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Week three: WFL

James and Betty Robison

Andy Andrews

James: I tell you what. I'm just glancing down here at our -- I'm James Robison. Betty and I welcome you to *LIFE Today*. I'm just glancing down here at Andy Andrews's -- all the books he's written are bestsellers, *The Noticer*, *The Traveler's Gift*, *How Do You Kill 11 Million People?*

Well, we've got Andy Andrews with us and he's written a new book, *The Traveler's Summit*. And this looks like it is something about the traveler; and sitting right here I asked him about the traveler, if there will be a sequel. Well, let's just let Andy Andrews tell you what he told me. Would you welcome Andy Andrews back to *LIFE Today*? Andy, very good to see you. Yeah, yeah, yeah! I asked you here, I said, "Are you going to have a sequel?"

Andy: And I told you, no. There will not be a sequel to the traveler's gift. Because I kind of thought about a *Traveler's Gift* sequel and God said, "Don't be ridiculous!" I knew what he was talking about because it was *The Traveler's Gift*: Seven decisions that determine personal success. I really don't like it when people write, "The ten laws of this..." And then after the book sales, "And the sixth additional laws I also found..." "And the third law I found..." It's like they don't find them until the first book sells. Now they've got to sell something. And I just didn't want to do that.

The book is about how he travels in time to several different people. I thought, what would I do again? Have him travel seven more places? That's just cheesy. So no! I'm not going to do a sequel. And I've done one.

James: So it must not have been God telling you not to do one. Y'all were just having a little

chitchat.

Andy: I think it was. I think it was because I think it was a timing thing.

James: Well, this is actually not, to be honest with you; it's not actually like a sequel. It is a summit for crying out loud.

Andy: Right. And it can stand alone.

James: This is a gathering. I'm interested in this summit because God knows we need some summits. We have had some summits that appear to have positive affect. A major summit, if you actually heard truth, if you heard wise counsel and heeded it, that summit could have a positive effect on everybody on the planet; correct?

Andy: I think it could. I think a lot of times they don't. And I think one of the sad reasons they don't is it sounds so complicated to everybody that it sounds like something somebody else is going to have to do. That we can be for them or against them but we can't do anything.

James: What are you calling a summit?

Andy: Yeah! It's *The Traveler's Summit*.

James: Is this one, does it have possibilities? I'm talking something positive, Andy.

Andy: I wanted to -- I felt led to write something that would be for Christians and non-Christians. That Christians would read it and totally get it. And to non-Christians, it would just be a great story. The whole theme of the book is that that original traveler, now he is visited by a seventh person he saw, which is the archangel Gabriel. Gabriel disappears when he's 76 years old. He is an old man -- you know, he's older than you.

James: Next year, buddy!

Andy: Yeah. But Gabriel appears to him and says, "God is not pleased." Before he does a rearrangement he's going to give the travelers one last chance to answer one question; and if they answer this one question then maybe God holds back.

So the character says, "What do you mean, a rearrangement?"

Gabriel says, "Well, I think you would call it 'the flood' but it won't be one because he said he wouldn't do that again." So it would be something like that.

James: But some kind of a big shaking? Something catastrophic?

Andy: Mm-hmm. And so they get together...

James: In other words, we set the stage for that, is what it looks like and it comes; you know, we reap what we sow. It looks like something is coming, it's kind of built up to the point of becoming a tsunami effect but it won't be water; but it will have a devastating effect. So these summit attendees, who are in the summit?

Andy: These are all the travelers throughout history coming to this circular theater.

James: Like who?

Andy: Um, like Bear Bryant.

James: Are we going to play football?

Andy: We've got everybody. I mean it's like Socrates and Bear Bryant and...

James: Churchill?

Andy: Yeah! Churchill is at the table; see only seven of them are at the table. And they get five chances -- here's the question. The question that they have to answer is: What does humanity need to do, individually and collectively, to restore itself to the pathway toward successful civilization? And they get five chances to answer it. And every time they miss an answer they get to add another traveler.

So at this table you have Winston Churchill, Joan of Arc, King David, you have Abraham Lincoln, George Washington Carver, and a guy that you don't really know who he is...

James: Is he successful? Does he appear to be? What's made him appear successful?

Andy: Well, it turns out very quickly Winston Churchill, because they don't know who he is when this guy shows up at the table. And he's a real guy from history; I love finding things from history that people haven't heard. And this is a guy, his name is Eric Erickson, and when he was at the table they ask him, "May we ask where..." Because they don't have any clue.

