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Week 44: Mission: Rescue Life

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Dennis Prager

James: Wow! Welcome to *LIFE Today*. I'm James Robison. I just told the audience I've been on television 50 years and spoken to millions of people, it's the first time I've been so excited that I'd say I'm a little bit nervous.

I want to say something to you before I introduce the guest. Betty and I want you to understand something very important to us as a couple. You know we love to help the least of these and the overlooked. I'm not sure you understand how much Betty and I love you. I'm not sure you understand how much we actually love everyone you love. We love your family, your children, grandchildren, for us, great grandchildren, for you, perhaps. We just want the best for you because we have a creator, a wonderful God who really loves boundlessly, endlessly, and unconditionally. And Betty and I want his best for you. So we try to bring you the best. You know that. We encourage you to support the best.

I think we've got one of the greatest people God ever put on this planet and I believe he is here precisely for this moment and I believe, really and truly, in many ways for the future and for the sake of freedom. And to show us that we're to stand firmly, unwaveringly for that which is important to everyone that our creator loves, God loves, our Lord loves, and we love. So I want you to join with this audience welcoming to *LIFE Today* Dennis Prager. Would you welcome Dennis Prager?

[Cheers & Applause]

Dennis: Thank you very much. Thank you! May I -- I want to say something because a number of these people have heard me before so this won't surprise them. If... I'm a little

hesitant about being self-descriptive but I will be because I see myself outside of myself a lot. I'm very real and I love the real. I want to say something real.

When you said into that camera looking at your viewers how much you love them and their families, and that God loves them and their families, so do you know what I was thinking? I was thinking, how... and I have to use the word *sick* the descriptions of Christians such as yourself as haters is in this country. I say that as a Jew, so I don't have, so to speak, an axe to grind. But it is so infuriating to me when I hear Christians described as haters. It is so... having lived among so many of you for so many years, worked with you, and count many of you as my friends, you could say well, we differ with Christians on A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I get that. But haters?

You open up your program and it was as obvious as the day is long how sincere you are. You're feeding kids in Mozambique. The people who hate you, who call you haters couldn't spell Mozambique, let alone are feeding starving people there like you are. So it just infuriates me when I hear that.

It is good for somebody, so to speak, outside of you to make this point and I make it all the time. It's an upside-down world that the hatred in this country so overwhelmingly, from the left -- not liberals. I always distinguish between liberals and leftists but from the left there are charges against you.

Look, they called me a Nazi at Google. Here I am, I'm a Jew. I wrote two books on Judaism, two books on Torah commentary. I fought Anti-Semites my whole life; wrote a book on anti-Semitism, taught Jewish history at Brooklyn college -- and I'm a Nazi. If I'm Nazi -- you realize, if I'm a Nazi, the Nazis are terrific people.

[Laughter]

They have cheapened -- every word has been cheapened, hater, Nazi, fascist, all of that.

But anyway, that's what I was thinking. You're good folks and you radiate goodness and you really do care. No one is perfect. I don't know you well enough to know your sins but by definition you're human, you sin but that's beside the point.

Same with the president. The question is what good is he doing with the most powerful position on earth? Not has he sinned?

I love when people say, "Oh well, kids, they look to the President for their values."

I go, "Really?" Somehow, I don't remember my father ever saying to me, "Dennis, Lyndon Johnson, watch how President Johnson behaves."

You're laughing because it is a laugh. It is a total... what kid looks to the president? Did John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Bill Clinton? We don't elect presidents to be the models for children. Ideally they would be, but I don't live in an ideal world, I live in a real world. Is the man doing good?

He's called a racist. Today, in the Washington Post was an article that it is the highest rate of women of color in the history of employment statistics. Would that all race racists do such good things for nonwhites! Okay. Got it off my chest.

James: I hope you can think of something to say. I'm really glad you're here.

You made a statement about liberals and leftists. Would you see the leftists, which it's really taken over so much of the country which we're going to talk about this movie and this book, *No Safe Places* because it is becoming too true. And boy, do you understand. But would you say that this mind-set of the leftists feeds what we would be called an anti-biblical worldview and anti-founder perspective? Would you say that's basically where they seem to be lining up?

