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Week 52: Fall Mission Feeding – Last Week
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James: Y'all are pretty special. You're pretty special. And you're special. Welcome to *LIFE Today*. I'm James Robison. Our son Randy is here. Betty has another responsibility tonight which she joyfully takes.

This is an absolutely beautiful book cover and a beautiful woman on the cover. She's got her law degree. She is third runner up Miss America. She was on the *Apprentice* and lasted to right down toward the end. She is just brilliant. She is beautiful.

You talk about having some heartbreak. You talk about getting your heart cut out when you least want it, Marshawn experienced that. But she says, *Believe Bigger*. I'm just reading the subheading here: "Discover the path to your life purpose." If you understand, I don't know how much she's going to tell you about, the book's very thorough in it, what she went through to get to this life purpose with full understanding. But I want you to welcome this beautiful lady to *LIFE Today*. Would you welcome Marshawn?

[Applause]

Marshawn: Thank you!

James: Let's just take the title. It's pretty impressive: *Believe Bigger*. We want to start off on that?

Marshawn: Sure! Well, to *Believe Bigger* really means to believe beyond what you've been through. B-I-G is actually an acronym that stands for Built In God. So a lot of times people will

hear *Believe Bigger* and they think it is about cars or houses or nice stuff or fame, fortune, or influence but really it's about believing in alignment with the frequency of God and the mind of the Holy Spirit. God operates in the realm of the unseen and so to *Believe Bigger* is to believe beyond what it is that we see and believe what we've seen in our past.

For me, I learned this. It was easy when things were going well, when all those things that you talked about on television and such but six days before my wedding my life was changed. I discovered that my person that I thought was my Prince Charming was cheating on me. I found out while he is on the plane on his way to Atlanta for wedding week. It literally took the breath out of my lungs.

James: And you knew it was true; what you heard.

Marshawn: Well, I'm a lawyer by trade and some detective skills went in. But that same day that I found out, as he landed in Atlanta, I got to talk to him at the airport and I want to say thank God for Homeland security.

[Laughter]

But you know when I really knew it was true, I actually talked to the woman who delivered this message because she said she was the one who this was happening with. I stood at baggage claim watching him pick up his bags. It didn't matter what I had been told or what he was going to say to me next, I looked and the Holy Spirit showed me exactly that it was a true. I saw a countenance of shame that I had never seen before. So he didn't have to say a word, I already knew.

The day after the wedding was scheduled to take place, I say "scheduled" as opposed to "supposed to" and it was actually helpful for me in terms of the healing process of not having a thing of regret, feeling like something was supposed to happen that got jerked away. It was something that I scheduled. It didn't mean it was ever supposed to happen.

James: That's good!

Marshawn: The day after I remember leaning up against the car and this is a car that my then fiancé had purchased for me, that was a very difficult decision for me because I've been an independent woman and I remember talking to my daddy and him saying, "You know this is something you do. You let a man take care of you and provide for you." And now I have this luxury vehicle that I can't afford.

And I'm leaning against it, a lot of people will still come into town for the wedding because mind you, my dress was paid for, the venue was paid for, the church, the cakes, all of that. People had their plane tickets and they couldn't get refunds. So people still came in and loved on me. Instead of a rehearsal dinner we had a love on Marshawn dinner.

I remember leaning up against this car at the host hotel for the wedding and asking God why did this happen to me? I today believe that it is not the right question. I believe instead we should ask the question, God, where are you leading? Because so often we ask the why question and we don't get a response. God's not entitled to tell us why but I asked it from probably the most sincere place of my spirit that I could.

And as I was leaning up on the busiest street in the city of Atlanta he said, "You're going to be able to change the lives of women like never before."

When he said, "Going to be able to" first I said, "God, couldn't you have just sent me a memo? Did this have to be so dramatic and difficult and heartbreaking and embarrassing?"

I had waited to -- I was abstinent until I got married. I waited 30 years. I thought this wedding was the sign of God's faithfulness; of all of those right decisions trying to be what I thought I was supposed to be and what he called me to be. So I didn't see this coming. And when he said, "You'll be able to change the lives of women like never before" I was humbled to say, "My capacity is not there yet? Though I've been following you my whole life, there must be another level." So I didn't know what it meant but he said "the lives of women."

I was working with professional athletes at the time managing N.F.L. and N.B.A. Players. So this was even if he had sent me the memo I probably would have sent it back because it wasn't on my radar, it wasn't what I was expecting, and I firmly believe that a lot of times we're looking in the past for what our future holds. And when God gives us something new he will do it in a way that will make you think that it is not him because it is so off of your radar. It is also probably the thing you said you would never do. In the middle of that place is probably your kingdom assignment, your actual territory, the mission that has only your name on it.

