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Week 8: WFL  
James and Betty Robison  
Beth Moore #2

**[In the studio]**

**Betty:** Welcome to *LIFE Today*. Thank you so much for joining us. We are especially blessed! We have our dear, dear friend Beth Moore back with us.

**Beth:** It makes me so happy that Betty was the one that introduced the program today! Way to go!

**Betty:** That might be the only chance I get to talk. [Laughter]

**James:** Our daughter gave her a whistle for Christmas. Show them the whistle. She realized tonight she could use it and tell us she wanted to say something.

**Beth:** And she knows this from experience, James because we just talk on. But what I always say is then she drops it like it's hot and then it's just over. She made the point for the whole broadcast and it's done. And we did all that talking for nothing.

**James:** Why didn't you just say that? Everybody says, "Why don't you let her talk?" I do try to get you to talk; don't I?

**Betty:** You do all the time. But you promised all I had to do was sit here.

**James:** It was the only way she would come. She said, "I will come up there if all I have to do is sit there and nod." I said, "Well, just be sure to always nod and agree with me."

**Beth:** He's slightly lied because she doesn't just get to sit there. No!

**James:** She is wonderful. Okay. *Quest*, here it is, Bible study. We were stopped in the hall by someone who had been through your Bible study. "Oh Beth, there's never been one like this. I just can't explain to you how great it is!"

I'm thinking, where did she get all these sales people out here in the hall? [Laughter] But it really, you're hearing that. It's coming back to you.

**Beth:** Yes. I'm getting feedback by the grace of God that is in accordance with what I prayed so hard for. What this study is toward is intimacy with God; that that's what I began to hear from people that they needed the most. They said, "I want somehow to have that life and abundance in my prayer time with him where I know I've really been with God."

So that's what this is all toward. That is the goal that by the time they get to the end of this five weeks that they've come to a place of intimacy that is nearer and dearer to them than anything they've experienced. So that's a thrill to me because it will be the thing that they will say, that's the thing I hear the most is that one, that one little point, I think that's what we were after from the very start.

And that is what I'm so hoping they'll discover is a way of dialogue. God is speaking to us through his word. Learn to speak back. Learn to ask him questions. Jot them down. Watch. It may be over the next days, it may be over the next week, it may be over the next couple of months that he will come right back around and give you a response to that question. It is the most beautiful thing.

I've got to tell y'all something so funny. A friend of mine said, "Don't forget to tell James and Betty this." So I want to be sure and share it. On the airplane coming up here today, I don't know why odd and beautiful things happen coming to Dallas but this kind of thing happens all the time heading up here for these kinds of tapings.

So on the way up here there was a businessman sitting beside me and so I had the study out because I was reviewing it so that I would be ready for our interview. So you just go back over it a little bit and make sure that I've looked at it really well. I can kind of hear him making a noise over here. "Hmm-mmh. My wife does Beth Moore studies." [Laughter] So I said, "Oh?" And so I just kept looking.

**James:** Do you know Beth Moore? [Laughter]

**Beth:** Well, he says, "How long have you been doing her studies?" So I looked at him because I thought he's kidding. He wasn't. So I looked at him and said, "Well, since the very first word she ever wrote! That's how long I've been doing these studies with her. Since the very first word."

It was the funniest, funniest thing. But what I loved about the moment because it just froze everything for me thinking back on literally 24 years of writing Bible studies. Because of the way God does it, when he keeps a relationship alive in him and it is the most exhilarating part of our lives, then everything he is doing is always fresh and now. So every single one of the studies

at that time was the most important thing I could possibly have been doing.

It was my dearest thing right then and that's how I feel about this, that it's a privilege to be able to get in these pages and call someone in. I think this is part of the gift of teaching. I think this comes by way of the Holy Spirit that maybe people with other kinds of giftings can learn something from God without feeling the need to immediately call someone and tell them; that they don't need to go tell it, they're already satisfied that they've received it.

Not me! Not me! If anything works I want people to flourish so badly. If anything works I'm all like, listen, I think this could work. I want people to make it so badly. To me, this is the part that God -- it's not what we're doing for him that thrills us so much, it is God himself. It is knowing Jesus Christ; that everything comes in the overflow of that. And it all comes from relationship.