Dennis: I understand it almost entirely in those terms. I've studied the left since I was in

college. I learned Russian in order to read Pravda. So I really thought I knew the left. I wrote a book explaining the left and America and Islam, *Still the Best Hope*. I spent all of my life studying this. But only when writing my Bible commentary, finishing my Bible commentary on Genesis, I still have three more volumes of it. It is called *The Rational Bible*.

James: And we're going to talk about that on other programs. Dennis is going to be here all week. You really don't want to miss it. I'm not kidding you.

Dennis: You don't! You don't.

[Laughter]

That was a joke.

James: That's wisdom speaking.

Dennis: No, no, no! That was arrogance. I know the difference. So I realized everything came clear to me. The left is a force of chaos, God is a force of order and that's the best way to explain the left. From music to art, to universities to the sexes, everything, it is chaos. They introduced it... I know music really well. I conduct orchestras periodically. They introduced it, they got rid of tonality in the early 20th century. The musical left got rid of tonality, so in other words, no longer is a piece in D major or E flat minor. There is no key. They got rid of harmony and they got rid of melody. So there is nothing left. It's just notes. I'm not joking. That's all that is left, is random notes.

And then they did it, of course, in painting. There is a man standing on a ladder throwing paint from paint cans, Jackson Pollock, and his things go for tens of millions of dollars. It is chaos. It is chaos.

And I don't know what it is in the human spirit that hates order. I derive joy from it.

Children derive joy because it gives them guidelines and guardrails. But they hate it. There are people who hate order.

The most dramatic is there is no male and female. That is now the most dramatic form of chaos that we have. So when the serpent says, the snake says to Eve, "You'll be like God if you eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil." What does he mean? You will determine good and evil, God won't. And that is why you are entirely right. That is why they hate when we -- who does the left hate the most? Christians. They would hate Jews the most but they're not numerous enough. You're the threat. You're the last remaining threat to the takeover of the western world, which is already taken over much of, but not the U.S. yet. You are the last remaining barrier. So they must depict you as haters and bigots or, sexers, sex is intolerant, uniphobic, homophobic, Islamophobic race is bigoted. That's how you must be depicted because you're the last remaining barrier. The people who take their values from the Bible.

James: You're going to show, which you explain in the book and in the movie, *No Safe Places*, which will be airing very soon, these programs air. And you want to go, you want to encourage everybody to go. You want to help him get the film in every theater possible. Do it. You're going to ask everybody to go because what he's going to show you is what's actually taking place.

And the amount of money that is spent just to protect someone who might go to some university and just speak for an hour, just to keep them alive in the place that once defended civil conversation and discussion and difference, now will not tolerate it unless it is *their* message. You really are trying to say something.

So to our viewer, why did you with such zeal and passion move over into that entertainment realm and what Hollywood can do and work with people who do it to try to tell the story? Why do you consider it so important right now? Are we really reaching a place that we could lose security and safety and basic freedom?

Dennis: Yes! The war against free speech was not predictable, I have to admit. Nothing has surprised me as much as that. If there was one thing all Americans agreed on throughout American history, I don't mean all 100%, 90% of America is hey, I may not agree with you but I will fight to the death for your right to say what you believe.

When I was a kid, Nazis marched in Skokie, Illinois. I'll never forget this. People can look it up. And they picked Skokie because they're sadists; that's where the most concentrated population of holocaust survivors lived. So these people who had watched their children and parents and friends and relatives burned, then they have to see swastikas again. It is a certain level of sadism to Nazism.

But everybody agreed, including the Jewish community, they have a right to do it. This is America, man. A Nazi has a right to march with a swastika in front of Jews who lost their whole families in the holocaust. This was the '70s so this is 30 years after Auschwitz, less than 30 years later. Everybody understood. You speak in America. That's the gift -- that's why we got the statue of Liberty from France and Norway didn't. I'm not knocking Norway. Or Canada didn't -- America got it.

