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Week 22: Spring Mission Feeding
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Darrell Scott

James: It really is a privilege to share this time with you. Thank all of you for being here in the audience and thank you for joining us. I'm James Robison; my wife Betty and I welcome you to this program.

My mind is just kind of jumping back about 20 years, Betty and I can remember right where we were when the shooting occurred at Columbine. It wasn't long we were there and we were putting our arms around the parents and those who had broken hearts in the church that really ministered where they had the funeral for so many of them. I tell you what. It was quite a high impact moment in not only the trauma, the tragedy, but also a lot of people saw Jesus.

And one of the most powerful stories came from a young girl who was as far as we know the first one killed. Her name was Rachel Scott. Rachel was really a witness for Jesus. She wouldn't deny Christ even when she was being threatened and she was shot. She had written, interestingly that she'd be 16 that summer and she wished she could be on the mission field in Africa.

Well, in a way she was because her mom was there and her stepdad went with us and on her birthday they stood where children were being buried and they went there to help save lives; and even in Rachel's honor made a gift to save lives.

Well, her dad Darrell really found himself on a journey that has continued to this day and I would say that it has built in momentum that I would have to call supernatural. Darrell Scott, I believe under the leadership of the Lord and because of God's love with a lot of wisdom involved, has established and launched and built and developed and is developing and will with your prayerful support develop a very effective outreach to save children's lives and to see them redirected in a very positive way. It is called Rachel's Challenge.

Well, Darrell was with us, I don't know, about 18 years ago and we were talking about heartache and healing only God can give but also a concern about what can we do to offset the pain? And Darrell is with us. Would you welcome Darrell Scott back to *LIFE Today*?

Darrell, good to see you.

Darrell: Thank you, James.

James: Your daughter made a very powerful impact on us and a lot of people because there was no question that she had a depth of concern. Where we went that summer and children were dying, they were so hungry they were crawling in the barrel trying to scrape out a little more after we ran out. In three years in that very area the people that were dying we're saving the lives of thousands of people because they were back on their feet because of the love of God. So Rachel sees from heaven what love does.

But now she's been watching for a long time what Dad's doing and we've all been watching. I've got to tell you, you were in the White House after the shooting in Florida and a lot of people spoke. It was quite amazing how composed it was. It was as though there was some kind of supernatural intervention there, to be very honest with you because there were places for a lot of tension. But you spoke and I want to tell you, you spoke with unbelievable clarity and composure and it was just amazing. I found myself saying, "Thank you, Lord."

And you've really been used of God to help offset this pain. You do call it Rachel's Challenge. I want you to just share your heart, your vision, what you believe we can do together to help alleviate this pain and perhaps even overcome the cause. So you just take off and share your heart.

Darrell: Well, my wife is here with me today, Sandy, and she and I together founded Rachel's Challenge about 18 years ago.

Shortly after Rachel died I was asked to speak before Congress at a House Judiciary Committee. And three days before I got that phone call, I write a lot of poetry and I was just sitting down. I wrote a piece of poetry and said, "Your laws ignore our deepest needs. Your words are empty air. You've stripped away our heritage. You've outlawed simple prayer. Now gun shots fill our classrooms and precious children die. You look for answers everywhere and ask the question why. You regulate restrictive laws through legislative creed and yet you fail to understand that God is what we need."

After I finished writing that I read it and I thought that's pretty good.

James: I think God really did inspire that.

Darrell: I believe so. I remember telling my wife and my oldest daughter, Bethany, I said, "This is a poem for politicians. I don't know any politicians." I said, "Wouldn't it be cool if someone like Charlton Heston could read this poem to Congress? Like your laws -- I can't even

begin to do it.

[Laughter]

James: Don't even try.

Darrell: But here's the amazing thing. A day or so later, I had one of those things, they used to call them "answering machines." Young people don't know what those are. And my answering machine, I was in the other room and I heard this voice on my answering machine, "Mr. Scott, this is Charlton Heston."

[Laughter]

I rushed over to grab my phone and just as I hover -- my hand was ready to grab the phone I thought, what am I doing? This is Moses talking! So I let him go. I just sat back and let him go.

