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Week 13: Mission: Rescue *LIFE*

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"Walking in the Light"

James: Thank you. Well, we really do have a family here today. You are family. I'm James Robison welcome you to *LIFE Today*. You've heard me say many times that when God put on our heart to come with you this way he said to invite my family into the family room and help them get to know the Father. Well, this is family.

I actually have quite a few of our staff here who work right here at our main offices in the mid cities area of Dallas and Fort Worth in Euless. And you're sure welcome to attend any of our tapings here. I'm going to be sharing with the family here and the staff who are truly family. They, I believe, represent the Lord as beautifully as anyone I've ever seen.

They love you. Many of them are the ones who share their concern, along with your concern, praying for you and with you, and you tell us what a blessing they are. Everybody I meet and every guest we ever have on television tell me that they see Jesus as clearly in our staff as any people they're ever around. We appreciate that. And all of you are a tremendous blessing.

I want to just share with you as personally as I can, those of you who are here as part of our staff family, as well as those of you at home that there is no question we're living in the last days. When you are 75 years old, if I live to be a hundred, which that is actually possible. I'm being told that I have just really what looks like supernatural health; I hope that's true, and the same for Betty, very, very grateful. I'm not in a hurry to get out of here. I'm ready to go. The moment I got saved the future kingdom was settled forever.

I don't even believe I'm going to die. Think about that. You say, "You just don't know. It

is appointed unto men once to die." I don't believe I'm going to die. Once I was born from above I believe this body that I live in will someday come to rest. The body will die, I won't. I will simply move into another realm. I'm telling you, that joy that fills me is overflowing. That is the joy of the Lord. It is my strength. Joy in the Lord, that's strength but when the Lord has joy over us that gives me indescribable joy and strength to know that as Jesus said boy, don't we long for this to be so. I only do those things that please the Father. Think about that. Let that sink in. I only do the things that please the Father.

Jesus said, "I move where he looks."

I showed you in another telecast and while Betty and I were sharing that I write down what I call lightning bolts. Now I've actually exaggerated, if you've heard me mention this before, I don't actually write them down because I get them while I'm on the move. Betty showed me how to do voice notes but that takes a little while. I just call one of my assistants, Carol or Victoria and I say, "Write this. Record it. Then type it. But I want to keep this treasure."

I really was curious about this. Why does God seem to talk so clearly so often and so freely when I'm moving? In other words, why when I'm driving or traveling or walking or getting ready to preach or even when I'm preaching do I hear these things? When I'm preaching and I've learned that this impression is coming from above then I can oftentimes share it. And it is so amazing when I hear it I find myself carried by it. I've tried to help business leaders, national leaders, church leaders, political leaders understand that if they would tune in to the voice of wisdom that voice will speak to them at the most amazing times and actually carry them and the power of that spirit when they share it.

As I'm asking God why do I get these lightning bolts, and I found now that I don't seem to be able to retain all of them like I could when I was younger. I don't think I have serious dementia or anything, I get a lot of them. So I call and my assistants type it up.

Here is one of them. By the way, I suggest to all of you on staff, if you want to learn to hear the voice of God, every time you think you do, try as soon as you can to write it down -- just try to write it down. Then as you look at it and meditate on it you'll oftentimes find that it is almost verbatim a verse in the Bible that you don't even remember reading but suddenly it came back to life. If it's not a verse you've read but it came from God, you will many times find dozens if not scores, even hundreds of verses that basically imply or say virtually the same thing.

So here's what I got on the fly. Now listen to it because I think it is important. I hear and think on the move. I think on the fly. Sometimes I wonder why and I feel like the Lord has shown me that I'm walking in light that is moving. I don't live under a streetlight. It is kind of like the Old Testament. They followed a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night and it was moving. God is moving. I'm following him and listening.

Now I want all of you here to get this. If you tune your ear to channel Jesus, to the Father's voice, you'll be able to discern it. If you know his word it is his word that gives us ears to hear what the spirit, what the Father is saying to us as family, as believers.