James: You mean Churchill is named Eric?

Andy: No. This new guy at the table. So Churchill asks him, "Can you tell us a little about yourself?"

And the guy says to Churchill, "I think you would have referred to me as 'Gallant Knight.'"

And Churchill was like stunned. Because all of the sudden he knew that was the guy's code name during World War II. And this is a guy, the way I found him, I was reading these transcripts and I found that, and I'm probably the only person you know who has read the Nuremberg transcripts.

One of the Nazi generals said, just as an aside, "If it weren't for Erickson, we would have won." And of course, that's all it is. They're like who is this guy?

And it took me a couple of months and I found that Eisenhower, when he was president, said, "If it hadn't been for Erickson, we'd still be fighting a war."

So now I'm like who is Erickson? I find out, this is a guy who gave his public persona, gave his money, and literally left America, denounced America to go undercover in Sweden and was in and out of Germany. He had a pass from Hitler. It was because of him...

James: And this is true?

Andy: This is true! This is true! He was the guy who had made a deal with the Nazis to create a synthetic fuel plant in Sweden so that they could put their money in it and save it. Well, he was an oil man from Texas. He didn't really know anything about synthetic fuel. But the Nazis had developed this and they had jet planes.

But every time -- and he told Himmler, he said, "I've got to visit the synthetic plants to know how to do this one."

And it seemed like every time he visited they got bombed into rubble. And every time they just about went online, they got bombed again. And true story of World War II, is we ran them out of fuel because they couldn't get fuel. And he did it. And after the war, they held -- in Dallas -- held a state department dinner with 1,000 people that had just, were horrified several years ago by the way he acted toward the Jewish people and stuff.

And the state dinner, had all these people in Dallas and they said, "We would like to welcome our special guest." And he came out from behind the curtains and people were just like this. And they told the story. They said it was all for America. He did this all for America.

I can't believe people...

James: He's in this story. I've got him over here in this book.

Andy: He's Eric Erickson in the book.

James: So what's the question that came up here?

Andy: What does humanity need to do, individually and collectively, to restore ourselves to the pathway of a successful civilization?

James: All these different people answer it from their point of view. I want you to please tell me if somebody goes, they're going to have an interesting journey, they're going to hear a lot of things. I need to know what are they going to walk away, what's the takeaway when they get through with this book?

Andy: I want people to understand that they have been putting effort aside for years and years because they didn't understand what they were supposed to do, how they could do anything, how they could matter; and we dial them to the essence of why Christians and good people around the world have let the world be taken over.

What we dial down to, because they explore hope, they explore integrity, they explore everything that they think it could be, and it finally gets down to, the answer is so simple, what they're really supposed to do is something -- something. You can't do everything right now but you could do something right now. You can't get all the answers now but to get toward the answer, you can do something.

Think about what people -- think about what people do when they don't know what to do. They do nothing. "So what are you guys doing?"

"Well, right now we just don't know what to do."

"Okay, but what are you doing?"

"Well, we're not doing anything."

And that's the way people have acted and regressed for years and years and years, while people with the lies are out there doing something every day.

James: With the lie! Let me just say this to you. I've never been able to do nothing. I've never been able to sit back and watch the world run madly off the cliff, run propelled by foolishness and lack of wisdom. Everything I see I see possibilities far beyond what most people think.

You and I are pretty good friends. You don't do nothing. If you and I are doing nothing we're listening to try to hear what the something is that matters to somebody. Because everybody, you -- everybody matters to God. So I'm going to be involved in somebody's life. Somebody may say, "That's not necessarily going to change the world." Well, it will change that person's world possibly. It will change my world because I care about their world. Am I making any sense?

Andy: Yeah. I think people who do something, frankly are a minority right now. I think we have to pick it up -- and to pick it up and get rolling with it. People have to understand that in America today, we've got overall, a leadership problem. Well, the essence of leadership is influence, and the essence of influence is agreement, not disagreement -- it is agreement. So we have to focus first on some of the things we do agree on. We do want... Whether you're a red or a blue, whether you're a D or an R, whether you're a Christian or an atheist, do you want the best for your children? Yes! I do. We agree on that. You can ask anybody out there, do you think politicians should lie and be able to lie? Or should they tell us the truth? Everybody you meet will say, "Oh, they should tell the truth." Even if they're lying about it they will say that.

