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Week 50: Fall Mission Feeding

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"God's Heart for You" #3

James: Betty and I welcome you to *LIFE Today*. I'm James Robison. There is no question Betty and I are living in the last part of our lives. We're both 76 years old and we'll soon be married 57 years. And I really believe that these days and years for us are the most important of our life because I think it is the most important for the world. I think what happens in America right now is going to determine, in many ways, what happens all over the world, especially as it relates to freedom.

Freedom, Betty is a gift from God. He wants his people free. He wanted us to be free and fruitful. Man was deceived and chose to believe the father of lies, the serpent rather than the Father. As a result of it, we've been on a pretty rough journey throughout all of history.

But please hear this very closely. When Jesus came, you know God confirms his desire for everyone to live free when the people that he never wanted dependent upon Pharaoh, Caesar, a king or any source, sold out to a source other than him, they found themselves in bondage. God told them that if they would return to him, put him first, he would set them free and send them a deliverer and they were set free. But he also said to them, "I want it to be long in the land you're going into." But he said, "My word is not an idle word, it is your life. And if you're going to live in that land that flows with milk and honey and fruitfulness you're going to have to live in the power of freedom's source, which is my truth."

Well, there again they rebelled, and over and over they found themselves in bondage. Every time they turned to idolatry or the ways of another nation or the ways of the world or the deceiver,

they were defeated. And every time, in mercy through the prophets, God would deliver an invitation to repent and return to him. He even promised that when you have catastrophic events like a drought, which adversely effected their economic ability, their standing in the agricultural world, he said, "If my people called by my name humble themselves and pray, seeking my face and turn from your wicked ways," and for us today that would include lack of oversight of what God entrusted to our watch care.

For instance this, all the money that we allow to go in taxes to the oversight of the federal government, which can be a Pharaoh, a Caesar, a king, and then we let that money be distributed to buy power or keep people in bondage and dependent upon a source other than God, then we're not overseeing what is not just our money, it is God's money that he's given us the watch care over and we turn it over to a source that doesn't use it right. When we allow that to happen, that's a wicked way. If you bought the lie of, "Christians, stay out of politics!" No, stay out of partisanship. Stay out of unprincipled, personality-driven things and hold to principles that are biblically sound. Don't change my truth into a lie.

See, if we have freedom, and God wants us to have freedom, and if you have freedom you can live with your fist clinched in the face of a holy God. You can! He gave you that freedom. But a loving Father who gives you that freedom is also a father who loves you so much he tells you what the consequences of living that way are. Just like you would tell your children, "Well, you can do that" -- you can't watch them all the time -- "but here are the consequences of it."

God has told us the consequences of our sin. When you change God's truth, Romans one, you change his truth into a lie, you're no longer glorifying him, you're depending on something else, then you're going to be given over to being controlled by forces and influence, deceptive spirits, spirits of bondage and even wickedness that will destroy you and destroy freedom.

Betty, we are watching that today. What does it do to your heart when you see what changing God's truth into a lie has done? What does it do to you as a mother and a grandmother, now a great grandmother?

Betty: Well, it breaks my heart. I feel a responsibility also, first of all, as a child of God. He gave us the freedom -- he sent his Son to set us free. He gave his -- he sacrificed his own that we might have freedom eternally, have freedom to live eternally with him. And to think that our nation right now is going the complete opposite!

I feel like we're going into bondage, so to speak, because we're wanting to make people think that freedom is free. It's not free. Sacrifices had to be made. Our country was built on those sacrifices; fighting for freedom, for a life that we might have the freedom to make choices and to do the right thing and to have laws that govern us in the right way.

But don't teach opposite to God's truth. We have tried to turn, as James said, God's truth into a lie in the way we live and the things we do, whatever feels good, it's okay, you can do it. That's not what God says in his word and through our lives as Christians, we know that. We know the difference in good and bad, good and evil. And right now we're seeing a lot of the evil being exposed.

And the pride that comes with it like, it doesn't matter anymore. We're proud that we do these things. That breaks God's heart. And it should break our heart, as Christians, to know that God's truth is being taken lightly and twisted around to fit whatever we feel like we want to do and what feels good. James, I think it breaks God's heart.

