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Week 41: Mission: Rescue Life
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Kyle Dendy

James: Okay, thank you! You've been polite. You're still clapping even though Betty is not here. Thank you very much. I'm James Robison. Welcome to *LIFE Today*.

Randy, our son is here because Betty is having some knee problems that really makes it very difficult for her to even sit still or do anything. We think we're very near the absolute healing that we believe is ours. I appreciate your prayers. Thank you. Betty will be back very soon.

This is a young man, his name is Kyle Dendy. He has written a book called *The Purpose Playbook*. When I had Kyle here -- how old were you when you were here the first time?

Kyle: Eighteen.

James: Eighteen years old -- I knew I was talking to someone very gifted by God. I was impressed with the fact that I really believed he loved the Lord, he wasn't enamored with his gift, he wasn't a career seeker, he was a Jesus seeker. He wanted to run the race the Lord set before him. He wasn't trying to create something. He's gone off to California to college. He's just continued to be running the amazing race.

I want you to meet Kyle Dendy and I want you to make him a major focus of your prayers and your support for what he's doing. Welcome Kyle Dendy back to *LIFE Today*. Kyle, good to see you, sir.

Kyle: Thank you so much!

James: Tell everybody where you are in California when you're out there in school. Where are you?

Kyle: Right now in California I'm in a school called Biola University, just south of Los Angeles. It's a Christian school and I have some amazing people out there.

James: You can handle California okay?

Kyle: I do. I believe it is a great place. I believe it is a place that really needs the Word of God, a place that has a lot of darkness but there's no better place to take light.

James: So you're going to take some.

Kyle: Exactly.

James: And you found some good responses when you share out there? Are they open?

Kyle: I have. I think there is a lot of people that are open to the gospel and open to this message of purpose that I have to share that I'll get into today. A lot of people are seeking, searching, looking for something and it's the Word of God.

James: So when you talk about *The Purpose Playbook* -- okay let's read what's on your shirt.

Kyle: So this shirt right here says, "If you're reading this you have a purpose." I believe somebody watching this right now is going to see this shirt and even if it is just that that causes them to know that then I think that's worthwhile.

James: And you want them to find God's purpose for their life. Do you think God has purpose for everybody?

Kyle: I think God has a purpose for everybody's life. No creator creates something without giving its creation an intention, a purpose, a design that he built for something and every single one of us has one by far.

James: And no unimportant person?

Kyle: Excuse me?

James: No unimportant person?

Kyle: No, not at all. I think a lot of times we start comparing our purpose or the size of it to that of the next person. They say: "If you're called to be a king, don't stoop to be a street sweeper. If you're called to be a street sweeper don't stoop to be a king." So we've got to stop comparing our purpose, our gifts, our callings to everybody else because comparison is a quick way to kill destiny.

But the moment you start lining yourself up with what God has for you and you try to be the best you that you can be you're going to open up a life that you never knew was possible for you.

James: What did you try to show them in the book here, in your playbook?

Kyle: Yes. So this book really stemmed from -- I had a conversation with a friend not too long ago and he said something that really changed my life. He said, "I feel like all too often we have this saying, "This mantra that we say that you can lead a man to water but you can't make him drink. But," he said, "What if the problem for some people is that they don't know how. What they need is somebody to do what's hard, to go out of their way, to cup their hands together, to kneel down and say, "This is how it's done.""

When he said that my mind went to the subject of purpose because I realize in that moment that the problem that so many people in my generation, the problem that so many people in this world have when it comes to their purpose is not that they don't want to find it, it's not that they're not praying to God and saying, "God, show me my purpose and I'll run after it with everything."

But they look around and so many people are saying, "You have a purpose." And so many people are saying, "There's more to your life than what you're living." They look around and so many people are saying, "You need to find your purpose."

But they look around and nobody is showing them how to find it. That's why I wrote this purpose playbook because if you think about it, when we go to the school system, which we're raised up in for so long, we're trained to choose a route and aim based on what's going to make the most money or bring the most security and make your parents proud or pay the bills but not what was I born for.

