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Week 18: Spring Mission Feeding
Randy Robison and Sheila Walsh
Nick Vujicic

Randy: Welcome to *LIFE Today*! I'm Randy Robison. Sheila Walsh is with me.

Sheila: Indeed!

Randy: I've got to tell you, we have so many great guests but I so look forward to when today's guest is here. He has been here several times and it's been a joy to watch him grow over the years. And his family is growing like crazy over the years. Would you welcome Nick Vujicic?

[Laughter]

Nick: Hi everyone! Thank you.

Randy: We've got to start with this up top because...

[Laughing]

You haven't just had a child, you've got...

Nick: We have a tribe -- a little tribe now. We've got two boys, Kiyoshi and Dejan, five and two and a half, and then we've got two twin girls. And they were born in December -- December 20th, 2017.

Sheila: So just a few months old. How is your wife doing?

Nick: My wife is a rock star. She is amazing. She's got lots of help of course. But yeah, it's still a lot of -- it's a handful! Oh! But she is amazing. We're loving it.

Randy: I'm glad she's got some help because I know you've been traveling some. You've pulled back. You're not traveling as much as you used to and I applaud you for that. You've got that family.

Nick: Contacts, I used to average maybe, when I was a bachelor, 270 days on the road, once married, 140, and now we're down to 80 and we're going to 70.

Sheila: 270 days on the road?

Nick: Hey! When you've got no responsibilities except going and standing in front of the gates of hell and redirect traffic, you'll run your heart out!

Sheila: I love that! Standing at the gates of hell redirecting traffic! Indeed!

[Cheers & Applause]

Randy: But showing some godly wisdom. Yes, because --

Nick: Amen! Your dad told me that too. He was very concerned for me, your dad. He was like, "Nick, slow down!"

Randy: Yeah, I think it is hard for someone with an evangelist heart because sometimes you feel like you've got to save the whole world. God opens up the doors. Recently you preached to -- how many people was it in the Ukraine?

Nick: Yeah, so let's be clear. I've never saved anybody. I can't even save my own soul. Amen? But we were in front of 800,000 people in Ukraine, September 2017 wherein 400,000 people gave their life to Jesus and 52 million people watched across 26 countries in 20 languages.

Randy: It's amazing!

Nick: Huge!

Randy: God opens those doors, you walk through.

Sheila: Was it the church in the Ukraine that invited you in? That's a huge thing?

Nick: It's the government, believe it or not.

Sheila: The government?

Nick: Because 2017, it was the year of reformation. That's when Europe was celebrating the ability for every civilian to have a Bible in their hand and be okay with it. And so the government asked me to come to the government to talk about the Bible on national TV.

Sheila: Very good!

Nick: Very good! And it was amazing because it ended in them going on their knees, the government, and saying, "God, forgive Ukraine of our sins. Heal our land. Help us to glorify you." Then they needed to do a celebration. So they said, "Nick, we trust you. Can you please come?"

Because in the Balkan region, and the Russian speaking area of the world, Orthodox is the main religion and the Orthodox accept me and love me because I'm not talking about partisan-tism, I'm not talking about Pentecostal or a denomination of such; hold up the Bible, hold up Jesus. And when I met Billy Graham, he said something very, very profound I'll never forget, "Preach the gospel." The gospel -- you don't have to put down other religions. You preach the gospel; the gospel is powerful enough in its own.

Sheila: That's great! I read this new book of yours, *Be the Hands and Feet*: Living out God's love for all his children. I love this! But I found the dedication really moving. You say, "I'd like to dedicate this book in loving memory of my dad, Boris who went home on May the 14th, 2017. 'I fought the good fight, I finished the race, I've kept the faith.'" Tell us a little bit about your dad.

Nick: My dad was one of my heroes. He was very stern with me when I was a kid. He was like, "Nick, God never gave you arms and legs but he gave you a brain. Use your brain." Coming from immigrant Yugoslavia, as refugees coming with nothing, straddling three different jobs, volunteering to plant the church with his wife, my mom, a nurse, a night shift 40 hours plus a disabled son, plus two other children, he taught us to not complain and work hard and do your best and God will do the rest.

So he said, "Nick, start a business. Get employees. They can be your hands and feet."

Very wise; right? I was six years old when he told me that though.

[Laughter]

And it took a while. So anyway, I wasn't a child that was spoiled. If I wanted something, I would have to earn money to buy it.

But the bottom line is this. He said, "Nick, God has really blown all of our expectations on everything that anyone could ever imagine." He was so proud of us as children; but especially how God could take me around the world when the doctors said, "Your son is never going to walk." Now the son that goes to governments where they change laws to allow special needs

children to go into school for the first time. He just loved to see that; even though I was at one time wanting a miracle, I realize now, you don't need a miracle to be a miracle for someone else.