So he's moving, we're following him and we're listening. We must -- get this -- I actually added this right before I came to talk to you. We must follow the Lord by walking in the radiant light of his glory and grace. When you walk like Jesus did, doing those things that please the Father, knowing and I can't emphasize this often enough. I wonder if I can even emphasize it as effectively as necessary.

Jesus said, "If you want to find life, you want to live to its fullest, you want to experience the abundant life I came to give you. I came that you might have life and have it abundantly."

Even prosperously but don't define prosperous by material standards. You do not measure spiritual blessings by a material standard. That's a false measure. The blessings of God are not limited by the material nor measured and determined by material gain or loss.

Paul said, "In whatever state I'm in I can be content. I know what it is to abound. I know what it is to be abased."

I know what it is to have and have not. But I always have him. If he has me then I'm being carried by his spirit. I have learned to walk in the spirit, to live filled, and this is what the Bible teaches -- filled to overflowing with the spirit so that the fullness of God, the fullness of his nature and his character, of his love, of his peace, of his joy, of the ability to have not just self-control but God control, living under control not out of control.

This is how he's invited every one of us. Now listen to me. You can live this way. God never invites us to do something that cannot be done. He never asks you to pray for his will to be done on earth knowing it couldn't be. Yes, it can be. He never would ask you to do anything that's impossible. With him nothing, nothing is impossible.

Now I want you to understand this please. I just said a moment ago if I live to be a hundred I've lived three quarters of my life. I'm living in my last days. We've heard so many messages preached on the last days. Let's settle this. Cease getting caught up with the discussion of timeframes, end times, or any times. Just get caught up in doing the will of God right here right now on planet earth.

You have been left here on a commission to be his ambassadors, his representatives, more than conquerors in this life to overcome the power of the enemy. The gates of death and destruction, deception and defeat is not to prevail against the church, the family of God. So if we will literally submit ourselves to walk and live in that light, filled to overflowing with his spirit, the effect of that spills off on everything. His spirit will actually bring peace in a room. And God knows we need a lot of his peace in a lot of rooms all over the world, all over the country, all over the church.

Well, you and I are supposed to walk in the room with that peace and that confidence and

courage. One of the characteristics to be spirit-filled is we have a boldness, we're fearless because he never gives us a spirit of fear. All right. Are you being carried, directed and led by his spirit?

Father, I pray you will show every person here in this family gathering of our staff and every person watching wherever they are that it is possible for them to yield the clay of their life, for you to shape them into a vessel of honor, a channel through which you flow your spirit freely. I'm asking you to bring them to the place right now that they will say right where they're watching, right here where they're sitting, "I yield every area of my life to you. I want you to fill me with your spirit. I want you to break up the unproductive ground in my life and I want you to produce great fruit. I want to receive the word gladly and I want you to multiply the effect; in Jesus' name I pray."

Paul spent a lot of time when he was talking to Timothy about a discussion of the last days. Paul made it very clear in that discussion, "I'm living in my last days." He said it so clearly. Listen to how he said it. "I'm already being poured out as a drink offering. And the time of my departure has come."

Now you think about this. Here's a man who's literally before Caesar's household. Here's a man who has been moved by God into the center of the most evil empire perhaps in human history. I mean far more rotten even than the rottenest we see today that breaks our heart and should break our heart. He has been placed right there as a witness. He has been a witness and won people in Caesar's household. And so great was his witness and the witness of the Christians that he's speaking to, to Timothy and the others, that the power of God resting and the power of love on these people and the courage that they had, and the unwavering trust and the proclamation of the word, not just in words but in action, it literally led to the collapse of this horrible evil empire, and to the birth of the first great awakening out of which all great awakenings thereafter were because of, it was a result of that first awakening.

God can literally overwhelm the effect of the gates of hell, the gates of deception,

division, dissension, destruction and death; we can overcome those adverse effects. Not only in our life and not only as a family of believers but we do not have to give the enemy, the deceiver, the deed to any area of planet earth that God gave us oversight of. That doesn't mean there won't always be those pockets of evil. That doesn't mean it won't get worse and worse.

