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Week 49: Fall Mission Feeding

Mission Feeding Special #2

James and Betty Robison

James: There are some people who say, "I want to believe in miracles." And some people say, "I believe in miracles." Let me tell you, I do believe in them because I've seen them. I'm James Robison. One of the miracles in my life is this girl who is sitting by me. Think about this. She has been married to me 55 years.

Most of you say, "Boy, that's a miracle! What a woman that is!" I agree with you. I do agree with you. But you know, it is amazing that God can give a 15-year old the wisdom, the discernment, and insight to know when I looked at her, that's a sweetheart. You think about this, we've been married 55 years, nearly 56 years. Pretty soon it will be 56. I've been in ministry 55 years and it's been a remarkable journey. And I believe in miracles.

So let me just tell you something. Right here I'm just looking in this book, *Death-Defying Faith*; I want to send it to you because if you don't believe in miracles, you just need to start reading the miracles in this book. This is Peter Pretorius. He is looking down from heaven at us right now. He was just a year younger than I am, went to heaven in the past months. I just want to reference this and it is called "The Miracle in Swaziland." This is a miracle healing.

The first time Betty and I went with Peter Pretorius to feed the hungry, we preached to about 10,000-15,000 people. We saw a crippled boy in his 20s, early 20s that had never walked, born crippled, we saw him get up and start walking. Now he had atrophy. He didn't have muscle development but that boy was walking and this place went crazy. Then we saw a lady come forward and she had never seen in her life and everybody knew her. And God healed her eyes. Here was the miracle of it, Betty. It was gray matter with no color in her eye, no pupil and she saw perfectly. You talk about people going crazy, it was amazing!

This miracle right here is typical of the miracles that this man with *Death-Defying Faith* saw, Peter Pretorius, who helped us move into the Mission Feeding effort to save 13 million children's lives, and win that many people to Christ in the same areas. This story is about a mother who brought her little son, he was about ten, brought him every night for 14 nights to pray for his blind eyes. He had never seen. He couldn't see light or dark. Couldn't see any shades.

On the last night, here she came again, 14 nights and Peter thought, dear God, this mother has brought this boy every night. He said, "God, we need a miracle." He reached up and he just pushed his eyelids open and he saw that all -- this is in the book, it was just like blisters in the eye sockets. He thought, dear God! He doesn't even have any eyes. He said, "God we need a creative miracle." There were thousands of people there. And he prayed and when he took his hands off, that boy's eyes opened and he saw the most beautiful brown eyes you've ever seen. And the little boy saw for the first time. He looked at his mother and said, "Mother, you're so beautiful! You're so beautiful!"

Let me tell you something. The greatest miracle I've ever seen is the miracle of God's love poured out through people like you on people that are considered the least of these and the too often overlooked.

I want you to look right now. I want you to see what our son that we gave a home to, our adopted son, Randy who has given us four of the most beautiful grandchildren, I want you to see what he saw. And I want you to know and understand the miracle, Betty, that together we're going to see that leads to even greater miracles than the one I just referenced and the other I told you about. I want you to watch this very closely. Our viewers are about to be blessed and they're about to be a miraculous blessing. Don't miss this.

On the mission field

Randy: When you walk through the malnutrition clinic there are a lot of emotions.

Obviously, heartbreak, the suffering that's here, the sorrow, the sadness. But it is easy to

wonder, where is God in all this? These children are clinging to life, many of them. I know God sees the suffering in this place, I know he sees the affliction; he feels the heart cries of mothers who have lost children, and the little ones who are suffering.

She doesn't look like she is doing that great. Ralph, tell me what's going on here.

Ralph: Sometimes when they bring them in here, Randy, they're so weak and so lethargic they can't even eat. It is like too much labor for their body to even try to eat.

I think the formula is going to work on her if they can just get her to take some of it in. The intake will be important. I think she is going to make it. She is just looks really difficult right now.

[Four hours later.]

Randy: I don't know what's going to happen. I hope we can come back here in a year and see her running around playing. We've seen that kind of miracle before because it would be a miracle right now for this one.