Sheila: That's huge! Wow!

[Applause]

Randy: I want to go back to this because you touched on something that you've been able to do and that is to really change people's minds, and change government and school policies on how they deal with children who have various difficulties. You're in a unique position to make them listen.

Nick: It is interesting. When you understand that God has given you a platform of some kind and you don't need a platform -- a platform, it's your neighbors, it's your friends, it's in front of the person who is behind the cashier counter. You have influence. You have platform and you can ask God, "God give me wisdom in how to say things persuasively or lovingly or caring."

Here in America we've actually developed through Attitude is Altitude, a curriculum that brings in values to the school systems. We're in 22 charter schools in Florida right now. And I was just there months ago speaking in front of 2,000 first responders and teachers with the Douglas shooting over there. So when you have that influence there, we've got to understand, let's do what we can as Christians. We may not have -- we may not be able to say the J word in school all the time but to bring back those values. It's about us really living out God's plan for us that you and your testimony would be shared with others to let them know that the joy and the peace that the river of peace in your soul comes only from him. And so we all can be the hands and feet of God living out God's plan for our life.

Randy: I know -- I know some people are sitting at home watching going, "Okay. Well, he's in a unique position and God has chosen to use him in a unique way. He's an evangelist" -- and excuse excuse, excuse. Do any of us as believers really have any excuse not to be all that God wants us to be?

Nick: Look, I think America has a disability and I really feel like it is the prosperity gospel. I feel like it is so focused on what God can give me and what can I do and what can I have instead of saying God how can I give? How can I serve? Teach me to serve. I really believe that the prosperity gospel will end in this country in ten years. Do you want to know what's happening in ten years? A third of every job in America will disappear with robots. And the pastors will not have the courage to talk about prosperity gospel when a third of the men lost their job. And we come back to the simple gospel, original gospel -- no adding, no subtracting.

And the way that I can flip that question around in another way, in a very nice way is saying when I see God face to face, he is going to say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." And I wonder then if he is going to look over our shoulder and say, "Who else did you bring?"

America, you had 100,000 churches and there were 100,000, 7.8 year old children waiting for adoption. That's awesome. International ministry, praise God, let's do it. Let's feed the poor, let's do that, let's bring education. But our own children in America, I feel like we, out of all the generations, Randy have the least amount of excuses.

Randy: As an adoptee because I was adopted, I hear you, brother. Interestingly, I hear what you're saying about the idea that God is about what's in it for me? Because we're told to lose our lives for his sake to find it. I want to sell something about prosperity because you've given your life to the Lord and he's prospered you in some amazing ways.

Nick: He has! My family -- number one, like wow! Talk about prosperity!

Randy: So it is allowing, maybe, it's allowing God to define prosperity and it is about seeking his will, not our own. Then we suddenly find that God has amazing blessings for us.

Nick: And Randy, I'm not telling someone to stop praying for something. But number one is don't go around and tell everyone "I'm praying for God to get me a car." Go get a job, save up some money, and go buy a car, and ask God for actually even more to a point that you can even buy a car for someone else one day.

That's the mentality to understand that if I have cancer, we're going to pray that that cancer goes, just like my dad. But we know that this earth ain't our eternal home. We know we're going up there. So if my dad didn't die of cancer, he would have died of something else. Eventually, we're all going home. So we can pray for cancer to be gone, we can pray for arms and legs. I have a pair of shoes in my closet in case God gives me arms and legs. But I'm not waiting around for them. I'm complete. Cancer or not, rich or poor, I'm complete because Jesus lives in me and I love him.

Randy: I love that! Right? No excuse. God has a calling on our lives.

Nick: Is Jesus more than enough or is he not? That's the bottom line. And then if he is, let's share him.

Sheila: When you talk about that situation in the Ukraine and I've been there. I've been there and I've seen -- there are some beautiful people there. But I hear you talk about that and I think, that's what I'm longing to see in America. I'm longing to see -- I come from Scotland and I'm

reading of the old revivals and even of the Welsh revival where men would come up to the pub and they would walk past the church and fall on their face because the power of God was so present. If you were sitting here and all America was listening, which they're not by the way, but if everybody was listening --

Nick: They are! You are!

Sheila: But what would you say to us as the church in America who we say that we want to see revival but I wonder if we've lined our lives up in such a way that revival is possible?

Nick: Do me a favor. Put your left hand out and separate your fingers palm to the ceiling; the other way around. Yep. Good! If you have grain and your fingers are apart the grain is not going to be caught but when you put your fingers together, you cup it. The five-fold ministry as far as scriptures -- thanks you so much for that beautiful prop. It is a lovely hand by the way. That was very, very nice. That's a little round of applause there.

But the five-fold ministry of apostles and teachers and evangelists, I feel like the church thinks that there's only a couple of evangelists. Billy Graham was asked, "Who is the next Billy Graham?" He's like, "All of you are the next Billy Graham."

