been married 54 years, we've been around a while. We deserve a rocker; we could sit back and enjoy our life. But wait a minute, you say, "Why don't you?" The same reason he doesn't. Not religion, relationship with the living God that's living in us. His love is in us, his love is in Kirk. I can see it. I see it in his countenance, in his face. To me, I see the beauty of God on him. Let's face it. You ladies know, he's a cute kid. Let's face it; that beautiful girl that liked him, she's beautiful. He's cool. But here's the deal. There's a depth in this guy and it is the love of God. And that's the love God wants to pour out on you and it is the love he wants to pour out through you.

Kirk, I believe that you're asking God's people to come together, however many thousands or millions and that we can come together in the presence of the Lord. And every one of these people you've got speaking are my friends and I admire them. They are full of Jesus, every one of them. I'm telling you that I believe that night if God will pour his love out on people and then they would go out of that theater to be a vessel through which he flows that life, would that not be the answer to the prayer you've got and the answer to the prayer of Jesus?

Kirk: Amen! Absolutely! James, we call this event *Revive Us* based on a verse in Psalm 85, verse six where King David said, "Revive us again, O Lord that your people might rejoice in you." I think that's what we need because if I could just say this, King David, when he said "Revive us again," God had revived them so many times and they kept wandering away. And to be revived means, well, is to bring you back to life. You had it, you left it, and bring us back to it. They had his ways, they had his laws, they had his promises and they keep straying.

I feel like that's us in this nation. We have his ways, we have his word, we have his promises and we have the principles that built this nation and we've strayed away thinking we're so smart that we don't need God and we try this secular experiment and we see the collapse of culture around us. God, revive us again! Bring us back to what we knew.

James: We rejoice in the Lord.

Kirk: Not in ourselves but in him -- and in his word. That's why I'm excited this is happening at the Museum of the Bible because that's ground zero.

James: Do y'all want to say thank God? Thank you, Kirk! How do you want to use this? Tell me how we use this.

Kirk: This is a DVD. If you missed *Revive Us 1* you can get the DVD and watch it. If you watch it you'll be up to speed and be ready for *Revive Us 2* and you get it at ReviveUs.com.

James: ReviveUs.com and I'll tell you this, would you mind? We're asking all of our viewers right now to help us give missionaries trucks and we have just a few weeks to get 71 trucks to them and vehicles, motorcycles, motorbikes. Could we add this to the *Sweetest Name* hymns that we're giving? Could we say thanks and send them this too to say thanks?

Kirk: Sure! I think they'd love it.

James: Okay, we're going to do it. We will send this to you. I want you to watch this real close. Watch it closely.

On the mission field

Announcer: Listen! Do you hear that? That's the sound of joy when someone has been the answer to your prayers. Maybe they have brought your whole village life by supplying clean drinking water. Or it could be simply to share excitement of receiving and wearing your very first pair of shoes. But all of this joy could slowly come to a stop.

The reason: The lack of reliable transportation for *LIFE's* missionary partners around the world. One such example is in Southeast Asia. Here four wheel vehicles are necessary to travel over rough and challenging terrain to reach children at risk of human trafficking and transporting them to safe homes.

In the Ukraine, deep in the remote areas of the Carpathian mountains, mission partners reaching out to families in desperate need must face the constant challenge of maneuvering vehicles in the ice and snow.

While mission teams in India have to navigate incredible obstacles to share a film on the life of Christ with those who have never heard the name of Jesus. The challenges our mission partners

face are threefold. They either have transportation that is worn out and unreliable, they need additional transportation to meet the growing needs of those they are reaching out to or they do not have the proper transportation to meet the challenges of the terrain they must travel.

Tim: Over the years that we've had our car, it's absolutely taken a battering. And it is at a point now where it is very regularly falling apart. It is needing a lot of repair and a lot of help to try and keep it on the road. We're an aftercare facility for girls aged five to sixteen who have been trafficked, raped, prostituted, all or at least one of those things.

Announcer: Tim Hughes' situation is just one example of what our mission partners must face each day. Transportation literally means lives will be saved on the mission fields. As Betty once stated, "I don't just see a truck, I see life."

Betty: You see how critical the transportation is and here's one of the trucks pulling out.

Announcer: Be a part of saving lives in word and deed through Mission: Transport LIFE.
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In the studio

James: Boy, you said something really strong there because when you said, "I don't see trucks, I do see life," you really knew what you were talking about.