It would have been better to reach this child before she got to this condition; that means more Mission Feeding, that means getting the nutritious soup mix to them before they get malnourished.

[Solanga died that evening.]

End of clip

In the studio

James: Boy, that just makes me want to lay my head down and just weep because that doesn't need to continue to happen. The cure is so perfect. I'm praying all of our viewers will say, "I'm

going to save some lives."

Betty: James, we have four beautiful great grandchildren and what joy they bring to our lives when we see them smile, when we hear them laugh, when we see them play -- such joy! These mothers don't have that opportunity with most of their babies. They don't see them smile, they hear them cry. They don't see them respond, they see them die. And without our help, the difference that we can make when we join together and save the lives of these children. I hope you will help us.

James: Just last night you held our youngest great-grandbaby, little Addy; our oldest grandson's first child. We just told her how beautiful she was. We said, "You look so strong." She's just looking. You know she is six months old now. I said, "You look like you can just get up and walk." And she did.

Those little children can't even hold their head up. All they need is food. We poured a lot of love out on our great-grandbaby last night like we do all of them. To be honest with you, Betty and I poured a lot of love out on a lot of babies. We've watched too many of them die, oftentimes in their mother's arms.

I'm asking you, please to be the New Testament miracle that Peter Pretorius and all of us together have seen not only in Africa where they just don't seem to have much doubt. When you tell them God can do anything, they believe it. They really haven't been taught to doubt God. I've seen those same miracles here. And of course, I prayed for miracles we didn't see. But the miracle I'm praying for for these children is the miracle that you just reach out and pick up this little bowl, you just put some food in this bowl and you become the miracle of life. \$30 will become a miracle of life for three children for the next months. Can you imagine that? For \$30 we can feed them for the next several months. \$50, we can feed five. \$100 we can feed ten.

I want to ask you, from the bottom of my heart, to be someone's miracle. If you could help us feed 100 kids with a \$1,000 gift please do it. Whatever you can do. You're going to listen to the horrible truth about starvation and malnutrition but then you're going to have an opportunity to

be the miracle that offsets it.

Even as you watch, I pray you'll be planning to get your bankcard or your checkbook; write a check, take your bankcard, make the best gift you can because that gift is going to be life, it is going to be a miracle.

On the mission field

Announcer: Everybody knows that there are hungry children in Africa and we know that something needs to be done. UNICEF knows that Angola has one of the highest child mortality rates in the world and malnutrition is a major contributing factor. This village leader knows that without crops his community is in grave danger.

Open Captions:

>> We are facing a serious problem with our food. We don't have enough. Without the rain, we cannot grow crops to eat.

Announcer: This mother knows the heartache of watching her children wither away from malnutrition.

Open Captions:

>> His skin is getting very loose. It started with a fever and then diarrhea and vomiting.

Announcer: And this child knows the pain of going to bed hungry. But just knowing about malnutrition in Africa won't help anyone. The actions that we choose to do together will help save a child's life.

End of clip

In the studio

James: I want you to -- I want you to look at that beautiful mother with that little baby that's so malnourished, the little body is so thin. Just you look at him. Would you put arms of love around that child? Would you please?

Betty and I are going to make as large a gift as we can make right now to try to get God's arms

around a lot of little children like that. And then I want you to just reflect back at one of the little children that was in that video piece a little earlier where the little boy was laying there in the bed and he's just flipping back and forth. I don't know what you see when you look at that. What I saw was a little child like looking, "You see any help coming?"

Maybe you don't think that way. Maybe nothing goes on in your heart like that but it does with me and I'm really glad it does. I'm glad -- I'm glad that somebody can look up and wonder from whence cometh help? It comes from above. From a heart of love that would give his only son to give us life now and for eternity. I see that reality and I've experienced that reality growing up fatherless without a home. I understand what it is to have a father and a family and love and hope. And so when that child's looking I'm saying would you be that hope?

Betty, I'm praying there's not a person watching us that wouldn't say, "I've got arms around that child. I put my arms around a lot of them."

