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James: Well, we have the founder and director of Metamorphosis. Sounds like a surgeon or some kind of a psychiatrist. But the name of the book is *Unthinkable* and Mia Wright wrote it. I'm James Robison. Betty and I welcome you to *LIFE Today*. I'm just curious about this. It's an extraordinary experience; do the unordinary to experience the extraordinary. Do the unordinary to experience the extraordinary. Interesting. Would you welcome Mia to *LIFE Today*? How are you?

Mia: Thank you.

James: I'm really curious. Where did you come up the name of the ministry Metamorphosis? How did you see that?

Mia: Metamorphosis really, it means change in the Greek. As I was birthing this ministry and doing what God had called me to do, I had to change my mind-set, I had to change my life in many ways and I wanted for women to experience what it really meant to make a life-changing decision for Christ as well as to see their lives become better. Each of us had to make some type of change. So that's how Metamorphosis got birthed.

James: So it is unthinkable and you're talking about doing the unordinary to experience the extraordinary. Tell us about the unthinkable and tell us about *Unthinkable* from your point of view.

Mia: *Unthinkable* is a book to really inspire people to get out of the comfort zone, to stop accepting what is the status quo for their life. A lot of times we as Christians say, "Okay, life is good." We get satisfied where we are. But God wants to really do far more in our lives. Ephesians 3:20 says, "Now unto him who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all we could ever ask or think according to the power at work in us." That God really wants his power to be working for us. When we trust that and when we believe that and we commit to it and act upon it, we see the unordinary happen. We're doing sometimes, doing regular things over and over, and there are times that God wants us to do something that we haven't tried before.

The name of the book actually came out of the woman with the issue of blood; out of Mark five.

There was one particular passage, one Bible version that said, "When she thought, if I could just touch the hem of his garment." The magnificent thing of that moment for this woman was that she had an issue and according to the law it told her that she couldn't touch. Don't touch if you have a discharge from your body -- don't touch. So her whole life she is going through this 12-year period of really struggling with, I can't touch. Her life had to change completely because of the lack of touch. When we think about it, you get five human senses and touch is one of those. So that part was taking away from her humanity is what I see.

But it was the day that she heard Jesus Christ was coming to town, James that she said, "If I could just touch him." I'm sure there was a war of words in her head going on. Like, if I could just touch him but don't touch. If I can -- but don't! Because she was a good Hebrew woman and surely she knew that she should not touch. But when she did and pressed her way through that crowd her whole life changed. He didn't just heal her from what she was dealing with, he said, "Daughter, your faith has made you whole. Go in peace." So he did the unthinkable for her. When everybody else was like -- Jesus said, "Who is touching me?"

And the disciples are like, "All these people are thronging you. What do you mean who touched you?"

He said, "No. There was an intentional touch. Who touched me?"

I think that's how it translates to our lives. On the day by day, Betty that we can do things over and over and hope to get a different result, and sometimes we don't get the different result. But it is when we do something that maybe pushing the bar, doing something beyond what you're expected to do, something that is not ordinary. Because if you just continue to follow what you know to do then maybe that's not what God wants you to do. There are times we have to think about what God really wants to do for us.

James: She did the unthinkable.

Betty: God wants to stretch us. Sometimes that stretching can be a little uncomfortable but he knows he is taking us to a greater place in his plan for our lives.

Mia: Well said. It can be uncomfortable. It can be uneasy. It can be difficult but if God is in it, he is going to forge that way and give you the strength that you need to do it.

So the book looks at ten different characters. So ten different characters who did something that was not within the ordinary measure of what a person should have done or could have done. And in essence just summarizes, what did they really believe? How did they commit to that belief? And what did they do to act upon their belief? And once they did that, when they had

action because faith without works is dead so you have to marry the two together in order to see some action, something happen. You've got to do something.

So that's what "unthinkable" would do is inspire people to say, "What can I do? If I want to see my marriage get better, what can I do? If I want my finance to be better, what can I do? What is God showing me that I should do that I haven't tried before? Maybe something you've never thought of, something that is really out of your normal pathway of how you have been living life; that God will push you to another level but you have to trust him for it.

James: She violated a lot of rules like you said but the interesting thing is that when she was willing to do it, she had so much faith, "If I can just touch this man, this power, this person I'll be whole." This was faith. Not only was her disease healed, her future was settled. She was a child of God. She was born again. Some glorious exchange occurred.

Mia: There was something magnificent that happened in that moment and he gave her relationship and that's what many of us are missing. We are missing the relationship that we have with Christ because he wants the best for our lives.

If he says in John 10:10 "I come to give you life and that more abundantly" why can't we access that? Why don't we believe that? If that's what Christ wants us to know; that he wants us to have an abundant life, why do we feel guilty about living in the fruitfulness of God? That means the peace of God, the joy of God, the love of God, the relationship with him, why do we sometimes feel guilty about that? And we have to break beyond those barriers in order to get there.