Sometimes we go to church and we get a message or a series on the subject of purpose; your purpose is to glorify God. But it leaves people even more confused for the person who is called not to vocational ministry, like what does that look like for me on a Monday?

And that's why I wrote *The Purpose Playbook* because I'm on a college campus where so many people are saying, "I don't know what my purpose is."

But I look around and nobody is stepping up to say, "This is how it's done. This is how you do it." That's what *The Purpose Playbook* is all about.

James: What do you call -- you do these little posts where you just take off with something on your heart, what do you call that?

Kyle: Spoken word poetry. Yes!

James: The spoken word...

Kyle: Spoken word poetry.

James: Spoken word poetry -- poetry. It is. It is a potion too. It's a healing potion.

Randy: It is an art form. If you haven't seen any slam poetry live, you need to go.

James: I've seen some of it because I saw -- did you say Bethke was one of them that did this?

Randy: A little bit. Yeah, in that vein. Are we going to get some?

James: Yeah. He says he is.

Randy: Let's do it. Will you do that really?

Kyle: Let's share some. Yeah.

James: Okay. Go for it.

Kyle: Knock-knock. Who's there? It's a kid who is man enough to call out society and disrupt the straight rows in chairs. I'm tired of seeing all of my peers get placed in a box. Like being placed in a box, ringing the box, Mike Tyson in his prime, their untrained dreams get knocked, their skip gets rocked. And when they stumble and fall into the flow of "I'm just going with the flow," society takes a death grip on their dream and refuses to let go. Just sit in this chair for just 17 years. We'll train you up to maybe get a steady job, work for 40 years, complain about life over a few beers and talk about would-a, should-a, could-a. When all those things were always closer than they appeared.

Listen kid. The science says that the chances of you being born is something like one in 400 trillion. And if that's true then you have better chances of winning the lottery with odds of one and a hundred to millions. While your guidance counselor may say that the dream that you have is something like one in a billion I'd bet on that one if my soul believed that that one was the purpose to which God sent me to this earth for the chance to be brilliance.

See not every single person is a perfect fit to the mold. Not every single person can be accurately judged by two standardized tests contrary to what we've been told. You see a perfect score on the A.C.T. doesn't mean that you're smart. I paid hundreds of dollars for A.C.T. prep just to find out that guessing is an art. They'll teach you the guessing strategies, too good to be true. You can guess on the test using what they teach and get the score you need to slip through. And maybe I

wasn't supposed to say that but the other kid who can't afford the cheat code struggles through the test, actually tries is judged by the exact same standard and can't get a score to make do.

But if that kid is you I came to tell you today that this too is true that you get one shot at life on this earth so it's time to raise the bar. Bet on your strengths and follow your heart for the pull that you feel will guide you to greatness like the North Star.

You see, my problem is not with education, that's not the problem at all. My problem is that society day by day tries to cut the cord on the phone that allows one to hear their life's call. We train kids like robots and tell them not to break the rules. But I want to know who made the rules in the first place because you believe it is the rules that need a review. And I understand that you're much older than I am. I understand that you've seen much more than I have but just because I'm young doesn't mean I'm dumb. If it is the youth that will live and what the future becomes shouldn't a young youth with a voice have a say in the outcome?

Listen. It is time to make it okay to not fit the mold. And with this next idea I believe I struck gold. If we take a few less courses on isosceles triangles and take a course on how to be bold, how to be wise, how to find our life's purpose before our life dies, if I hear one more person talk down about my generation with zero sense of hope in their eyes all I will think in the back of my mind is lies, lies, lies.

Because my generation is coming up in a system that tells them to shoot for the skies but the moment they do try then they make sure that they don't rise. There is hope for my generation but it's hidden behind the lies. So let the world keep talking down on us and we will rise, rise, rise.

I want every single person watching this broadcast, every single person under the sound of my voice no matter your age, race, background, gender, to hear these words that there is a purpose for your life. There is a reason why you're here. Your life is worth living. In the words Miles Munroe, your existence is evidence that this generation needs something that is inside of you. And the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when he said when you discover what you will do in life, set out to do it as if God Almighty called you at this particular moment in history to do it.