[Laughter]

So we find something to agree on to begin that conversation and begin a focus forward.

Betty: So through this book, you're trying to inspire people to do something, to find that something that God wants them to begin, a place to start.

James: Do you give them suggestions of something positive?

Andy: I do. I do it through effort --

James: You could just shoot people, it's not very good. That's what a lot of people are doing.

Andy: I do it through Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln tells the story of meeting some guys outside the White House, when presidents used to walk around, and they were out of work. He talked to them about the necessity of doing something. And he says in the book, he says, "If you're out of work, you need to look for weeds to pull. I'm not saying you should ask somebody, 'Will you pay me to pull those weeds?' I'm saying you see the weeds, pull them." That when you make yourself of value to other people, not only will they listen to you, you'll have influence, you'll get paid. Money is the least of your worries if you become valuable to other people.

James: What I want to believe that could be happening in the book, God invited not just Isaiah but a whole nation to come to the table of reason, "Come, let's reason together." We seem to be an unreasoning generation, an unreasoning society, an unreasoning leadership core.

Andy: But you hit it right on the head, come to the table of reason.

James: After the civil war, which is one of the most awful things to ever happen to a great nation -- and everybody had their reasons. But the leaders on both sides, Lee and Grant, they came together to be an answer to Lincoln's request and prayer that we could bind up the wounds of a severed nation.

Andy, I've got to be honest with you. I'm so tired of watching people fighting. I'm kind of a pretty rough guy myself. I've always been known as the guy that will come any time fighting. But still I can duke it out, still a fighter, but I'm so carried by a greater power than fighting and that's love. And I love people that fight, I love people that pick fights, I love people that make mistakes now. But I really do believe that if we can come together, and not just try to reach out

and have a handshake, and not just get our arms around each other in some kind of nice little hug, but get the arms of God, so to speak around all the broken hearts, around all the confusion and desperation and depression, dissension, division, animosity, and let that love flow because I'm going to tell you in those two generals, that I just referenced, in Lee and Grant, a miracle started happening. I think it happened with the prayers of a man that got shot. And some of the greatest speeches you'll ever read, Abraham Lincoln delivered.

I'm telling you, if God could take a nation born, I believe supernaturally, and through that civil war that we could come back and bind up the wounds of a terribly severed nation, we could see it today.

Father, I want you to bless everything Andy does. I love this man. I don't just know him as a writer or a guest on television, I know him as a father, a husband, an American, a person who cares. Lord, I want to join Andy, Betty and I do, and I believe our viewers all over the world, in just really trying to get people to the table of reason; Lord, to see severed people, severed relationships, yes, too often a severed nation or nations come together in supernatural unity. We pray for that miracle; in Jesus' name.

Do you appreciate Andy Andrews? I'm going to call you Andrew Andrews -- Andy Andrews. You've gotten so good now I've got to go to Andrew Andrews. You are such a blessing.

I know one of your boys pretty well, the other boy I've heard about him so much. Your kids are something else. I think you're going to be able to write a story...

Andy: Austin said to tell y'all, "Hi!" I want to be able to write a story about them.

James: Yeah, you'll be able to write a story about those boys. Andy, you... By the way, it's in the bookstores. You can get it online. Go right now and get it.

Here's the thing. Isn't it wonderful that our viewers, when you show them something, you talk about do something, and I say to our viewers, do you think you could, would you mind just

giving somebody that really is thirsty, would you give them some clean water? Do you know what many of them say? I'll give them a well. I want you to watch this, Andy.

Andy: My family did that with you guys, our Christmas present to each other was the well.

James: I want you to watch this and see if you don't want to give somebody a cup of water. You want to do something.

On the mission field

>> Marie, I know it is very difficult to talk about these things. I know you're heartbroken and I'm sorry I can't do anything today to change that. But we want to share your story back with people who want to help. Can you tell me about that?

Open Captions:

>> This year I have lost many family members. Three of my grandchildren, as well as my son have died.

They had skin ulcers and bloated bellies. I'm certain they got sick from drinking our water. I'm feeling very sad. I'm feeling very sad. It's very painful.

I think about giving children a bath and putting them to bed each night. I feel like dying so I could be with them.

As my son was dying he asked me to care for the other children. I have two grandchildren that are still alive. We have no choice but to drink this bad water, the same water that killed my family.

>> Our goal is to bring clean water to this village so that your two grandchildren that are still with you will survive.