He said, "I've been watching you in interviews and he said, "I've been impressed with what you've had to say." He said, "I just want to thank you." Because the N.R.A. at that time was under a lot of attack. He was the president of the N.R.A. He said, "I want to thank you for not blaming us."

So then just as he was ready to hang up I grabbed the receiver, "Hello!" He went through his whole spiel again. He thanked me. He sent us a -- he did a thing on the Bible. He recorded the whole Bible with his voice and he sent Sandy and our children copies of that. He sent an autographed picture of himself as Ben Hur; we've got it in our office.

The next day I got a phone call from Congress. They said, "Would you come and speak?"

I said, "No, I'm not the right person because gun control issues are not where I'm at." They insisted. So I said, "I'll come if I can speak from my heart."

So me, having written that poem and saying that Charlton Heston should read it, he didn't read it before Congress but I did. That speech went ballistic on the internet. For the next couple of years I traveled a lot with Josh McDowell and David Barton and with Bob Cornuke, good friends of mine. We did worldview conferences all over the country.

I kept feeling led to leave the religious world and move to the secular world. Our program is not religious.

James: Not leave religious conviction or belief or faith but move over to an area of

communication to talk to the whole realm that needs to hear the truth that can set us free from the misery that we're experiencing.

Darrell: So we began to do that. We just have seen an explosion. We're a non-political, non-religious, non-profit organization but we have reached over 28 million young people and adults in live settings over the last 18-19 years. We now have employees in Mexico and we're beginning to see South Africa open up.

I love to say that an entire country has our programs every single month; that sounds so cool. It is the country of Bermuda. They only have 13 schools in the whole country but they have our programming every month. And the prime minister there said that it's changed their nation.

James: You're going in and somehow you're trying to show children the responsibility for how they treat each other, how they respect one another, because what set the whole thing off at Columbine that took your daughter was kids calling somebody names.

We had a rash of suicides where kids in one part of the Dallas area were being made fun of because they didn't have as nice a shirt or types of shirt and they were like six suicides in a short period of time.

You're trying to show people the power of words. And you're asking everybody that wants to help -- you put it in your words -- if they would support what you call Rachel's Challenge what could happen in those schools? Tell our viewers.

Darrell: Well, first of all, I have a close friend, he's been on your show, Foster Friess, who has put up a two and a half million dollar matching fund. So anyone who is giving right now to Rachel's Challenge that's going to be matched up to two and a half million dollars by Foster.

James: Let me cut in on this with Foster and his wife Lynn. This is a man that because of freedom really accumulated a lot of wealth. Once he retired and sold out after he had made a lot of people a lot of money, he hasn't tried to make one dime. I asked him very pointedly last year, "Foster, when are you going to make money?"

"I don't make money now. I give money. I help people. That's what I do. I help people. I point them to Christ. I point them to God." That's what he does. So he said because he believes what you're doing and I just talked to Foster last night. I know he was here, had a great coach with him, really trying to help you do what God's called you to do and he's going to match it.

Every person watching, if they will listen to what you're saying and you'll say it, you're going to give them an address and you want to help, listen to me, this man loves your children. This man,

Foster loves your grandchildren; he has 14 grandkids himself. He loves our family. He wants to help stop the horrors; and love and truth and treating each other right is the greatest step toward bringing the essential healing.

And that get-along conversation that Rachel's Challenge is inspiring and encouraging needs to start with our congressional leaders that invited Darrell to come because they saw a father that had been hurt but he made sense. So I want you to listen closely.

Darrell: Well, our main focus is on connecting people. Something that President Trump had said a week before I was there, he said we need to connect more. So I kind of picked up on that. One of the things I do, I travel a lot and speak in large educational conferences to superintendents, principals, counselors, teachers. And I say some things sometimes that shock them. One of the first things I say in a training for superintendents or principals is, "I don't like the word *tolerance*." It is kind of a shock wave that goes across. I just let them know, "I don't want to be tolerated. I don't want to be put up with and I don't want to put up with you."

Tolerance is a negative word, it is not a positive word. What I want is to be accepted. Just accepting me doesn't mean you agree with me, it doesn't mean you approve of what I do. So I have five children, three step children, 12 grandchildren, and I accept all of them equally. I don't agree with all of them equally and what they think and I don't approve of all they do. But I accept them 100% of the time.