But listen, the problem that so many people have when it comes to purpose again is that nobody is showing them how to find it. And because of this people are taken to this dark spot because they don't think there's a reason they're here. They don't think that there is a purpose for them being here. There is a reason they say, "Every 12 minutes somebody in this country takes their life." Every 12 minutes somebody in this country who didn't believe they had a purpose for living, that's always what it comes down to, takes their life.

When I was five years old I walked into the house and I saw my father just after he committed

suicide. What's interesting about this however is that I know that he knew he had a big purpose on his life. I believe with all my heart that his purpose, his calling, what God was calling him to was something similar to mine but one or two things happened that got him to a dark place and the enemy made him think -- even if it was just for a moment -- that you don't have a purpose.

Listen, there are so many people in this world who are dealing with the same thing and even for people who aren't in that dark of a place, what a lack of purpose does for most people is it causes them to in life just go through the motions, just "go with the flow," just exist instead of live when God has more in store for all of us.

It says in Ephesians 3:20 that the Lord our God is able to do immeasurably more than anything we could ever ask, think, or imagine. My question then is if we serve this immeasurably more God why on earth are we living a going-through-the-motions life when our purpose, our dreams, our calling that's on our life was never about us. It was always about every single person whose life, soul, destiny, and eternity is attached to our obedience to the call of God on our life.

Your purpose was never about you. Your purpose isn't just this thing, you say, "If I want to do it, I'll do it. If I don't, I don't." There are consequences to not pursuing your purpose. The last chapter in this book is about this subject called "Burn the Boats." That if you know your purpose there comes a time when you've got to say, "I'm willing to bet on myself. I'm willing to bet on the call of God on my life."

So along with this book, if I can grab this for a second, *The Purpose Playbook*, in this first month that this book comes out, every single penny, 100% of the proceeds are going to fight teen suicide because I'm tired of hearing about people -- I hear about people all the time that so-and-so in this city, in this city, this city, this kid, 14 years old takes his life because he didn't believe that he has a purpose.

But we're going to fight this. We're going to beat up the devil and we're going to raise awareness for this problem. I think a lot of times we talk about teen suicide, suicide, things like that, we talk a lot about solutions like counseling and things of the sort which are important but what about the solution of purpose? What about not just telling a kid, "Hey, you have a purpose" then going on with your business. But sitting down with the kid, doing life with the kid, cupping your hands together and saying, "This is how you find it." That's my heart with this book. That's why I wrote *The Purpose Playbook* to help people around this world because I believe this is one of the biggest questions that people, not just Christians, but everyone has, why am I here? What is my purpose?

I think all of us, Christian or not have a call, a tug, a pull on our soul, on our spirit. We know we're born for more, created for more, crafted for more, called for more but what do you do

when you don't know what to do? What do you do when the call on your life, you hear it, it's like a phone call, you hear it, but you don't really know how to answer? What do you do when you don't know your purpose?

And that's why I wrote this *Purpose Playbook*. I hope people will get this, not just for themselves, for their friends, for their family, for the people in their life that they know need purpose.

James: Do you appreciate him?

[Applause]

Absolute great, great truth, powerfully presented, supernaturally as far as I'm concerned -- gift and purpose. Kyle, you want to really reach out to those who are feeling like their purpose happen to them what happened to your dad.

Kyle: Exactly.

James: So where do they go online to get the book? And know this. This is what I just say to you. If they go online and say, "Okay, what will it cost me to just get a copy of the book?" If they go for that, what would that be? You send them the book for a price?

Kyle: Yeah, so when they go online to my website they can get the book, *The Purpose Playbook* for \$10.

James: And then I'm going to add, the proceeds are going to -- if you want to gift though, if they made it out to how would they make it out? Because a lot of people say it will be tax deductible. Well, I want to give you \$100 to help with your -- trying to help the people about to commit suicide. Is there any way it can be tax deductible?