James: When you have challenges in life like she had, you really have to touch him and you've had challenges. You had a lot of heartache. You've been, I would think stretched to the point of you could say loss of faith or trust or confidence and just a broken heart. Right? Because you talk about that.

Mia: I talk about it. I didn't write about it in the book but I share because of my unthinkable moment. There were several periods of my life but the one that most recently God has brought to my light to -- my remembrance to share with others is when I lost my son Joel. It followed a period of my husband's daughter was killed and this was already a big tragedy in our family and God spoke to me in that hour and he said, "Open your heart to have more children."

I was working a full time job in corporate and it was taking me out of town. I was traveling every other week. So it was really difficult and I was the only person in my position that had kids. Everybody else was like, "You have three kids? How on earth are you working this job?" And it was God helping me but my income was really sustaining our family because my husband

was pastoring a church that was growing and wasn't offering us a lot of income but it was necessary for me to work.

So during that time when God said "open your heart" then we went through this period of infertility. So for three years we couldn't have a baby. Prior to that, it was like you want to have a baby? And we had a baby -- it just seemed so easy but now it was hard.

Then our first pregnancy, then I lost the baby with a miscarriage. And a year later I was pregnant and everything was going so well. And it was at the six and a half month that my baby came early. When he was born he had multiple defects. In fact, we started knowing about it before he started to deliver. We saw his heart; and his heart was just open chamber heart. So many things were underdeveloped. He would have suffered as a child growing, he would have suffered -- they said children with these types of status don't live long but yet we trusted God.

But my child came on April 25th and he passed six hours later in my arms. And I struggled with my faith. I said, "God, are you toying with my life? Why are you pulling me? Why are you telling me open my heart to have more children? I open my heart to have more children and now I can't have children. What's going on?" And I really questioned my faith. I questioned, am I hearing God? I'm questioning what is God saying to me? But it was through that period because actually two weeks after I lost my child I was in the hospital with sepsis so I almost died. I said, "God, what do you want me to learn?"

What I came to discover was God wanted me to birth something for him. The child was for me but the ministry was for him, for God. So when I began to birth my ministry, that's where Metamorphosis came out of that transformation. It was a new mind-set, it was understanding that the things I do for Christ are the things that are going to last.

I praise God because it's now been 18 years and I've seen so many women's lives changed. I've seen women who have completely turned and left terrible situations and left sinful lifestyles and changed and follow after Christ. And people have come to our church, and I thank God I have a husband that believes in the power of a unified voice, and we're together as one to share the good news. But there are some people that say, "I came because I saw the two of you. I saw a husband and wife working together." Or we came because we needed to be under a marriage that was solid. We saw you two serving together.

So I thank God for that opportunity because it was through ministry, serving together that I realized that when God said open your heart to have more children, those children weren't my natural children but they were my spiritual children. And all around the world God has blessed me to be able to serve different countries and serve people in different places and help nurture those into their calling and their giftings for Christ.

James: Tell everyone the name of the church in Houston.

Mia: We're at the Fountain of Praise. We're in southwest Houston, Dr. Remus C. Wright is my husband. I'm Mia Wright and we co-pastor together, we share that platform. We watched the church explode; 27 years of ministry and serving but we've watched this phenomenal growth over that time period where people have continued to dedicate their lives to Christ.

James: Up to 25,000 people coming to Christ and being impacted and attending in incredible numbers. It is amazing what God has done. Do you have a website that tells people where you do these conferences? What is it?

Mia: They can go to MiaWright.com. It's my personal website and it will have the link to the church which is the Fountain of Praise. Then it also has the Metamorphosis.com -- excuse me, Metamorphosis.org is the conference information.

James: So when you do conferences, how long are the conferences and how often do you do them?

Mia: They are three-day conferences. We do the main one in Houston, Texas. We do a run for three days. We do it annually, every year at the beginning of March, right at springtime. Right at a good time for people to start thinking about spring cleaning for their lives. And then we host empowerment sessions throughout the year and we also run a girls team leadership program throughout the year as well.

James: Now you experienced a personal healing; didn't you? Didn't you experience a miracle in your life?

Mia: Yes, I did. I forget the year but it was one time while I was still working that when I would come home from work I had such fatigue, not normal fatigue but just such fatigue that James, I would lay in the bed and I would just say, "I can't move my limbs." And I was asking God, what's going on? What's going on? So the first doctor I go see, my doctor looked at me and she said, "You have Hashimoto's Thyroiditis." I thought, I need a new doctor.

[Laughter]

What in the world is this? When I went home I look up in the Merck Manual and what is Hashimoto's? And it was like I was a poster child. It is an autoimmune disease of your thyroid. So I was swinging high and going low. I just had no energy and I was gaining weight and losing weight. It was crazy.