So it's based on the premise that any time we feel like there comes some distance between us and God that we could always find our way back home by answering five questions. There are so many questions in the scriptures and many are posed by God himself who already knows the answers so he's calling us into intimacy.

But these five questions and I present them from the very beginning in Genesis three, where are you? Then who told you that? -- same chapter. Get to the New Testament. Then Jesus begins asking questions. He says, "What are you seeking?" in John's gospel, the very first words out of his mouth. "Why are you afraid?" in Matthew's gospel. And then the most beautiful one of all, I love it so much. I've got my Bible open to it. Luke 11:13 where he says, "If you then who are evil, (by comparison) know how to give good gifts to your children how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

That those five things. If we would just come to him on the page or even just audibly and try to answer it, Lord, this is where I feel like I am. This is what I believe and who I think told me this. This is what I really want.

I want to camp on those last three questions because I think desire is so important. To be able to bring to him what it is we want. When he turned around when those first disciples were following right behind him he turns around and looks at them and he says, "What do you want?" It's not like what do *you* want? It's like, "Tell me, what is it that you *want*?"

When was the last time you answered that question to him? What are your deepest desires? What are your hopes? Betty, that's intimacy. If we can't really tell somebody man, this is what I wish. Lord, if I could just put the desires of my heart, these are the kinds of things I wish I could have out of life; that's part of being able to open up your heart to him.

**Betty:** And he already knows but he wants us to know. He wants us to be able to say it or express it. He wants you to know him.

**Beth:** Once you taste that, you want everybody to have it because once you realize that, honestly, the one whose voice that spoke the planets into orbit, spoke the universe into being said, "Let there be light" and there was, this is the God that is present with you all by yourself in all your flaws and all of our humanity and all of our brokenness and all of the sin that we've been in in the course of our life, that that God is with me, listening to me. I love it! I know you guys do too.

In John 11, when Jesus says, "I know that you always hear me." He said to his father before he raised Lazarus from the dead, so that these people can see, but he said to his father, "I know that you always hear me." I thought, how different would our prayer lives be if we always knew that he heard us? What if we believed it?

I've got to tell you guys something. You know we were talking about that question, what is it you want? What are you seeking? Do you know that they answered him back? He asked them in 1:38 in John, "What are you seeking? What do you want?"

And they answered him back, "Where are you staying?"

I thought it was the most profound thing. They answered him back with a question. It was like, I'm going to tell you something. We don't know exactly what we want but we think it's got something to do with you. Where are you going?

I love it! I love it so much. The other one, this is where Betty and I have to leave you out because this one, you don't even know about this one. This one is when Jesus then asks in Matthew 8:26, "Why are you afraid?" Think about the intimacy that if we would really open up to God and you're saying, "But he already knows." No, no! That's not the point. Of course, he does. Of course, he does. Imagine my husband knows me. Imagine that we never talked. That's how we communicate. So imagine that you would be able to voice to him, this is what I'm afraid of. This is what I fear. Because I don't know. Is anything more vulnerable than that, Betty? That we would be telling somebody, you know how much you've got to trust somebody by the time you're leaning in and going, this is what I'm afraid of.

**Betty:** I do know that when we went through the loss of our daughter, you have your close friends, your family, everybody that cares as much as they know how to care. You know you can go to them and you can talk to them, you can pour out your heart to them and I knew that, and I did that at times. But I always knew I could go back to God and he was right there to heal my broken heart, and to hold me, and to let me cry out to him. There is nothing like it!

**Beth:** Nothing like it! Did you know, Betty and James that of all the books of the Bible, 66 books, Genesis to Revelation, guess which book of the Bible by a landslide has the most questions in it? Job -- Job! Of course, it does. Do you know that it is believed to be, if not the oldest, one of the oldest books in the word of God? And isn't it wonderful to think because we think because we see it more in the center of the scriptures we think, well, that is the chronological order of that book. No, it is believed to have been either patriarchal, that Genesis period or even pre. So I want you to imagine this with me. Because do you realize that when he was inspiring his word he took on those questions of why the righteous suffer from the very beginning. God is not scared of questions.

They get all the way to the end of the book and all of this time that Job is grappling with all of this, when he gets to the end of it, he still does not know why he suffered. So it's an odd thing that where he finds life again is in realizing who God is not why it ever happened.