So that's the first little shock wave is let's practice acceptance. I have friends that are extremely liberal, I have friends that are extremely conservative that won't talk to each other but they will talk to me because they know I love them. We have got to come... in this nation we're divided. So one of the things I also talked about was that if we focus too much and that's the key word, if we focus too much on diversity we're going to create division. I've seen it happen. If we focus too much on unity we create compromise. But we can never focus too much on connecting and relatedness. If we focus on relatedness and that's where love -- but you can't love someone if you don't accept them; that's the first step. We've seen miracles happen.

Betty: What kind of response are you having from the leadership in the schools?

Darrell: We have tremendous response. We see almost every school that accepts us in our programming, disciplinary problems go down, and we see academics go up. And the reason for that is because children begin to connect and when they connect they feel safer. And it is as important to feel safe as it is to be safe because when you don't feel safe your adrenaline system is pumping, blood leaves your brain, your extremities, you're in fight or flight mode. So when they feel safe they are smarter because they are thinking better and they are connected.

We did a survey in 2011, sent out 20,000 surveys, got 10,000 of them back and we asked several questions. One of them is: Do you feel safe at your school? Before we came to their school, 1,600 students said we felt safe -- out of 10,000! After we were there, right at 6,000 said we feel safe. Now I wish 100% did but that's a huge improvement. So it's connecting kids. We have seen gang members come into one of our programs and become best friends, take off their colors. So we see little miracles take place every day.

James: So Rachel's Challenge, you're raising support to take the message and what we would call real healing harmony, real understanding, real acceptance, stop the name calling, stop the bullying, stop putting somebody down, stop classifying, and stop labeling them. We do that too much. Like you said: Liberal/conservative. Stop the nonsense.

Be careful that you call somebody a fool or wrong. What you're trying to do is negate their influence and nullify their effectiveness. You're actually trying to do damage to them when you put the label on them. You may not realize that but you are. You're making them smaller. A lot of times it makes them feel smaller. Sometimes their response is like what happened at Columbine, it is very explosive.

But love and this acceptance that you're talking about is absolutely a healing factor and you're seeing it. So if people want to help you, and I just love -- let me say to you Foster and Lynn, thank you because I know your heart. I know how much you love other people's kids like you do your own. I pray you get stretched a little bit to match. It may take you beyond but I'd like for every one of you watching if you could give \$1,000 or several thousand dollars, if you happen to be a person of means or you know a foundation or some corporation and together you could give a huge amount, Foster will match it. I mean there it is. You know what I believe about him? I think if you maxed him out and he knew it was effective, he would say, "You ain't going to max us out because we're going to max out with love."

So where would they send a gift to help with Rachel's Challenge? Anywhere in the world -- from outside the U.S., it doesn't matter, where would they send it?

Darrell: Simply to RachelScott.org or.com. Our program is called Rachel's Challenge. But that's simpler: RachelScott.org.

James: If they make a check they can make it that way? If they take their bankcard and they call and when they call, are y'all able to handle that call?

Darrell: Yes.

James: Let's just ask everybody that can help. You know because your daughter went with us

in the spirit on her 16th birthday. She was right in the middle of the African mission field and lots of lives were saved. As a matter of fact, we have saved over 13 million lives. That's what's come back to us. So she actually had a part in that because this was 20 years ago. It was 20 years ago and what's happened there is unbelievable. The majority of those that were saved were saved since then. So your daughter, her testimony lives on.

Dad, you're doing a really good job communicating. Would you say thanks to God and thanks to Darrell and to Rachel's dad for reaching out -- and to Foster, Foster, for being willing to do this. So there again, the address, there it is on the screen. The time limit is just sometime -- early to mid-summer it is over. It has to be met. Then what you would be able to do with it, even next year going into the schools and everything.

Darrell: We have thousands of schools wanting us that can't afford us right now and that would be such a blessing.

James: Absolutely. We're going to ask our viewers to do what your daughter said was big to her and that was to have a mission heart and love the helpless. You're going to see -- right now you're going to even get a glimpse of where we stood on Rachel's birthday and there were thousands being buried and now it is tens of thousands. But... did you hear what I said? With love we've saved 13 million lives. Here are some more. Here's one you can touch with love and give them a future. Watch.