James: Paul said people glory in their shame. They're boasting in things they should be ashamed of. But here's what I want to say in relation to that bondage that we found ourselves in throughout history. I believe an answer to prayer right now we're seeing, now listen closely, we're seeing some of those shackles broken. We're seeing an opportunity to receive the blessings of God, the economy has shifted in a right direction. There are many positives. People are beginning, even national leaders, talking about the preciousness of every life, including the unborn. There are some moves being made that are a direct result to the prayers of God's people.

Our national leader, our president has asked for people who believe the Bible, who believe that God is a source of wisdom to pray for him that he might be surrounded with wisdom. For three

and a half years now he's communicated this to me. I've been able to share the Word of God, the heart of God, the love of God, the desire to see his truth prevail in our individual lives and in our practices and our policies. That's a miracle answer to prayer. What that will do is it will extend the life of freedom to give us a greater opportunity to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth.

But here's the thing that I believe God has led me and Betty and *LIFE Outreach* and *LIFE Today* to do from the time we began calling the family in the family room to get to know the Father. God wants his family to come together in supernatural spiritual unity that Jesus prayed for in John 17. He prayed first we'd have a relationship with the Father, personal like he does; that we would be sanctified and purified by the Word of God, not divided with it. We may disagree but quit separating, dividing, and divorcing; that's suicidal nonsense.

Then he prayed that we would have a supernatural unity. I believe I'm beginning to see that. I'm believing with all my heart because I'm watching it happen, God wants to bring all the members of his body together in First Corinthians, chapter 12 he talked about, the Apostle Paul, all the different members of the body. They're all uniquely designed. You don't criticize one because it is not like the other. You recognize all the body parts as important and you are connected together; each member supplying the other members has need. In Ephesians four, Paul talks about that.

I believe right now God is wanting to bring all the members of the body together into the body of Christ, the church, a healthy body that looks like Jesus. And Jesus said that we're lights, Betty and we're not to hide the light. And we're salt that's supposed to have a profound effect. It impacts and adds flavor and it preserves life. That's what salt was in the time of Christ. It was a great preservative. If it loses its effect, it's trampled under the feet of men. Everything sacred is being trampled under the feet of men: Marriage between a man and a woman, mocked, the family, gender, sexual relationships and attitudes and practices, all being thrown aside. And like you said, people doing what's right in their own eyes, not God's eyes. And we're calling for repentance.

But here's the deal. If the body of Christ will stand together and really unite, we become that shining city set on a hill. The shining city set on a hill that cannot be hidden. I want to emphasize that very firmly -- *cannot* be hidden! There's only one shining city that cannot be hidden -- that's the body of Christ -- that's the church in harmony -- that's every member, every instrument in the body of Christ yielded to present to the world the greatest symphony the world has ever heard. All those instruments together, blended together with their unique design and ability and you hear the sounds of a Father's love demonstrated in the life of Christ.

That is the city set on a hill that cannot be hidden. See, that city will not be shining in the darkness in heaven. There is no darkness. So if we're going to be that city that reveals Jesus, that body that lifts him up so clearly everyone can see him, it's going to be through the church. It's not your camp or your tribe or your denomination or your particular sect or your group, it is all of us together with our uniqueness and our differences and our diversity with appreciation for the unique design, for the God-given ability; all of us honoring one another connected and submitted to him.

This is what God, I believe wants me doing and Betty agrees for us as a couple, this is what we're going to be doing the rest of our life. We've been doing that right here on *LIFE Today*. We've been bringing leaders from all the different so-called tribes, camps, denominations, groups, we bring them in here and they've been sitting in the presence of God's love with a staff that love God and love them, and they all know it. We've been encouraging them to not only love God but love one another. And we're watching them come together.

Now I'm believing this with all my heart. I think this is why I'm here. It's why Betty and I are here as a couple calling the family in the family room, so to speak, to get to know the Father. Jesus says, "I revealed him." Jesus said, "I'm sending another like me to live in you." In other words, Jesus says, "I'm only in one place at a time but I'm going to send another, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, he's going to live in you." In other words, "I'm going to be in you as who I am all the time everywhere you go. And when you join with the other members, I'm in, that's my body, that's the city set on a hill that cannot be hidden."