Betty: Yes! And when I look at that mother holding that precious little one, she puts that baby up close to her cheek as if it will be the last time she holds her baby before she puts him in the ground. Please let's help that mother. Let's help those many mothers that are weeping by the graveside so that they don't have to get to that point. They can say, "My baby made it because somebody cared. Somebody reached out in love, God's love and saved my baby." Please join with us to do that.

James: God says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep." I make no apology for weeping with those who weep. And I rejoice; that's why I can talk about rejoicing over the miracles of Almighty God that you can see. I'm praying all the time for blind eyes open. I'm praying the eyes of people like you who have never been able to look beyond your own life and just touch another life, and know that you change everything for them right now and forever.

I'm an eternal being and I want to share eternal life with everyone. I want to live for kingdom purpose. I'm 75 years old. I'm not too old to know that I've got a lot still to do for his will to be done through us, through me on this earth right now for his glory and to bless others.

I'm praying every one of you watch right now will say I'm going to get -- if you could possibly give ten children the miracle they need and those mothers the miracle their child needs, \$100 we can feed ten children for the next months, we can stabilize their life; for \$50 we can feed five; for \$30 we can feed three. That's a miracle! But it is because of the food factories many of you helped build to produce the nutritious food fix.

Would you right now help us? And you're the ones that gave bowls like this. It was born in your heart to help the missionaries and the children. Would you right now help feed three, five or ten children, \$30, \$50, or \$100? If you can give \$1,000 do it. If you can give several thousand I pray dear God they'll do it gladly. Would you right now be the miracle we've been praying for?

Many times I get on my face at home at night and I say, "God show me how to communicate your love for others so that it opens up that flow of love in the people who are watching and they release that river of life and love." That's what I've been praying for. Be an answer to that prayer. Be an answer to the prayers of this man that had *Death-Defying Faith*, Peter Pretorius.

Go online right now or dial that number. Take your bankcard, use it like a check. If you write a check, make it to *LIFE* but do call us. We really need to hear from you because we've got 400,000 kids that are going to have to have the help only you can give. The missionaries are there ready. Don't leave them empty handed. They've got full hearts but they need hands with something to offer to help. You're the ones that make that possible. Be that miracle today. Be that answer to prayer. Thank you so much for doing it.

Begin video clip

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.

Through *LIFE's* Mission Feeding outreach you can save lives by feeding and caring for children currently suffering in parts of Angola, Mozambique, and South Sudan. With previous reserves gone and Mission Feeding helping in areas with severe crop failure, we urgently need your support to replenish food supplies to reach the 400,000 children who are counting on us.

Your lifesaving gift of \$30, \$50, or \$100 will help feed and care for three, five or ten children for three full months. With your gift of any amount we'll send you *Death-Defying Faith*, the extraordinary life of miracle man, Peter Pretorius. This autobiography, completed just days before his unexpected death, chronicles the thrill-seeking adventures of missionary, Peter Pretorius. You will love reading how God took this ordinary man and performed extraordinary miracles throughout all of Africa.

With your gift of \$100 or more, request the beautiful "Faith and Hope" pen set; two beautifully crafted pens featuring the key words of Hebrews 11:1; a key verse for every believer especially when facing adversity, trials and challenges.

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Please call, write, or make your gift online today!

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On the mission field

Isak: James and Betty, last time we were in Mozambique together, we were walking through schools where mission feeding was happening. There were children dancing and singing and just life -- life because of mission feeding in those villages, because of the friends of LIFE, because of each and every one of them opening their hearts, partnering with you, partnering with us to make that joy and that life possible for each and every one of those children. I remember it like it was just yesterday. I remember how filled with joy your heart was in seeing those children

thriving, full of joy and full of energy. All of that starting with just a bowl of food a day in the mission feeding program; changing their lives, providing them with opportunity.

James, as you know all too well life is hard here in Africa for many of these families with the drought that we've experienced. We've seen areas where they're just unable to produce food. What it's resulted in is a severe critical need; a need that is putting children in malnutrition clinics. I've seen some of the fullest malnutrition clinics I think I've ever seen in this area. We've seen children, many of them who I don't think will make it. A name on a little wooden cross, another life stolen by malnutrition; stolen by the simple lack of food.