On the mission field

Announcer: There is a poem written about a home where children died. One of the lines says: "It must be hard to live that way." That statement sums up the feelings of mothers in these villages who no longer hear the voice or see the smile of a child who died simply because there was not enough food. Once a child shows signs of malnutrition mothers will try and make their way to a rural clinic in a desperate attempt to save their life.

Isak: Today is particularly heartbreaking for me because this clinic is over full. They actually had to put extra beds down because they don't have enough space. What that means, I don't know if you understand what it means. What it means is that tens of children will die in the next week in this one clinic.

But what else that means is that the devastation of drought, the result of a lack of food means that there are hundreds and thousands of children in villages in this area that are in desperate need that are in critical condition that will end up in these clinics -- dying in a village somewhere unseen, unknown to you and I.

Please! We can solve this problem so easily. If we get Mission Feeding to those villagers in time we can save those children's lives. We can save them from coming here. We can save them from death's door. Please! Open your hearts. Do whatever you can do. Give whatever gift you can give because the gift you give today is truly the gift of life.

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In the studio

James: Those precious children that you see right there at the very close of that little video piece, those children are standing in line. Betty, there are 400,000 of them right now, they're still able to stand up. Some of them have walked with their family members; sometimes it's just the mother, all that's left. But some of them walk 50-100 kilometers to get there and they're going to stay there as long as there is food; until they see their health restored. And those 400,000 have everything changed in the most positive possible way.

Betty, we have gone to the place that they were so weak they could hardly stand up to get a bowl of food. And then we went back, and hear them singing songs. As you approach the area where they are, you can hear their voices, and they're singing, they're singing praise songs to Jesus because they've seen the love of God demonstrated, not just talked about.

Betty, it is the most beautiful thing. If our viewers would realize right now we can feed every one of those 400,000, just like that three at a time, four, five, or ten at a time.

Betty: And we can with your help. I love to see the lines of them standing there waiting to get their share of the porridge that will help save their lives. It breaks my hearts to see those mothers that walk forever and ever just for the last chance, that last hope that maybe their baby will survive if they get them to the clinic. Usually, that's the last step before they die.

So we can stop this before they get to that point. Please join with us and let's get the food to them. We can be that hand reaching out in love and giving them hope. Life is what we're offering.

James: We're here every day to encourage you in life, to hopefully strengthen your life in a spiritual manner and relationship with God and with others. So it's love that puts us right here in your home. It's love that puts food in a bowl for them. 400,000 children right now, their future depends upon love -- in many ways, your love, God's love through you.

Would you right now go online or dial that number and take your bankcard, use it like a check? Would you make a gift of \$30, \$50, or \$100? Let me be very specific about that: \$30, \$50, or

\$100 feeds three, five or ten children for the next months. Not total child care, lifesaving, life-enriching nourishment -- gives them a future. And yes, the missionaries tell them about Jesus and his love, not just in word, but in demonstration. And you make it possible. God's love through you enables them to share God's love, not just in word, but in deed.

Would you right now go online or would you dial that number? Take your bankcard or write a check and make it to *LIFE*. Call us and tell us what you're mailing or put that special gift on a bankcard just like you would write a check. Please do it; either online or calling in.

We have some gifts to send you to bless you and encourage you in your spiritual walk. We appreciate what you're doing. We want to bless you. You are giving the greatest blessing, you are giving life. Thank you so much for making that call. Thank you for making the gift.

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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

James: *Proverbs Power!* Boy! The first is *Successful Communication*. Boy, that heals a lot of ills. We were talking to Darrell about that. If we get Congress to communicate, how about that for a miracle? How about marriages to communicate? How about kids to communicate?

Darrell, what you're trying to do is really important. I hope you feel good about being here.

Darrell: I do. Thank you. Thank you.

James: I thank God for you. Would you say thanks to Darrell Scott? We pray with you for Rachel's Challenge to actually become a mighty move of love and transformation.

Thanks for watching. Thanks so much for helping. There is the address again for Rachel's Challenge. God bless all of you! Thank you!