Betty, I believe God wants us in prayer and communication, exhortation, proclamation -- listen to me -- I think he wants to use all of you who love the least of these, who love the overlooked and the forgotten, who want to put God's arms around the people nobody noticed. I believe he wants you in prayer to help bring all the body parts together. We've been bringing them here.

We don't want people arguing about who speaks or shares. It is what do we speak, what do we share? We may have a different view on a particular scripture because the letter kills but the spirit gives life. We see through a glass darkly. We don't see as clearly as we will someday see. So when we see a scripture we differ in some application or understanding. Let's let holy friction sharpen the edge; make us sharper not dull by going at each other.

This is what needs to happen in Washington. They need to come to the table of reason. When God called the wicked rebellious nation of Israel back to Isaiah, he talked about how a donkey, an ox knows the owner, but my people don't know me. They're in rebellion. They're all sick. Their heart is sick. Their mind is sick. But he said, "Come let us reason together. Though your sins be as scarlet they'll be as white as snow. I will give you a brand-new start."

We want our leaders in Washington to come together. We've got to pray for a miracle. The congressional leaders need to come to the table of reason. We need to pray them there. I believe they will come to the table of reason when they see God's family come together and love one another. See I know for a fact this got the attention of our president, vice president, many in the cabinet.

Many told me who have been my friends for life, our ministry has affected them, many of the leaders since they were children. They said, "James, we believe God has given us a man so strong that if he hears wisdom, he is going to do it. He would give his life for all of us to have a better life and see freedom restored." That's what they told me. And that's what we're watching. That's an answer to prayer.

Now we don't ever have perfect people accomplishing his perfect will. He uses Simon Peter. He uses Saul of Tarsus. He begins to work change in. Saul of Tarsus was changed when he saw

Jesus in Stephen as he was stoned to death. He said, "Lay not this sin to their charge." He saw Jesus. It changed him.

I'm telling you our national leaders are seeing Jesus in members of the church, the family, leaders in the church who are showing them Jesus. Every positive thing that's happening is an answer to prayer. And if the family will come together, every member of the body connected, submitted to his head ship, we'll be the city set on a hill that cannot be hidden. People will come to the radiance of that glory of God, the grace of God.

The rest of my life I'm going to seek to bring the family together in the shelter and shadow of the Almighty, the shepherd. I believe we're going to get his arms around the world he gave his son on the cross to redeem.

Please pray for me. Please pray for Betty and me as a couple as we seek to call the family in the family room to get to know the Father and reveal the Father through the son, who redeemed us and sent his spirit to live in us.

And Betty, I'm believing that all the people who are watching and listening will hear the shepherd's voice, the Father's voice and they'll be -- listen to me -- the greatest coming together of the family of the Father; to begin to look like the perfect Father. Not perfect people but perfectly yielded to him and one another connected to give him glory and to get his arms around the world He gave his son to redeem.

Will you pray for me as I continue to deliver that truth one on one to our leaders, church leaders, business leaders, family leaders, national leaders and not waver? Never needed you to stand with us in prayer and with your support like we do now because some people don't understand. They don't even understand why I'd be involved in the fight because I want to see peace in the midst of the storm -- and I know the Prince of Peace. He reveals himself to the body, and through the yielded body.

Betty, I'm believing that everyone listening is going to be listening to another voice and I believe

they're going to help us. We're asking you, please right now, help us feed little children that are hungry. I want you to look. I want you to listen to Isak Pretorius, the son of Peter Pretorius, the great missionary; worked with him 30 years. He is in heaven. I want you to take notice of a little child that's so hungry when Isak reaches out, watch that little child. You're the one that meets the need. Watch closely.

On the mission field:

Isak: We've just arrived at this malnutrition clinic. And my heart just sinks as we arrived here because this is far more mothers and children than what we're used to seeing here.

We're just at the beginning of the hungry season. You say what does that mean? Well, this is what it means. So they harvested some months ago. In the village that we were in a few days ago they were telling us how they ran out of food in the last month or two. And what that means, when I say, "ran out of food" that means they have no food. One of the mothers said, "I have no food."

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>> Months ago, we grew a little bit of maize. But now the food is finished, and we are hungry.