Betty: I really do. I see so much more than just the vehicles which are so important because they carry life to these precious children, those that are hungry, those that are thirsty, those that are being trafficked and they need a place, a safe haven. But they need the transportation to carry these children, to take them to the safe place that they need to be. We need you to join with us. Look at the vehicles as life because that's what they are. Please help us! It is so very, very important.

James: Well, they actually are delivering hope. When we tell you they're worn out and the missionaries showed us and you've seen images of them, and we've tried to communicate it with you even to some of our friends through the mail to show you what condition they're in. I don't know if you know this but it was hard for that missionary to be talking about a truck. It's almost like you're buying something that's a non-essential. But it is a life source. It is their delivery system.

And for us to come to you and tell you that right now suddenly, not expected, all the missionaries tell us and they laid it out, this is a specific need: We need 71 vehicles, the majority of them

some kind of a truck, various sizes but over a million dollars.

Would you please right now, would you be an answer to that prayer? It could happen today. We could easily have 1,000 people say, "You know what? We'll give \$1,000." But the real issue is would you be one of them? But you know the fact is there are a lot of people who as honestly as you could ever be say, "I couldn't give \$1,000 no matter how much I wanted to." But you could give something. And when all of us join together, that's what makes the Christian body function to look like Jesus. All the parts coming together, our heart beating with the Father's heart, with the shepherd's heart, the Lord. And then us reaching out.

What do you have? That's what he asked, when they needed to feed the 5,000. "What do you have?" You've got a kid here that's got fish and loaves. Well, would you let me have what you have? If it's \$40 or \$80 or \$120, some level, whatever it is, and I just threw those numbers out as possibilities, we're going to send the beautiful CD instrumental of the great hymns, the sweetest sound, the sweetest songs and also a booklet that tells history of how they were inspired.

We're also offering you the most beautiful large print Bible I've ever seen and I've never seen one with nicer leather. This is absolutely fabulous. We're saying thank you to those of you who would make, for some, a sacrificial gift of \$120.

But at whatever level you could help, we send the beautiful "Determined Eagle" bronze and it is spectacularly beautiful to say thank you for meeting a critical need that may not touch people's hearts like it should but it really is the life source of reaching out and delivering. And also, as some have said so often, taking these children we're rescuing, even these we've gotten that are trafficked, taking them to a safe haven, taking them where they need to go to grow.

Would you right now go to that website? Would you dial the number? Take your bankcard and use it like a check and you just make the gift God puts on your heart. We have some gifts to bless you but you're going to be blessing missionaries, and all the people they put the arms of God's love around. Thank you for doing it!

On the mission field

Announcer: It's a missionary's nightmare, having lifesaving relief supplies in your hand and no way to get it to those who are suffering. Some of the vehicles so vital to our outreaches are completely worn out and must be replaced. And in some critical areas no transportation is available at all. *Life's* mission partners have immediate and urgent needs to transport lifesaving

supplies to children and families in remote locations. An additional 1.1 million dollars is needed to purchase 71 vehicles, large and small. Your gift of \$40, \$80, \$120, or \$1000 will help purchase these vehicles and provide lifesaving food, clean water, medicine, and the good news of Jesus to people in need.

With your gift of any amount, be sure to request *The Sweetest Name* classic hymns CD with a booklet containing the history behind the hymns for all twelve songs.

With your gift of \$120 or more, please request the NIV Super Giant Print Reference Bible, ideal for anyone looking for a Bible that's gentle on the eyes.

Finally, please prayerfully consider a gift of \$1000 or more to help transport life. And you may request our beautiful Determined Eagle bronze sculpture.

Please call, write, or make your gift online!

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In the studio

James: I really hope and pray, Betty that every single person watching and this is kind of what it is going to take because this is a rapid fire need, and we're asking you to help us. So thank you.

By the way, if you decide to send a check, make it to *LIFE*, that's what you're giving and call us and tell us you're mailing it in.

The beautiful Bible, we mentioned you'll love it; the beautiful hymns and the history of them, the beautiful bronze. But also, Kirk Cameron, *Revive Us*. This will be a blessing to you. Let's all be a part of this incredible event because I think we may see the revival that Kirk is longing for, and I believe that the Lord has prayed for.

Would you say thanks to Kirk Cameron and pray for revival?

[Cheers & Applause]

By the way, we will send this video to you, the DVD if you'd like to have it. You just help with the vehicles. Thanks!

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Announcer: Ambassadors for *LIFE* are people like you who see need in the world and want to do something about it. Contact us to start a fundraiser today and change someone's future!