After that I went to another doctor and they say, "You have Grave's disease." So they discovered that there were five tumors in my thyroid. Three on one side and two on the other. Since then, my husband and I, we prayed, we anointed, and we laid hands on my thyroid. I believe I am healed in Jesus' name. I am not going through surgery to remove my thyroid. I do not have cancer. I pled the blood of Jesus over that. And we saw testimony after testimony doctors coming back saying, "We're looking at your scans and we're looking at your medical reports and guess what? We don't see anything." Where I had five tumors, there are two. There are two still remaining but listen they are so small they can't even biopsy them anymore.

[Laughter]

They have shrunk. Whoever sees that? Three disappeared and two have shrunk. So I praise God for supernatural healing because I know he is my healer.

James: Thank God. If our viewers read your book and when you're praying and you say, "Okay, I put my heart in here and I want them to get it, what do you pray they'll take away?"

Mia: I have prayed for every person that picks up this book to read. I prayed that God would expand their heart and their mind and the things that they thought were impossible, that we say the scripture, "With God all things are possible," we say it -- "nothing is too hard for God" -- we say it but do we believe it for our lives? So I want them to internalize the true possibilities of God, to realize that the things that they never thought for their own lives that God can do it. That they don't have to settle where they are, the status quo is out the door and they'll say, "No more am I going to settle for life like this. I want to live a better life. I want my life to be a witness to this God who can do all things. I want people to ask me how did you do it so I can say, 'God did it.'" That's what I want. That's what I want them to be a witness for God for the great incredible things that they never thought they could experience in life -- that God will do that for them.

Betty: That God is good at the unthinkable; isn't he? He's already prepared what he wants us to do for our purposes for his glory.

James: When you walked in tonight, the first thing you said to us is, "Well, I think you're in my home every day. I see you all the time." So it means that you have watched *LIFE Today*. Why have you watched us?

Mia: I grew up in a Christian family. I grew up watching Christian television and understanding the importance of feeding my spirit with the Word of God. So I watch a couple of things on TV. I watch the news, aah! Which is so draining. I watch Jeopardy. My son who is part of the audience, nobody in the family can beat him. And I watch Christian television

because I believe it is important that we nurture our spirit. The things that we put into our hearing, our mind, our thoughts, that we can feed it with power, with sustenance because we're often consuming the things of the world and we have no balance. We have to learn to balance and feed our spiritual life. So I watch you guys because I love the two of you. You have such a beautiful testimony, your life, how God has been with you all of your life. Your example as a husband and a wife have blessed people across the world. So I thank you guys for being a part of our family and our home.

James: Well, thank you. Thank you for saying kind things and thank you for your witness and for the church. I want to recommend you go online or go to the bookstore and get it.

You know one of the things we do that really blesses people is we just reach out and touch people that are too often overlooked. You've seen that. You've seen the effect of it. Love doesn't fail. When you reach out to someone that feels like no one cared, no one noticed, the response is so gratifying.

What we're doing right now I think you're going to have a part in because there's not anything we do any time of the year that people get any more excited about than giving not just a cup of water in Jesus' name but actually being able to give a well of water. You know he said, "If you give a cup of water in my name you won't lose your reward." Well, what about a well of water? That's what we're doing. We have literally with your help this year we will have given 6,000 wells. When I say we, it's the viewers of *LIFE Today*, people just like you.

I want you to look right now, I want you to listen to the Father's heart and you say, "God, what do you want me to do? Because there is something I can do." And love will not fail. Watch closely.

On the mission field

Ralph: We're standing here today in the district of Kravang, Cambodia. The village is Kauzmahuu. These people have never had clean drinking water. They don't know what it is to be able to go outside or go in their house and just have good clean water on a daily basis. So today, all that's going to change.

Whoo! Whoo! Oh my gosh! This is what it's all about right here. This year, James and Betty, you've been drilling wells almost 20 years and this year we're going to hit 6,000 wells in 2018 serving over six million people. The Bible says in Isaiah, "The poor will search for water but find none." Then God says, "But I the Lord will hear them. I will not forsake them. I will make dry land springs of water. I will make the wilderness as pools of water."

James and Betty, I feel like we're in that moment right now, almost like a pool of water for this village. In fact, if you're giving for the first time this year, you're giving water for the very first time to 300 families in this village. We praise God for that. Thank you to all the donors. Thank you to all the partners. James and Betty, again, thank you for your vision. All the mission partners love you and thank you with all their hearts. God bless you.

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>> 60% of infant deaths worldwide are related to waterborne illnesses. Be an answer to a mother's prayer.