But while the enemy is manifesting his vile nature, you can see it, you can see how ugly Satan is. You can see the effect of his lies. You can see the insanity that rules when you cast aside God's truth and you listen to the nonsense of the deceiver. And then you can see the destructive effects.

You see the enemy mind-set doesn't want to have a healthy reasonable discussion. They don't want to hone the blade. They don't want to win a debate. They don't even want to win an election. They want to destroy the opposition, totally. There's that spirit of destruction. This is not part of a church. We have been left here as witnesses of his divine power and the wisdom that he freely offers that will enable us to be productive and take unproductive land, lives, land, property and bring forth great fruit that blesses not only God but blesses everyone.

Paul said, "The time of my departure has come." Look what he said, "I fought a good fight."

In this kingdom, in this life, we're in a battle. When you experience freedom you never get free from the fight. You were sent into the battle suited up in the armor of God. You have a shield of faith. You can quench the flaming darts of the enemy. What does that mean? That means we can take every thought, every suggestion captive, obedient to Christ. We don't have to let those thoughts and suggestions that the world offers us, and the opportunities and the possibilities that the enemy offers us, we can take them captive so that they don't get in our mind and fester like the spirit of unforgiveness.

You can't believe how many Christians right now are being limited in their prayer life

because they don't like somebody. They don't understand why God uses that person. They would never have liked to have chosen that person. You stop telling God who he can and can't use. You just start praying, God use me. Hear my prayers. Change that person. Change that mind-set. Bring a spirit of peace to prevail in the midst of this storm. Calm the raging tempers, attitudes, and spirits. We can take authority. Paul is telling us right now we have a fight, he has fought a good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith.

By the way, this is in Second Timothy chapter four and I began reading at verse six. Listen to what he said in verse eight. Very important to get this. In the future, now for him, he said this future is very close. I'm about to leave. My departure is at hand. There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the righteous judge will award me on that day. And not only to me, but to all who have loved his appearing.

There is so much in that last couple of sentences. He's going to receive a crown of righteousness and we know we'll take every crown and lay them back at the master's feet because we know who wears the crowns. But I want you to notice something very significant here about what Paul said. Don't any -- listen! Don't any of you in our staff family miss this. And don't any of you listening to me right now, don't miss this. He'll not only give it to me but to all who have loved his appearing.

You've got a double application here. I think it is very important that we don't miss it. Not just those who love his appearing when he comes or his appearing when we go to be with him but all who love his appearing. Do you know what appearing I'm convinced Paul was referring to? Not to nullify the reality of those other wonderful occasions when we see him coming in glory, he's talking about people who have already recognized his appearing.

Simon Peter, who was the most prone to stumble of any of the disciples, he is like a lot of leaders that we see that have great potential but they just seem to put their foot in their mouth or say things that might not be best. But we're praying for them. But sometimes they do things that are so foolish. Do any of them do anything more foolish than this

great disciple of Jesus who lived right there close to him for three years? He denied him three times in the hour of Jesus' greatest need when he had boasted, "If there is anybody on earth you can count on, you've got me. You can count on me." And he was the one that denied him three times.

Can you even imagine God having patience with someone like that? Do you know what Simon Peter said later? "We are eyewitnesses of his majesty." I don't know if you're going to get that or not but boy, if you do, it is going to revolutionize your life. I'm 75 years old. I've been preaching for 57 or 58 years. I met the Lord as a teenager so I have been amazed at his appearance throughout my life. I see him. I am not only captivated by it, I've been captured by it. If we lose our life in his kingdom purpose that's when we find the abundant life and we live loving his appearing because we see him all the time.

Father, I pray for every single person listening to my voice to hear the Father's voice and receive his invitation to behold your glory now and allow that glory to be on them before you come in glory for them; in Jesus' name.

I really believe God has touched our hearts and I think you're going to want to put arms of love around someone that desperately needs it right now; really set captives free in the truest, purest, most effective sense of the word. Please watch carefully but be ready to reach someone, rescue them and restore them because together we can do it.