As I rebuilt my life, holding on to this revelation on the side of this street, leaning up against a car that "you'll be able to change the lives of women like never before," looking at what I now call a split rock moment of the trail of infidelity and saying, "God, there is new life." I stepped out and another what I call a lightning bolt moment happened one day in the kitchen and God said, "I want you to start teaching women about how to be Proverbs 31 women; 360 meaning successful in business and not to shrink, not to be shy, but to learn how to win in that space." I was like okay.

I assumed that meant I was going to start a ministry; that I needed to go to seminary. And it's something about when God tells us something that he wants us to do we feel unqualified. I felt unqualified right away. So what I did is I just held this business event thinking I would do the God thing when I was good enough to do it. And little did I know he was tricking me with what felt comfortable to get me into the game.

So I've worked with now thousands of individuals in our programs and hundreds up close and personal and I've seen what it looks like to walk someone into their purpose. It's not something you can find out on stage. I think you've got to be engaged with people. What I believe today is that purpose is the most powerful force on the planet. We're created on purpose with purpose from a place of purpose for the very purpose of purpose.

James: Is that outline somewhere in here?

Marshawn: Oh yes, sir! Absolutely!

James: You'll go down the steps. In other words, you're really expanding, you're embellishing, you're explaining?

Marshawn: Yes. So the thing about purpose is when we talk about destiny, when we talk about purpose and then we talk about words like *calling*, we mix them together and then we take the gifts -- what does all of this mean? So what I've learned is that our purpose is embedded in our spiritual D.N.A.; just like something that is formed or fashioned, let's just take a tire, it has utility, it has a purpose, it has a specific assignment based off of how it is designed. If as believers we understood our gifts we would understand our design and then our design would help us understand our deployment; where do we launch?

James: Have you ever written on that?

Marshawn: A couple of chapters!

[Laughter]

James: But see, what you are, you are hitting beautiful points. I think you could probably say them again but the point is that everything you pointed to is vitally important. Don't you think it is amazing, Randy the way she is unfolding this? We know she is smart, bright, and articulate but there seems to be kind of a supernatural, in my opinion, direction that she's found herself right in the middle of.

Randy: Well, she is organized, she is intelligent and she has applied this, she is anointed. I suspect that you've gotten some feedback from some women that you've helped. What are you seeing as you've been out talking about this?

Marshawn: Well, one, I've discovered that fear is a real thing. That one of the things that holds us back from stepping into our assignment is fear. In *Believe Bigger* I talk about the voice

of little me versus future me. Little me is the part of us that likes to shrink and that listens to the enemy. I also say that we are a target of the enemy because we are a threat to the enemy. The greater your destiny, the greater your purpose, the greater your assignment, the louder that little me, inner me, enemy voice will be.

But the opposite of that is the voice of future me which is where I believe God collaborates with the Holy Spirit to get us to learn to listen to how God speaks to us and I think we each have a future me. Future me is not scared of little me. In fact, future me swallows little me like a vitamin for breakfast and gets stronger.

James: She has written a book. She is sharp. Randy said it right, she's got it. People want to hire her. Some of you say, "Well, she's got a job or I'd talk to her." The point is, she's got it. What she's doing now, she is trying to pass it on to everybody that will just give her a chance to come in and share what God has revealed to her and see it change your life for the good. Do you want to say thank you very much for what she is showing us?

[Applause]

One of the things you do is you teach -- do you have time to just go over this real quickly because this isn't Oprah or Dr. Phil. This is just James and Betty and James and Randy.

Marshawn: This is way better.

James: Touch on that. Well, one of the things as you were saying successful. I would rather be soaked in the Holy Spirit than any other strategy in the world because that's where God gives us insight that we don't even know. And we need it because what the enemy doesn't want us to know is this path to our purpose. So what happens in the first season of life, we enter into what I call the discovery phase. And the discovery is where we ask ourselves who am I supposed to be? We all go through this. And there is no right or wrong stage. The question is where are you? And most believers will never make it out of Stage 2.

When we're asking that question "who am I supposed to be" we get inundated with what I call "the rules." That's why we've got a nice little rule book there. And your rules will be different than mine. This is where we learn the do's and don'ts of life; who we're supposed to be, who we're not supposed to be, what we should do, what we shouldn't do. But that becomes ingrained in us. This is also where we learn how to think small and shrink and actually to quiet the Holy Spirit for protocol.

The next stage is called talent. Talent is where we ask the question, "Who did I decide to be?" And it is very important for us as believers to know that we can be anything we decide, it may not be who God formed us to be. We end up climbing mountains and I talk in *Believe Bigger* about the five success mountains. So you can get *Believe Bigger* to learn what those are. But when those mountains become our identity and titles become our idols the labels that we tell ourselves become fables that keep us stuck as opposed to shifting into a sea of significance which is where God really wants us.