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In the studio

James: God bless you, Ralph, your precious family. Recently we heard our grandson, the son of the daughter, Robin that's in heaven tell his whole church and people all around the world in a beautiful presentation about the challenge after he said good-bye to his mother, mother of three teens, and talked about the grace of God. It was so powerful. I know Robin was looking down smiling. We're saying, "God, thank you."

I see Ralph and what he went through and realize that he's there saying that we can be the answer to that mother's heart cry for her children. And all those people who have seen their children get so sick or they've been so sick, and all of the sudden they can have the life that you saw come in, Water for LIFE. It's all being given because of the water of life that lives in us, Jesus.

Betty, it's been the most amazing thing to watch our donors drill those 6,000 water wells with love one cup at a time, one well at a time. I believe everyone watching is going to do something.

Betty: I trust that you will. My heart was just leaping with joy as I watched those children dancing around in that fresh clean water that they had never had the opportunity to taste before. But there they were with great joy in their heart and expressing themselves as children would do. But what great joy had to be in the heart of every mother that watched their child there. At that moment when she knew that now she would have fresh clean safe water for her babies. Join with us if you will and let's continue to be able to do that, to let the water spring forth of God's love and the example of God's love being sharers just as you are as we share with these precious little ones.

James: I'm believing that every one of you are going to help. You're going to give a cup of water. By the way, we're giving these beautiful coffee cups, one for morning and one for evening, that are absolutely beautiful just to say thank you for giving a cup of water, a well of

water. And we're sending the book, *The Miracles of Christ* which we have talked about and many of our guests have shared their stories. It is phenomenal. It is a beautiful gift book. The pictures inside are like the ones on the cover. You're just going to be blessed and you're going to be inspired.

But here's what I'd like you to do. A gift of \$48 to help us drill one of those 400 wells will give ten people water for the rest of their life. Isn't that amazing? And listen to me. There is a level at which everyone can participate. You give a gift of over \$100 and we're going to send those cups, any gift we're going to send the book, if you could give \$1,000 or more or say \$1200, which would be three more people joining you and we've got a well because the wells cost \$4800. Anyone who gives \$1200 or more we're going to send the beautiful Thomas Kinkadee canvas painting, the "Bridge of Faith."

So I'm asking you to do what God leads you to do. There is no gift too small. There is a gift at which level you can come in. And if there's any way and a lot of people say, "James, it's one of the great joys of our year to give a well. We look forward to it." Would you give \$4800? If you can, I believe you will.

Go online or dial the number you see. Take your bankcard and use it like a check. But let us know what God put on your heart. If you write a check, make it to *LIFE* but call us and tell us you're putting it in the mail. Please let us know that. You're going to make a tremendous difference in many lives. You're going to give them life. Thank you for doing it.

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Announcer: Today a mother living in extreme poverty will do the unthinkable: give her children dirty, diseased-filled water that she knows could kill them. With no other choice, what's a mother to do?

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With your gift today you can help drill 400 water wells in remote villages in 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 life-giving water for 30 people for a lifetime.

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With your gift of \$100 or more, request the Morning and Evening coffee mug set. Each mug features beautiful artwork and scripture from Psalm 92:2, a wonderful reminder of God's faithfulness each day.

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 beautiful Bridge of Faith framed canvas print by Thomas Kinkade.

Please call, write or make your gift online!

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On the mission field

Ralph: We're standing here today at a water source in a village in Cambodia. It appears to be three boys having a great time just drinking, playing in the water, and that's a great thing. But what we've discovered is the water is so filthy. So when they're drinking this water, what should be a life-sustaining source for them and their families, it's actually bringing danger and disease and sickness to their lives. We've heard stories already where children have died from drinking this water.

The good news is this, this doesn't have to be their daily reality. We can make a difference. We have the ability to give and do the work that's necessary to bring clean water to this village that will bring life to these little boys and not death. So please, go to your phone, go online, whichever is easiest for you and give that generous gift today that we can make a true difference for children in the world today.

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In the studio

James: I think these cups are beautiful. They really are. They're not only nice and large if you happen to like a nice large cup of whatever it is you may be drinking in the morning, we are saying to you you've got one for morning and one for night and you are praising the Lord in the morning and the evening. The miracles of Christ, many of them that I've shared but also many from our guests that I'm telling you is just fabulous. Just like with Mia, her story, it is miraculous. The *Unthinkable*, you'll be blessed. If you'd like to have the book, you help us give a cup of water, you help us drill a well and you say, "Would you send me Mia's book?" We'll

send it to you because we want to be a blessing to you, along with the other things that we've mentioned.

Would you join Betty and me in saying thanks to Mia for being a blessing to us? Mia, thank you. Bless your husband, the church, and for Metamorphosis. The website, there it is, Mia Wright and Metamorphosis is on there, and how they can find out about it.

Mia: Yes.

James: Thank all of you for watching and sharing life.