Kyle: Not the way it's set up right now. But all the proceeds will be donated.

Randy: Can I say something real quick? I was watching and we were having dinner and O.S. Hawkins was in there and you and O.S. go way back. You're telling stories about this guy that got saved and these people that got saved. I was watching Kyle, and he was lighting up because he was hearing the stories of people that have given their life to sharing the gospel. Something inside of me just said, "This man is going to have stories. Some day you're going to sit around and reminisce about all the people that came to know Jesus because of your willingness to step out and fulfill your purpose."

Kyle: Amen! All glory to God.

James: And help others fulfill theirs. Will you all pray for him? Would you tell him thank you again for just making his life available to the Lord?

[Applause]

There is Kyle Dendy's website. You see it up on the screen. I hope you'll get the book there and make the gift so he can literally take this first part and just invest it in helping people know their purpose so they don't commit suicide. He is going to make a very definite let's say assault on that mind-set and try to set these people free. I believe he can do it.

Father, I pray you'll let Kyle touch everybody that feels this emptiness that he is referring to because you've given him a burden for it that's birthed in your spirit and in your heart. So you just miraculously enable him to do it. Thank you for the gift you've given him; in Jesus' name.

Kyle, love you, buddy. You know we're with you, right? Always will be.

We're truly trying to help get people free from sexual trafficking. It is one of the most awful things in all the world. You are the ones that -- listen, you really are. You're the ones that inspire us with your love because we can show you a need that's very legitimate and we can show you a perfectly effective way to meet the need. It is like the perfect cure for a disease that's undeniable. It is proven. And when you see it, "Count me in. I want to be a part of that. I want to get it to them."

Well, freedom, when you find somebody that needs to be reached with love and rescued from a horrific, even not just trafficking but bondage in prison, literally like a slave and you restore them, that's what love does. That's what you do. I want you to watch. You'll see a child and you're going to make all the difference in the world. Not only in this one because that process has started but in so many lives. Watch closely and prayerfully.

On the mission field

Sheila: I just wanted to explain why with this particular little girl, that we're not showing her face. She's 11 years old so we want to do everything we can to protect her. So when you were just nine years old, something terrible happened to you one night. Why don't you tell us about that?

Open Captions:

>> My dad is in prison and my mom ran away with some man. So I collected cans for food

money to feed me and my brothers and my sister. Then one night... A guy on a motor vehicle grabbed me and took me to a bar. I was locked in a room and many different men would come in. If I refused to be with the men, I was beaten. After a year, they let me out of the room and I ran away. Right now I'm free but I still have to go out at night to pick up cans. I still have to buy all the food for my family. I'm scared that I will be taken again and made to go back into that room.

Sheila: I'm horrified by her story and the tragedy is she is not the only one. There are so many girls. And here's what I think. If we don't defend her, if we don't say no to those vicious predators -- and trust me, they are very well organized and they're very well funded so we've got to get organized, we've got to get funded. It is time to let our righteous anger rise to the surface. There is some things that we can say that is not good but this is evil. This is absolute evil from the pit of hell! And we cannot abandon these beautiful children who are longing to know that there is at least one person on this planet who cares for them. I want her to know it's you and it's me and we're going to fight for them in Jesus' name.

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In the studio

James: You see Sheila walking there and that's just like the arm of the Lord Jesus, the shepherd with the little sheep. Did you hear that they got her when she was nine and now she is 11? But she goes home and she's so poor she collects cans and sells them to try and help her family. She is doing what we should all want to do and that's help. She's a perfect example of reaching. These are the ones we reach. By the way, she is going to be safe. She is not going to have to keep collecting cans and they're not going to get her back. See that's what's called reach and rescue. And those mission relief workers are not going to take their arm from around her.

Now then, we can actually get them out and take them to a place that's a safe haven they can't get them back. You made that happen. And we do it by one child or one person at a time, \$128, we rescue -- we reach them, rescue them and restore them and that's a year. Right now we've targeted 2500 that we want to rescue but our viewers some of them said, "We will match -- we will match to double that to 5,000.