On the mission field

Announcer: The flashy, glitzy nightlights, and young attractive girls may appear to be a pleasure-filled setting but the reality is it is a place filled with danger, fear, and depraved people who deal in human flesh.

Sheila: One of the girls told me that they just keep them kind of drugged up so they can't argue. And I said, "What do they do if you argue?" And that's when they get beaten.

Open Captions:

>> If the girls won't sleep with our clients we beat them with a bat or we electrocute them until they obey.

>> They force me to service eight to ten men each night. And we are not allowed to eat or drink unless we do.

>> They said they could kill me if I didn't sleep with the men.

Sheila: I'm sure for some of you it is hard for you to wrap your mind around this. Let me tell you, if there is any place where the body of Christ should be showing up and caring for people it's on these streets, this red light district where these girls are being sold every night time after time after time. You and I, as God's sons and daughters, we've got to be the ones telling these girls you have a future, and you have a purpose, and you have a hope and there is a God who loves you. And there are people on this planet who know this God and want to share this love with you.

Open Captions:

>> I want freedom. I want to not live in hell anymore.

End of clip

In the studio

James: There is no question in my mind that you have the mind of Christ and I believe the heart of Christ when it comes to setting people free. These precious girls, we're not only setting them free from that sexual bondage but we're winning them to Christ. And then in so many of the areas, because of your faithful support, we're able to train them in how they can make an honest living.

Would you right now please just move by God's spirit and his love, would you go get your bankcard? Or get a check, plan to make the check to *LIFE* because I'm telling you, you're giving these girls and these young people a chance to live. Or would you go online? And I'm asking you to make the best gift you can, it is going to be doubled. I'm asking God today to give us one of the most miraculous out pours of support to rescue these precious girls, set them free, win them to Christ, and train them for the future.

Please make the gift God puts on your heart. This, for some of you will be the first time you've ever helped us. You know what I'm praying? I'm praying everybody you know that loves God will help us share his love and his life all over the world and really see the church stand up and look like our Father because Jesus is in us. This is your opportunity to express that: \$128 rescues one but now it will be two; \$1280 not just ten, but 20 rescued and you may even be able to do better than that. I pray you will.

We have some beautiful gifts to give you concerning the promises of God, a beautiful throw, the name of Jesus. And I'm telling you, I love the bronze, "In the Arms of the Shepherd." You're putting the shepherd's arms around these precious girls and these victims that you're setting free. Thank you for doing it.

Please go online, call the number, make that gift or put it in the mail today. If you mail it, call us and tell us what you're mailing. We really do need to know. And remember, it will be doubled.

Begin video clip

Announcer: Behind the bright lights there is a darkness where a world of innocence is lost and abuse runs rampant scarring the souls of children with no one and nowhere to turn for help. With bodies broken and hopes crushed, these young victims are trapped in a never-ending nightmare.

Today, you can shine the light of God's love in this dark world to reach, rescue, and restore these young ones to the life God designed for them to live. With a generous \$320,000 matching gift, now your gift of \$128 to help rescue a child can be doubled to help two children. Your \$64 gift will be matched to help rescue one child from the horrors of human trafficking. And a \$32 mission rescue gift will be doubled to \$64.

And with your donation of any amount, we'll send you *The Promises of Christ* gift book filled with beautiful photographs, scriptures, stories, and commentary from James Robison.

With your gift of \$128 or more you'll receive "The Names of Jesus" throw. This beautifully woven blanket features the names of Jesus in many languages. It will make a lovely addition to your home and serve as a beautiful reminder and spiritual comfort to the Lordship of our savior.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1280 which will now help rescue 20 children. And you may request our beautiful new bronze sculpture, "Safe in the Shepherd's Arms."

Please call, write, or make your gift online.

End of clip

In the studio

James: I want to thank you -- thank you for showing people the promises of Christ, which we're sending to all of you who just make a gift to help set captives free.

I hope you'll encourage your friends and I hope everybody watching will say, "You know what? We're going to take the messages we're hearing to the ends of this earth until every

believer hears, until we become the healthy body of Christ adorned in his glory so we can reveal his nature as it really is. Thank you so much for your help.