We're all evangelists and actually, we must understand the basics. When you know the gospel, can you in three minutes share the gospel? Can you look me in the eye and tell me who were you before you met Jesus Christ and what happened after he came into your life? Most Christians don't know how to do that. They haven't written their testimony down.

Everyone who is 50 years old, please write your testimony down for your great, great, great grandkids! Write your testimony. It is the power of your word and testimony.

But I'm going to say this. Revival -- there are many people who are praying for revival, and I'm all for that. I'm all for a million people going to Washington, D.C. and praying for our country. But what if we could actually bring the evangelist a boat and the net within the church of a 100 members there is at least one or two who really feel called to be an evangelist. Through the church, in the church, by the church, for the church, empower those evangelists. And why can't we see a million Americans -- watch this, it is just a numbers game -- a million Americans preach the gospel to 20 people in a day?

Randy: Okay, how long will it take to reach the whole nation?

Nick: 16 days! Three minutes, 20 people, one hour a day, 60, can we do that? Could we do that? So that's the question.

Isn't that exciting to anybody? When Jesus says when God says in the Bible that when every single soul hears the gospel of Jesus Christ we're going home. We're going to stop reporting, we're going to stop complaining, and we're going to say, "Hey, make sure that our own teenagers are living God's way." As much as we can, meet them halfway, share with them the Bible. If they're living in my home, they're going to be under my rules. Hey, I've got my rules in my home. I take my phone to my dining table, my wife grabs my phone and puts it on the highest bookshelf. You understand me?

Sheila: Good woman! Good woman!

Nick: That's it. And there's going to be places where I'm going to take my sons to show them what an orphanage is and what a lost country is and let's be the salt and light. Let's see the evangelist rise up and realize hey, can we get to the basics? We need to counsel those who need help and we need to preach the gospel to the lost.

Sheila: There's something powerful about that because I took my son with me to Ethiopia when he was 15.

Nick: Greatest decision you could make as a parent.

Sheila: Yeah! He's in med school now but now he wants to be a doctor in countries where they can't afford doctors because he believes that medicine and ministry should go hand in hand. I think sometimes we're afraid of exposing our kids to the real world. But I think our kids want to know.

Nick: They do!

Sheila: It's like, this faith is either radically real or forget it.

Nick: It is the adults who don't want it. It's the adults who don't want it because I don't really want to be uncomfortable. If I'm a pastor of a church, I'm not going to ask my members, hey, go down and build a house in Mexico. That's great! That's wonderful! Now before you go build a house in Mexico, let's also since we're on the way to Mexico let's go to Tijuana and let's go to the orphanage where there is single mothers and children dying of HIV AIDS, not because they have to but because the church says, "You're not worthy of the medication that can save your life because God's punishing you for the decisions that you made and cancer is the punishment for your sin." That's the orphanage I want to take my boys to -- that's the world.

And when you're in front of 650 sex slaves in India and you know that Jesus is the only way,

truth, and life and you see slaves, can I take two more minutes?

Randy: Absolutely!

Nick: When you see slaves who are kidnapped at ten years old, sold by their own mother for \$700 US dollars, you can't say, "just be positive," you can't say, "be good, do good and good is going to happen." Half the philosophies of the world go out the window; reincarnation, better luck next time? Is what you're going to tell them? What about the other religions? No! But tell them, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only one son. He can heal you; he can take your broken pieces and do something beautiful."

I've seen these girls who find Jesus, they get a job, they save up money -- Devaraj, Teen Challenge, Mumbai. They save up money; they go back to the brothels with a bucket of water and a towel. They knock on the door where they were once a slave and say, "I've come here. I used to be a slave. I want to tell you about Jesus. And I love you and I've come here to wash your feet." And after they wash their feet and the pimp ** who is crying, "Why are you doing this?" "Because he forgave me, who am I not to forgive you? And I love you and I'm praying for your soul. Here's \$700 bucks." They take another slave. They go find Jesus. They get a job, they come back twice as fast to rescue another one and another one and another one.

When you know that Jesus is the answer and the cure then it is our responsibility to be the salt and light -- *Be the Hands and Feet*.

[Applause]

Randy: Powerful! Powerful! Nick, you have in your heart and you live in your life this urgency to preach the gospel and to walk it out in practical terms. Why do you think you have to have both?

Nick: Because then it's not real. You can't really love someone without telling them the truth and you can't tell them the truth without loving them.

And so going hand in hand, the bottom line is, in my book, *Be the Hands and Feet*, many people don't feel like they can walk the walk or talk -- say the words that need to be said. But in my book, I cover, how can you practically answer someone who has some really good questions? Like God's an unfair God because he let the serpent in the Garden of Eden. I've learned how to actually... when they say, "Well, that's an unfair God."