**James:** He did see the end result: I thought I knew you but I didn't know you -- not like I know you now.

**Beth:** I think it is the most profound thing. I think something is wonderful about in the English language that the question *why* is like a primal scream. When you throw your head back to say the word *why*, to really ask it with passion; I mean you're dropping your chin down and you are bringing up a wail, a true wail of a word. I just think isn't it interesting that all of these whys and God answered it with who.

And over and over again when I can't come to the end of why in a situation I still feel free to ask it because even Jesus asked it on the cross. He asked why, "Why have you forsaken me?" For that moment, to be able to be allowed to feel what we have felt, what we all feel if we have journey that is long enough with God and we've been through enough with God we get to ask it. But so often what waits until we see him face to face, where we get our peace is I don't know why but I know who. I know who my God is. I know my God is good, that he can do me no wrong, that he cannot betray me, he cannot forsake or reject me. He has no dark side -- that's everything to us.

**James:** Touch on the last of the questions because we've got a couple of minutes. Can you do that?

**Beth:** It's just the best. How much more then will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to you who ask him? Here's my thing. When I'm going through a rough time, I know I can always say, "More of the Holy Spirit!" I asked him that last night on my face, face down. I said, "Lord, I just want more of you." How much more?" What are you willing to give me? The beauty

of that, that no matter what we're going through, how much more would your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit, his own spirit to those who ask him. That works for me.

**James:** Let's pray this right now with all of you here. Look at me. He sent another of the same kind to actually live in us.

Now Father, I think we grow continually in an understanding not only of your greatness, your grace and graciousness, and your mercy and your patience but Lord we want to know in fullness the power of your presence prevailing in us.

So for every person at home right now who has bowed their head, I pray they will simply open their heart and their life and say I don't understand it all. I don't come to you, Father by my great understanding but by the faith of a child. Give me the fullness of your power and your spirit. I'm not looking for a funny feeling. I want to receive you, all of you, in all of me, all the time for your glory. I yield my life to you and your fullness.

Now you don't have to beg. You don't ask the Father for bread and he gives you a stone. You don't have to beg. You don't need to look for a feeling. I will simply tell you this, when I yielded, a fatherless kid, the shyest kid I think on the planet to the call of God and he wanted to use me as a voice, an announcer of good news, an evangelist and I said, "Yes." I can tell you that I felt I was experiencing waves of liquid love. And I can tell you that more than 55 years later those waves are ever increasing.

One of the best known preachers in the world has called me twice in the last... he said, "James, James, I'm supposed to be a Bible teacher. God, I want the compassion that's on you. I pray for that compassion."

Listen, that's real. That's not pretense. I feel the hurt of people. I feel it. I feel, Beth, what God feels when Jesus wept. It wasn't that he didn't know exactly what was going to happen. He wept because they wept. He weeps with us. God give us that compassion. Beth, that's part of the Holy Spirit's power.

**Beth:** Yes, it is!

**James:** This is what Beth's trying to get us on. By the way, many of you right where you are, you're experiencing that flow of the fullness of his presence, his power. Just thank him for it, praise him for it right where you are. Then walk in it.

Beth is seeking to take you on a journey. Would you join Betty and me in saying thanks to God? And Beth Moore, thank you for being available to God and thank you for being with us? Thank

you for all that you do. We're going to right now and I promise you, you're about to be pulled right up to the compassion of God. If you're not moved with compassion here, you say, "God almighty please, I've got to know what you know and feel about this." Because I promise you, you are going to want to be the answer to a heart cry and a very, very legitimate need that we can meet. We can be the miracle.

### **[Mission Video]**

**Announcer:** Everyone on earth depends on water to live. Where access to clean water is lacking, people either die from thirst or they resort to desperate measures often with tragic results.

**Open Captions:** My name is Virginia. These three are my children. My other children are dead. Their disease was caused by the unclean water. It's the reason my children died. Glorios, she was my daughter. She was six months old when she died. Shadrach was a very strong boy. He was always playing, always catching things, but the day he got sick he couldn't do anything. He was suffering... He was suffering from diarrhea. When I remember Shadrach all I can do is cry.

**Announcer:** Every child's death is a tragedy. The deaths of Virginia's children are especially painful in that they could have been prevented simply by drilling a clean water well in their village.

**Open Captions:** I fear for this one; now he's sick.

**Announcer:** We cannot change the past but there are children still alive whose futures hang in the balance and can still be saved if we only choose to act.