Open Captions:

>> Thank you.

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James: Well, grandmother, great-grandmother, what do you say to our viewers? One moment she said, "I just want to go be with them." I know, with the daughter in heaven, we could say, "Robin, we're going to be there, sweetheart." But I know you would say, "Mom and dad, stay there and make sure everybody who can will get here." And you'd say, "Keep helping people." Wouldn't she?

Betty: Absolutely. And how can your heart not hurt along with this mother and this grandmother that has two grandchildren left? She so dearly wants to keep them alive. She's lost most of her family. How can we not want to reach out and help this mother and grandmother?

Let's give them the water they need. That's a very simple solution but very difficult for them to find that solution without our help. They can't. So please join with us and let's drill the water wells so we can save these children's lives.

James: I pray, dear God, that everyone who can help will do so; in Jesus' name.

You know we've drilled 6,000 wells. We -- you! You who watch *LIFE Today*. But she needs a well. And we found hundreds of other areas that the missionaries have shown us, just like that, just like what you saw, and the situations the same. And we have an absolute 100% perfect cure. We can't walk in and cure cancer everywhere, I think that's coming. I honestly believe we're going to learn a lot.

As a matter of fact, we'll talk some this week about how we actually find help miraculously, just

with wisdom. But we can cure this problem and we can do it immediately. We can drill a well. So I'm asking, let's start. We've already found and located and started on 200 wells. They're still \$4800 apiece. I don't know how long that's going to stay there.

But could you give a well? Could you give half a well? Because some of you say \$4800? What about \$2400, \$1200? By the way, if you give the \$1200 or \$2400 you immediately say, "God, here's my \$1200, please raise up three more and we'll have a well." "Here's my \$2400. Lord, raise up somebody who can do this." It's at the level that God has blessed you that out of that blessing you're able to reach out and touch others.

Keep this in mind. The majority of the income for drilling wells comes from people who give \$48. When you break that out, we found that average is giving ten people water the rest of their life; \$144 gives 30 people. There is a level at which everyone can participate.

We have some beautiful gifts to send you. You're going to love it. *Praying Grace* -- boy! I'm telling you. You talk about a devotional, a prayer devotional, this will bless you. And I think you're going to like the tumbler, hot or cold. And the beautiful bronze that we have, and boy, do I love this! Because I feel like a shepherd, the Lord holds me. Here's a shepherd holding a little lamb. That's how we reach out.

We send these gifts to you to simply say we want to bless you and say thank you because you've blessed others. And they become a conversation piece. People will ask you, "Where did you get that?" And then you can encourage them to give somebody some water.

Would you go online right now or dial that number? Take your bankcard and use it like a check to make the gift God puts on your heart. Please, right now, just take the time to do it now and thank you so much.

Begin video clip

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?

With your help, clean water is on the way. Mission Water for LIFE provides a way for parents to save the lives of their children, to offer them a bright future free from the fear of death. With your gift today, you can help drill and establish the first 200 water wells of the year. Your gift of \$24 will help provide clean water for five children, a gift of \$48 will help provide for 10, \$72 will provide for 15, and \$144 will help provide life-giving water for 30 people for a lifetime.

With your gift, we'll send you the *Praying Grace* 55-day devotional. This new devotional will help you renew your mind to the realities of God's grace and help you pray powerful grace-based prayers for each day.

With your gift of \$100 or more, request the "Praying Grace" tumbler. This reusable 16-ounce container is constructed with insulated stainless steel, perfect for hot or cold beverages.

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, new commemorative bronze sculpture, "Safe in the Shepherd's Arms."

Please call, write, or make your gift online.

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In the studio

James: Andy's a remarkable guest. By the way, if you'd like to have the book, Andy, we'll send them the book to say thanks. But Andy said something to me and Betty just a moment ago. He said here's a suggestion. Many times when there is a special occasion and people say, "What do you want for your birthday?" "What do you want for your anniversary?"

He just suggested, Andy Andrews, said, "Why don't you say, 'Would you make a gift toward a well?'" And ask them to do that instead of giving you something. And you can have them give it to you, be honest, send it on for the well or you can tell them where to send it. That's a good idea.

Do y'all agree with Andy? Do you appreciate him being here? The book, *The Traveler's Summit* is in the bookstores. You help us give a cup of water and you want this book, we'll send it to you to say thanks. Thank all of you. Andy, thank you, buddy! Love you!

Andy: Love y'all so much!