So if you could help give the amount to rescue one of \$128 it will be two. Or if you say, "James, I don't even have \$128," \$64 will be doubled and you'll rescue one. We ask everyone who can, and I'm grateful to say I will do this by the grace of God rescue ten with a gift of \$1280. There are many of you can do that. You'll find great joy in doing it. Some of you can say, "I can do even more than that." I know you will if you can. But if you give the \$1280 you're not just rescuing ten now it is 20 because it is doubled.

It is amazing what God can do. Randy, I know, because you have four beautiful children, you've got a tremendous amount of love and now you're having some little nephew and nieces. What does your heart say when you see this?

Randy: As a father of daughters, we've seen these stories now for years and it always kind of bothers me, it breaks my heart. Well, I saw that roll in, it was the sound of the little girl's voice. That's a child! That's a child! If we as Christians can't have the compassion to rescue a child, what good are we? We are salt that's lost its flavor if we can't reach into this world and rescue children.

So I hope you will join us. We've got everything in place to do it. We just can't do it alone.

James: You really are the answer. You're the answer to every prayer of every missionary and relief worker -- and every person that recognized the situation. So here's what I want to ask you to do. Go online or dial that number, always a prayer line for broken hearts paid for by love. If you go online or dial the number, I want you to get a bankcard and I want you to use it the proper way, like it's a check. I'm asking you to make the greatest gift of love you can right now.

If you can help us rescue several just know that the number you can reach out to it will be doubled. If there is any way you can rescue ten with a \$1280 gift we want to send you the beautiful, beautiful Thomas Kinkade "Bridge of Faith," it is a beautiful canvas, beautiful picture to say thank you because you've given someone a bridge of hope in life, it will be doubled to 20. \$128 will not reach one now but two. So at whatever level you can help, please, go online or dial the number and you release the love of God with that gift. It changes everything. Thank you for doing it.

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Announcer: Behind the bright lights there is a darkness where a world of violence and sexual abuse runs rampant scarring the souls of millions of young children. With their bodies broken and hopes crushed, these children are trapped in a never ending nightmare.

With your help, *Mission: Rescue Life* can shine the light of God's love in this dark world to reach, rescue and restore children and young people to the beauty God designed for them to enjoy. With a generous opportunity and a \$320,000 matching gift, your gift of \$128 to help rescue a child will be matched to help two children. Your \$64 gift will be matched to help rescue one child from the horrors of human trafficking. And a \$32 rescue gift will be doubled to \$64! With your gift of any amount today, we will send you the *Names of God* prayer journal. From

Adonai to Yahweh, this journal is filled with beautiful photographs to help you reflect on 31 different names of God found throughout scripture. With your gift of \$128 or more, you'll receive the *Names of God* Bible. This special edition NIV large print Bible is engraved with the many names of God; a beautiful reminder that the God we serve is infinitely good.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1,280 which will now help rescue 20 children 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

Sheila: A sex trafficker can make \$200,000 a year on one -- one little girl. Do you know what that means? It means that little girl is being forced to have sex 30-40 times a night with older men and she is just a child. We have to change that. We are the hope for those who think nobody in this world cares about me. Yes, we do and we're going to do something.

Would you go to your phone and just give the best gift possible? You can go online to LifeToday.org but if each one of us does something we can see the lives of these young girls transformed forever. Would you join with us? Would you do it now?

In the studio

James: And all of you here remember now that you can go online, and all of you who are watching, and get *The Purpose Playbook* by Kyle Dendy knowing that when you do that and maybe indicate that you're going to be making a gift to be sent to him to help him stop the teen suicide. Saw right after his dad committed suicide; it had to make an incredible impression. Now he is trying to head people off from that purposeless thought and give them purpose so join him. There is his website.

Would you join Randy and me in saying thanks to Kyle? Kyle, we appreciate you. Stay in touch. Appreciate your letters letting me know what's going on. God bless all of you. Thank you.