That's why in Hong Kong they are demonstrating with the American flag. They could have picked any flag of any country in the world, they picked America because it still represents -- they don't know how bad it is in America right now thanks to the left, so they think America still represents free speech. And to a certain extent we still do. But it is dying and it is virtually dead on campuses.

That's what this is about. *No Safe Spaces*, and by the way, the film is great, and it is not great because I'm in it. I'm not being humble. I'm not humble. I'm not arrogant and I'm not humble, I'm level headed. No, no! I'm totally clear about who I am. But it is not great because I'm in it. It is great and I'm honored to be in it but it is great independent of me.

These guys know how to make films. Yes, I'm in it, obviously, Adam Carolla and I, so to speak star in it. But it is way beyond us. And you -- it will be an eye-opener to

Americans. You mentioned how much money, you're specifically referring Ben Shapiro, a guy who wears a yarmulke, a guy who is Orthodox Jewish kid, 35 years old, brilliant kid, guy now, goes to Berkley, \$600,000 to protect him.

James: To keep him alive, keep him from being hurt.

Dennis: They didn't -- they shouldn't have had to spend \$100. The guy just -- you should hear his speeches. There is nothing incendiary. But hey! He is on the right. That's how deep and bad it is.

Do you know there is guy in there, Brett Weinstein, a professor at Evergreen College in Washington State, one day they announce at Evergreen: "If you're white you have to leave the campus for a day." This guy's a lifelong liberal, a lifelong democrat. He said, "Excuse me. I'm not going to leave the campus because I'm white. What? Are you out of your minds?" And this guy has helped black causes his whole life and everything. The guy no longer teaches there because his life was threatened. You will see a movie within a movie when you watch *No Safe Spaces* about what happened to Brett Weinstein at this college. The screaming and the cursing at this man by students because he is a racist, a lifelong liberal, because he wouldn't leave the campus because he's white.

James: Wow! This is -- please hear me all of you here in the audience. The real bottom line here is, Dennis, that freedom really is a gift from our creator and when God led the Israelites out of bondage, he led them into a land of opportunity flowing with milk and honey, a fertile land. And that blesses everybody. Freedom blesses everyone, just like the rain does. As Christians we believe that Galatians 5:1, "It is for freedom Christ set us free." We believe that. And we believe freedom blesses everybody.

You are and we're going to really talk about this in the next program in-depth. This whole documentary movie is about it, this book is about it. You can get on line and get the book. You really ought to see the movie. You ought to see what's going on, the way people are treated who just believe like Betty and I believe. It wouldn't be safe. I've

spoken at all these liberal university campuses, sat on the platform and talked to them, amazing! Not that way now. Not that it wouldn't be safe. They wouldn't invite me in the first place but if I got there it wouldn't be safe.

Dennis: I went to Colorado State a couple of years ago, or a year ago, I happily go to a lot of colleges, and it's funny and sad. The police guarding me looked like they were about to fight the Taliban. I said, "Guys, could you take a picture with me? My friends will think I went to Afghanistan." That is how well armed they were for a speech that I, life devoted to basic ethical principles.

They're like: Be nice to your parents. Really incendiary things like that. Or America really is a good country.

James: We're going to really carry this on. I want to tell you something. This is great. The documentary will open your eyes. What you're actually saying and we're going to go in-depth in the next programs, we stand a chance of losing freedom as we've known it.

Dennis: Yes! Because the human being doesn't yearn to be free. That freedom is a value not a yearning. We yearn to be taken care of. That's why the left is popular. They don't give you freedom, they take care of you. But taking care of you comes with a price, your freedom.

James: That's Pharaoh! Your freedom, and that's Pharaoh or Caesar or a source other than the creator and it is curtains.

All right. You're going to be hearing Dennis all week. The book, the movie, I've given you Dennis's address. Dennis, we are rescuing girls and boys from sexual trafficking. It is one of the most horrible things in the world. Our viewers love to help people.

I want you to look in right now at a scene that I believe will touch your heart and move you. Please listen to me. We've had some friends step up who so want to set people free

in this area, they are giving a \$320,000 matching gift to double what you give. I want you to watch and see if you don't want to be a part of this. Watch closely.