I say, "No. He would be unfair to make Adam and Eve with free choice but all they get to hear is his voice." If Satan never said something contrary to what God said, "Really, then did Adam

and Eve have free choice?" That was three sentences.

Six big things why people don't give their life to Jesus; they say, "Church is a business." They say, "I'm not a Christian because I know other Christians." "I've been hurt by the church." And "I'm an atheist because science explains everything." My conversations last for seven minutes long with anybody with all this and I help everyone be equipped in this book. How do you reach those people who are just, "I'm never going to come to church. You Christians are this and that." No! Hey! I'm not a Christian because of Christians. I'm a Christian because of Jesus. Christians might let you down but the bottom line is make your decision, will you believe in Jesus or not? And this is why.

Randy: So truth in action. Word and deed.

Sheila: Here's the book, people. This is fantastic. *Be the Hands and Feet:* Living out God's love for all his children. One of the ways that we can do that is you know how committed we are here to feeding children who at the moment are dying for lack of food. So would you please watch this piece with me? And then we'll tell you how you can get a hold of Nick's book.

On the mission field

Announcer: Almost one child in five in Angola does not live to see the age of five. This malnutrition clinic is a place of last resort in trying to save children's lives. When this administrator was asked about the number of children's deaths at his clinic the answer was shocking.

Open Captions: One or two children die here every single day.

Announcer: Malnutrition is an underlying cause in most of these children's deaths. That's why the work of these men is never ending -- digging small graves.

Isak: Behind me you can see a grave digger. He is digging a grave, just a small grave, the size for a child. Here today they have pre-dug more than ten graves already and they will just keep digging grave after grave after grave. These are graves that have no name yet, but the children that will go into these graves have a name. They're a life, a precious life that means the world to their mother, to their family.

You see, you say, "How do you pre-dig graves? How do they know?" They know! They know their children will die because of the ravage drought in this area and how impacted these villages have been; because of the fact that all around here village after village there are families that cannot provide enough food for their children.

When you act, we're able to keep a child out of one of these graves. But your silence, your inaction means another child filling another grave, means another mother whose heart is broken.

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In the studio

Randy: It breaks my heart to look at all those graves waiting to be filled. There is something else that is waiting to be filled and that is a bowl. I'm asking you to join us in filling bowls so we can fill stomachs so they don't fill graves.

Sheila, it is easy to do and it is profound in its impact. I know you've seen it.

Sheila: I'll never forget the last trip to Angola and walking into a malnutrition clinic and watching these precious little ones who it took every effort just to take the next breath, watching their skin literally peeling off, their hair turning a strange color because of lack of protein.

When we were there last time we watched a mom who brought in her little one that literally had moments left to live. The clinic didn't have an incubator so this little baby was wrapped up in tin foil to try and restore some body heat. It was absolutely heartbreaking.

But the thing that was amazing to me was the next day we went to another village where we already had Mission Feeding in place and the children that I saw there that were lining up to get this bowl of food -- it was night and day. They were the way children should be; they were laughing and talking and playing. It made me realize that so little can do so much.

We can't all change the world but we can change the world for somebody -- literally, just for \$30. Do you know that \$30 could provide food for three months for three children? That's nothing! If you go with a friend to a movie you blow more than that. But this will literally change a life.

I've walked by these little graves. In fact, the last time I was there, we were filming and I said, "Oh hang on, guys. We need to quit." And we had to walk away because a family was arriving with their little one to fill one of those graves.

This doesn't have to happen. If we're the body of Christ on the planet at this time this should not be happening and it is not a burden for us to do, it is a privilege! What a joy that we get to be the answer to some mother who is on her knees right now saying, "Please Lord, God, would you send somebody to help?" Randy, we can do it!

Randy: Yeah, we are the answer to their prayers. You are the answer to their prayers. When you fill that bowl, you fill their stomachs; you fill them with the love of God. It's so easy.

Go to the phone right now please. Do the best that you can. Go online and give \$30, \$50, and \$100 that feeds three, five, ten children for three whole months. We've got some gifts we want to spiritually nourish you as well. So request those when you call. But most of all know that you can have a profound impact on someone's life. You can save a life.

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Announcer: In impoverished and drought-stricken areas of Africa children are suffering. The need is great and without food they face severe malnutrition -- even death.

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In the studio

Randy: Do go to the phones, go online, make the best gift you can. We really can make a difference. And with your gift today we'll send you Nick's book. Would you thank Nick for being with us here on *LIFE Today*?

Nick: Love you. Love you! LifeWithoutLimbs.org!

Randy: Life without limbs.org. Love you, brother!

Nick: That's it. Thank you!

Randy: Appreciate you guys being here with us on *LIFE Today*. Join us every day!

Sheila: Bye!

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