James, we have to do something about this! We've got to reach these children now. It's urgent. It's critical. We have to get to them now because if we don't get to them now, they're going to continue to dig more and more of these graves and bury more and more of these children.

Please James! Ask the friends of LIFE, ask them to help you and to help us so that we can save these lives.

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In the studio

James: Oh boy! Isak, I've seen too many of them buried. And I came on talking about, Isak, about your dad's *Death-Defying Faith*. It sure opened my eyes of some church folks. You know when we see, Betty those graves and we see those little weak children, we stop and we think that because we did come home and tell you, not knowing what you would do, knowing we would do all we could including move to the mission field. We told Peter that, "We'll move over and help you."

He literally said, "Please don't!" It wasn't that he didn't want us to be there. He said, "Would you please go back and get us help so we can stay? Gosh! I didn't know. I didn't know if

anybody would want to reach out and touch people halfway around the world that seemed to have so little. But you did. I wish I could give you a big hug.

Some of you must say, "I don't want you hugging me. You're too messy!" I get some unkind emails and notes from people who say, "I don't want to help you cry all the time." I don't want to cry all the time. I don't ever want to cry. But God broke my heart for the brokenhearted. See, we did lose a child. We know what it feels like and we know you would have helped our child. I know you would have! But you didn't get to and there didn't seem to be the perfect cure and we didn't see the miracle. We got the miracle of watching God with her family, how beautiful they are and now, as they've married wonderful spouses who love Jesus. And her oldest son is a pastor now. Just beautiful!

But you see, Betty, we have together, with our viewers, we have saved the lives that we know of 13 million children! Did you just hear what I said? -- 13 million! And it was one life at a time. Three at a time, five at a time, ten at a time, somebody like you. So we're asking you right now to help us keep on being the miracle somebody longs for. Yes! A New Testament miracle as great as any you've read in the New Testament or as you read in Peter Pretorius's book we want to send you to say thanks for being a miracle for someone.

Right now would you please take your bankcard, use it like a check? Write a check, make it to *LIFE*. Go online or dial that number and say I'm going to save the lives of ten children or five children or three children and do it.

Father, I pray everyone will move right now to become someone's miracle. And then God you give them the miracle they need in their life and you answer their prayers just as they're an answer to someone's prayer; in Jesus' name.

Thank you for being the miracle someone longed for. I pray you get the miracle your heart longs for. We join you in that prayer. Thank you for going online. Thank you for making that life-giving call.

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Isak: I've always said that to me the greatest tragedy that could ever happen to any human being is to bury your own children. And yet for this mother and many others in her village that is a reality year after year after year. Please! Do what you can do. Be a part of helping a mother like this to ensure that she doesn't bury the last of her two children that are left.

You say, "Well, what can I do? How do I change that? My heart's broken too. But what do I do about changing this mother's? How can I change this?"

You can bring Mission Feeding to this village. You can bring life to this village if you will just get up right now, dial the number that's on your screen, and just give the best gift that you can give. Give the gift of love and the gift of life. Give Mission Feeding to this mother and her children and her entire village.

End of clip

In the studio

James: As I was trying to think of the best way to say thank you, I just found myself thanking God that when I look at those little images that many times people turn their face away from, I don't want to look away from them I want to look right at them. I want to love them. I want to pray for them to be loved.

So I want to thank you for being the answer to my prayers and the answer to their prayers and their need. I want to thank you for that. I hope I'm communicating to you effectively enough how important it is.

We've got a friend right now, his teenage daughter is fighting for her life. Lord, give them the miracle they long for. They love you. A lot of people right now watching us need a miracle. Give them the miracle. Give them the grace and the peace; in Jesus' name.

I really think you'll be inspired by Peter's book. So I hope that if you'll just help us feed a kid you'll say, "Send me the book. I want to understand *Death-Defying Faith*." Again, Betty and I say thanks so much. Thank you for your help.