On the mission field:

Kirie: I can't think of anything worse to happen to a child.

[Translator]

Kirie: I'm so sorry a human did that to you. It's not your fault.

Open Captions:

>> One day, when I was seven years old, I was out working in the field. Two strangers lured me away with candy and took me across the border. I was given to a family and I had to work as their maid. I was forced to do these chores for about 18 months.

Then when I was eight or nine, they took me to another place. I saw all these men and they explained what I had to do. I was only nine years old. They said they would kill me if I didn't do what they said. Every day I wished that someone would get me out of there. But no one came to help for many, many years.

Kirie: Mara has taken the time to open up her heart and relive horrible, horrible experiences and wounds so you understand what's going on. Many of you have no idea and cannot even imagine that something this horrible could happen to a child -- but it happens every day. We can stop that.

So if you're watching us today and in your heart you feel like well, that really speaks to me. I'm asking you to go beyond that thought and to take action. We can't get back her childhood, but we could keep others from experiencing this horrible way of living.

End of video

In the studio:

James: I just say thank you, God, for people like you who did set this precious woman free, and now then she is teaching others. She has been a part of rescuing these little girls who are about to be caught, taken captive and trafficked.

What we're doing is we're getting the children that the traffickers go after before they get them. We actually have our rescue workers and our mission team go into the areas where these children live, tell the parents what's happening, and their promises are vain. Because they see the love in all of our workers they listen.

It is miraculous, Betty that we've been actually been able to get them out. You can't watch that and not be deeply moved. You've been the most amazing people on the planet. I think one of the things Betty and I want all of you to realize is, we love you deeply and we want the best for you. That's the reason why we're having programs like the one you're hearing and will hear this week. We don't want your children and those you love to lose the opportunities that we've been blessed to have so we can bless others. But you are so amazing. When you see a need that can be legitimately and effectively met, you say, "Count me in."

So right now in the last week -- this is our last week of this emphasis, we need to hear from all of you. It takes an average of \$128 to reach one of these in need, to rescue them and begin the restoration process. That will be doubled. You make a \$128 gift it is immediately doubled. I always challenge people to think far more than you normally would. \$1280, Betty will rescue ten. We've done that, joyfully. But it will be doubled now to rescue 20. There are some of you who can give far more than that. I want to tell you something, those of you who have been blessed to do that, do it so beautifully. Thank you!

We need every one of you to help right now because Betty and I have stepped out to try

to remind America the importance of freedom and people all over the world and to focus on things that need to be done some people have said, "We don't want to talk to you anymore." That makes me very sad.

Please, don't let someone suffer that we could help because maybe you don't understand the burden, compassion, and love that we have for you because we have it for you too and your family. Right now would you please go get your bankcard, go online or dial that number and make the gift God's put on your heart? Would you do that please right now? We have some gifts to send you to say thank you. Thank you for giving the gift of life.

Begin video clip

Announcer: Behind the bright lights there's 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 faith, hope, love tea towel set. These beautifully woven hand towels are a wonderful reminder to remain steadfast in faith, hope, and love each day.

With your gift of \$128 or more you'll receive the life-giving Proverbs journal bound in genuine leather. This journal is filled with wisdom and daily encouragement from

Proverbs, featuring lined pages for your personal notes as you reflect on godly instruction to success in life.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1,280 which will now help rescue 20 children! And you may request our beautiful bronze sculpture, "Safe in the Shepherd's Arms."

This is the last week. Please call, write, or make your gift online.

End of video

James: Well, we're going to send you many gifts to bless you. You're going to love this journal, the Proverbs, and great opportunities for you to share.

I want to remind you that Dennis Prager's documentary movie will be in the theaters. Get everybody you know to go. Very important. I really think in many ways the future of freedom depends on whether or not you understand the truths that are being shared and the lies that are being exposed. So *No Safe Places*.

Would you join Betty and me in saying thanks to Dennis Prager for being here with us? Really appreciate you, buddy. You're a blessing. Thank you.

Dennis Prager will be with us in the next program. Don't miss it! Tell everybody to watch. Thanks for your help.