James: This is poetic truth. Powerful! It really is an amazing gift God's given you.

Marshawn: Well, thank you so much! What I believe about discovery and talent is that what happens here is because your talent season can be very successful and successful can still be comfort and God wants to break us up with our comfort zones. Sometimes disruption comes in because we've just gotten too safe and too settled; and it can be at the top of a mountain. I was working at a law firm at the top of a high rise and I was miserable there. So just because we can climb a mountain, doesn't mean that we're using our anointing because God has designed us to move the mountains.

So what happens then is that we'll get split rocked, as I was, out of this and we enter into this place called the "shift" and the "gap." Now we want to be in the shift but most of us are going in a gap going in circles. God calls us not to retirement but to reinvention. So we're supposed to move -- we're not supposed to retire on top of a mountain, we're supposed to move into a greater place. But because we're not taught that, we end up going in circles. This is kind of like the wilderness in-between your Egypt and your Promised Land. So many of us believers go in

circles talking about what God is going to do but we never step into it because we have to learn to make bigger decisions. Bigger decisions take us into a bigger place.

So in the middle, when God splits our life up, what he's really doing is he's inviting us into this growth zone. It will feel like a war zone but what he is doing is he is stripping what no longer belongs. He is stripping the old you and taking you into a new you that you didn't even know existed but who he always intended.

Because where he wants us and I think you'll like this, he's trying to get us into the "glory zone." And in the glory zone we step into the stage called "gifts" and gifts are all about our spiritual D.N.A., our super powers. And our universal super power, I believe is our voice. We're created in the image of God for the purpose of creating. The way this whole thing got started was God said, "Let there be light." And so our universal super power that we each share, although my individual gifts might be different, I believe business is one of my gifts and I didn't understand that that was spiritually significant because I never learned about it in church. But all of us have gifts, whether you're a scientist, whether you're an engineer, whatever God has uniquely given you I believe you are a unique expression of an idea of God that is exclusive to you and that he has put his divine D.N.A. -- there is a piece of God in me that nobody else carries. And that is my super power. That's where our gifts are. Our talents are what we decided to do. Our gifts are what we were born to do.

These are the things that give glory to God. These are the things that are limited by protocol. So God wants to break us from our comfort zone, get us into our glory zone, ultimately for the purpose of influence. And each of us are called to lead. Our voice is supposed to lead other people to a greater place, to their Promised Land.

So the question is not starting your purpose with "what is my big why?" The real question is, "where is your divine where?" Where are you uniquely designed to lead other people to? You're leading -- when God leads you into your Promised Land, that's where you'll discover the unique giftings that God has given you to lead other people into theirs. And when that happens, when people see us operating in our gifts, witnessing and being a guardian of the gospel is not

that difficult because people will naturally see out of the overflow of our heart, they will see the Holy Spirit, they will see miracles happening. I've led more people to Christ in business and I thought that wasn't a holy enough place.

But one thing I say in here and this is important for us as women to know that a woman's place is anywhere God sends her and anywhere God sends her is holy ground. We're all here to lead, have influence, and when we do that, we will draw other people into -- they'll see the glory of God, their hearts will be turned to him, and we won't even really have to say as much or try as hard. It's going to happen where the yoke is easy and the burden is light.

But the thing that we need to be aware of in this season is what is our mission, what is our assignment? Understanding that our lives are messages that God uses to speak into -- and all the bad stuff is also working for his good. All of it is a message and God is authoring, we're just the pen. And sometimes the pen is written on difficult surfaces but we're just the pen. So our life is a message, we have a mission, there is one with your name on it. Sometimes we think that we're not good enough or ready enough to lead. You're never going to feel. But thankfully God equips the called; he doesn't call those who are equipped.

James: One of the clearest most important best delivered messages I've heard in my entire life! Would you say thank God! Thank you, Marshawn.

I want you to get the book. I'm pleading with you to get it because she is going to help you. Let me say something to you that I just see. You're the kind of woman so gifted, so called, and I believe so committed to what he wants. You could actually help lead us out of the darkness, out of the ditch. You really can. You can be one of the most dynamic leaders on this planet. I want you to know I see that. I cherish that for the glory of God. I covet it for the benefit of all the people God loves. I want it for them. May God bless you, is my prayer for you and it will continue to be. Will you join me in that prayer for her?

[Applause]

Because God has gifted her. Thanks mom. Thank you, mom. Thank you, God.

You will love what we did. You say you watch *LIFE Today*. You like *LIFE Today* because we share *LIFE Today*. We reveal it, we share it. I want all of you watching right now, this is the last week now. I mean this is a biggie! Twice a year we ask you to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of children. You've saved millions. That's a fact. That's not just a mere stat, that's reality. I want you to look and listen. I want you to listen to Sheila. I want you to listen to the heart of God expressed through Sheila in behalf of someone -- listen to me -- someone you are the answer for. You're God's answer for what you see.