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### **[In the studio]**

**James:** You've heard the story of that precious mother's loss -- and there's another child that's sick. We can drill that well. I'm talking about rapidly. There are 400 areas that the missionaries have shown us tremendous need just like that. We're reaching now towards 6,000 wells but 400 this year. The millions of lives that you've saved. Betty, when you look at that woman's face, you understand as a mother.

**Betty:** I do. There is no way to adequately describe to you the heartache of a mother in the loss

of a child. I don't care how old or young they are. There's no way to describe it. And that mother has experienced it more than once and may, again if we don't get her the help that she needs.

There are many diseases that as hard as we try we can't find the cure for. But this one, there is a cure for. It is the water; it is the diseased water that is killing these precious children and making these mothers' hearts just break.

Please join with us and let's drill the water wells because that's the answer. We can prevent this from happening in so many cases. Please join with us and let's give them Water for LIFE literally.

**James:** Thank you. Betty, we only have a few days left now to really get the resources necessary to not only fulfill the heart desire and the vision of the missionaries, to share Water for LIFE while they point to the water of life consistently and effectively. So we really need to hear from you.

The wells, the 400 we need to drill, they cost \$4800 each -- that's the average. There are some places we might get down for less than \$2,000. Some are \$7,000 or \$8,000 because of the terrain, because of the difficulty and the timeframe in each place. But it still averages, thank God, because energy costs have not gone out of sight and the fuel costs, and we're able to do it for \$4800.

Can you drill a well? I believe if you can, you will. People tell us it is one of the greatest joys that they have. We have one man that drills a well every month. We've got churches that commit to drill ten a year. Thank God for that. We've got companies that do it. But most of it is couples or individuals who say we're going to do this and what a joy. Some will say, "James, I wish I could but I can't. But I can do part of it, \$1200 or \$2400." Another person joins you, three people join you we've got a well. So make that gift and pray for the others to join.

But most of the resources come from people who will say, "I can help 30 people by giving \$144 because that's what that gift will do. A gift of \$48 will give ten people water the rest of their life. So there's a level at which you can help.

Would you please right now dial that number or go online and take that bankcard and use it like a check, like you should always use it? And make the gift God puts on your heart. You're giving -- really, you are -- you're giving the greatest gift possible. You're giving a gift of life and a gift of love.

Would you do that right now? Please? I pray you'll go to the phone or go online right now and just follow the leadership of God's spirit. Thanks for sharing life.

**[Begin video clip]**

**Announcer:** Every day children living in extreme poverty are forced to make a dreadful choice, drink dirty polluted water filled with deadly disease or die from 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. You can help end the suffering because clean water changes everything.

With your gift today, you can help drill 400 water wells in remote villages in over 15 nations. Your gift of \$24 will help provide clean water for five people, a gift of \$48 will help provide for ten, \$72 will provide for 15 people and \$144 will help provide fresh, life-giving water for 30 people for a lifetime!

With your gift we'll send you *The Riches of Christ*, what true prosperity looks like filled with wisdom, prayers and scripture. James Robison adds insight from what God has shown him about finding contentment in the Father's provision for your life.

With your gift of \$100 or more please request the *Children of the World Storybook Bible*. This easy to read Bible features colorful art by children from nearly 50 countries around the world.

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 the "Bridge of Faith" framed canvas print by Thomas Kinkade.

Please call, write, or make your gift online.

**[End of clip]**

**[In the studio]**

**James:** We have some special gifts for you to bless you. I hope you'll read that book, *The Riches of Christ*, what true prosperity looks like. I think it's a real simple read. It is me sharing my heart and what I've witnessed in all the years since we've been married and in ministry all over the

world. I do hope that you will get Beth's Bible study and encourage others to get it and get in it. And gain that intimacy with Christ.

Beth is going to be back with us again. We're going to kind of talk about another one of those miracle interactions with the Holy Spirit; kind of like you're going to comb that man's hair over there, which is the most watched thing we've ever done and posted on YouTube or anywhere, shared videos is what happened then. Well, this is another one like it so you don't want to miss that.

Would you say thanks to Beth Moore for being with us? Look forward to seeing you again in the next program!

**Beth:** I love y'all so much. Thank you so much.

**James:** Thank all of you for watching. Again, thanks for sharing life. Thank you very much.