On the mission field

Open Captions:

>> We're asking this lady here if she can talk about... She lost, I think she had three children, four children. Was there a sickness or was it hunger?

>> Yes, it was hunger.

>> I had four children who died. I took them to the hospital, but they couldn't help. They died because of hunger.

>> I lost three children. They died from hunger and a lack of medicine.

Sheila: I know when I've seen pictures of malnourished children -- severely malnourished children before, I thought it is too late, there is nothing I can do. But what I discovered while I was here is that with the first bowl of food you reverse the process. The minute nutrition begins to enter the body of a child it is as if death turns a corner and life marches in.

It is amazing what every single one of us can do! So you might look at these pictures and think like I did, this is overwhelming. It might seem that way but that's just a lie of the enemy. This is

fixable. We can do this. We can turn from death to life in a moment.

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In the studio

James: I don't know how many of you heard there at the first, I don't know if it registered. This mother said that she had four children. She lost them all. Betty and I have three children and as you know, Randy we said good-bye to one of them. You sang to her on the way out. You have four children. She lost all four.

Randy: I can't imagine.

James: What do you long in your heart to see our viewers understand and do?

Randy: The first time I went over to Africa and watched the Mission Feeding program in action, when I came back, it was difficult. You go to the grocery store. There is food everywhere. You see us throwing out food at restaurants. My children were small and maybe didn't want what we were serving and there was a bit of an anger. I thought, God, what is going on here? These people are starving and we've got so much? This is wrong.

And God said, "This," where we are, "is right. I'm a God of plenty. I'm a God of abundance. I'm not a God of hunger. I'm a God that wants to bless the people."

I said, "Well, Lord, give them some food. Send some food!"

God said, "I sent you. That's why you're here."

We are his hands and feet. We say that but we don't always know what that looks like. Well, this is what it looks like. God wants to bless those people. He doesn't want them to starve. He doesn't

have that desire for anyone to suffer but he's put you and I here to do something about it. That's why I'm honored to be a part of all the outreaches of LIFE but especially Mission Feeding.

James: Well, you have seen it. You've seen the unbelievable indescribable effect of it.

Randy: Oh it's wonderful! It's great!

James: It's like, in some ways it is like the resurrection of the dead. It's certainly like the healing of those who appear incurable and they're not.

Now listen to me. This is our last week in this emphasis. Twice a year we come. Hundreds of thousands of children that missionaries with a heart full of love have located, compassion led them. They've left their comfort to give love but they can't give the life that those kids need unless we give them the resources. We have to give them the food. We have to pay for it. 400,000 children right now are waiting. Many in malnutrition clinics where your resources also fund that support.

Right now if you'll simply go get your bankcard, please do it or go get a check and know I'm going to make it to *LIFE* and give life, if you'll simply go online, take that bankcard or dial that phone number, it is a life line right now for someone and say, "Here's my gift." \$30, \$50, or \$100 feeds three -- listen to me -- five or ten children. Could you feed ten with a \$100 gift that will give for the next months? \$50 or \$30 for five or three? And is there any way you could give \$1,000 and give 100 children food? Would you do that right now? Would you do it please?

Father, I pray every person watching will heed your voice, express your heart and your love right now; in Jesus' name.

Please go to the phone with that card or go online. Make the gift God leads to you make. Remember it is the last week for you to help -- the last days. Do what God leads you to do. Thank you.

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.

Finally, with your gift of \$1,000 or more to help feed and care for 100 children, be sure to request the "Bridge of Faith" framed canvas print by Thomas Kinkade.

This is the last day! Please call, write, or make your gift online!

End of clip

In the studio

James: This lady, dressed up in glory, in Jesus and wisdom; I mean I'm supposed to be a good communicator. I feel like a total dud. I can't make any line rhyme. This woman talks poetry. She talks in power -- inspirational power. Let her help you. Please! Please! You just give food to those kids, you just make a gift to help them, and you say, "Would you mind sending us that book? We'd like to have it." You better believe we'll send it. You give life, we're going to pour all the life we can out on you and so will Marshawn.

Would you join Randy and me in saying thanks to Marshawn? You've just blessed us beyond measure, lady! You've blessed us. I mean it. I believe what I said. There is no limit. He's your limit.

Thank all of you for being here. Thank you so much -- so much for helping us! Bless you.
Thanks.

In Studio:

James: This is the time of the year where we can consider a very special love gift, a year-end gift. I pray you'll do that because the opportunity is so great, the responsibility is great and we depend upon you. Thanks for what you do!