Isak: That's what I mean when I say "the hungry season." What you're seeing here is just the beginning of the ramification of that. So many mothers lined up here, way more than normal. And children that look like this young child. You can see by just how emaciated the child is; just how thin its shoulders and arms are. You don't have to be a nutritionist to be able to say to me, I can see that that child is malnourished. Look how it just reaches out almost as if to say, "Please help me!"

That's why we have to get mission feeding out there into the villages. You see, if we get to the villages where these mothers are, if we can meet them there with mission feeding, we can solve this problem where we can guarantee life. Here we fight the battle of life and death. Out in the village with mission feeding, we guarantee life.

Please! Do whatever you can do. Partner with us to help us continue to expand mission feeding and continue mission feeding in the areas we are so that we can guard against mothers and children having to be in malnutrition clinics.

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In the studio:

James: I wish I could kiss that little baby on the cheek right now. 400,000 children -- the missionaries have found that are in desperate need. Many of them have just been pulled together and told they'll be fed. But Betty, unless our viewers help, we need a lot of new helpers, \$30, \$50, \$100 we can feed three, five or ten children for the next months -- 400,000! \$1,000 will feed 100 kids. I'm praying many of you will make the greatest year-end gift to the glory of God and for mission outreach and mercy you've ever made. Many of you will be new supporters, you've never helped us but you're going to help.

I want you to just look again when Isak was talking about this little hungry child and just reached out. He just started opening his little mouth. God, and I saw you. Listen to me please. I'm telling you, this is what I saw. I saw somebody watching saying, I'll feed you! I'll feed ten of you. I'll feed 100, I'll feed 1,000!

And then did you see, Betty did you notice in the line when Isak turned and held the bowl out, the little child didn't know what to do. Did you see the little girl? Look at her, reaching down saying, "I'll take it." There's a real good chance that child was very hungry too. But do you know what I've seen these hungry children do? They'll go and sit down, and they've got a smaller child and they'll share their food when that's the only food they're going to get that whole day, maybe for several days.

Would you please, please, would you just release the flow of God's love as a member of his family? Would you show them the Father's love, the love of Jesus? Go online right now or dial the number. Go get a bankcard, use it like a check. Or if you want to write a check, make it

to *LIFE* but please call that number and call until you get through. I pray so many people are calling that if you don't get through you may have to wait a few minutes but get through. Be determined above all else I'm going to share life -- I'm going to share it today. I'm going to save somebody's life knowing that the missionaries will point them to the love of God that enabled them to be able to feed them and point them to the Jesus that gave his life and gives life that we all may have life.

Father, I pray for the greatest outpouring of love. I've prayed many years, please let me see the day that every person watching, every one of them will reach out and touch someone with love, a child and be their miracle; in Jesus' name.

You're the miracle someone longs for, needs -- some mothers have prayed for. Be that miracle. What a way to end the year. What a way to start the new year! Thank you so much! Thank you for your gift.

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Announcer: Mission feeding began with a promise to be there in times of crisis for thousands of hurting and hungry children in their time of need.

Now more than ever we need your help to save lives by feeding and caring for children across the continent of Africa. With food reserves gone and many areas experiencing severe famine, we urgently need to replenish our supplies to reach the 400,000 children who are counting on us. Your gift of love can be the miracle answer to a desperate mother's prayer.

Call now with your lifesaving gift of \$30, \$50 or \$100 that will help feed and care for three, five or ten children for three full months. With your gift, we'll send you the authored worship CD by Anthony Evans. This powerful full-length album includes unique versions of some of today's most cherished worship songs that are sure to uplift and inspire you.

With your gift of \$100 or more please request the "Filled with Faith" and "...Joy" travel mug set.

These 12-ounce mugs are crafted with large handles, double-layered insulation and vacuum sealed lids to prevent spills. Each mug includes a message to remind you of God's blessings and faithfulness.

Finally, with your gift of \$1,000 or more to help feed and care for 100 children, be sure to request our commemorative bronze sculpture, "Safe in the Shepherd's Arms."

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

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In the studio:

James: We've got Anthony Evan's beautiful, beautiful CD. But goodness, joy to the world, the Lord has come. We're going to send you these beautiful little coffee cups and we've just got so many things just to say thank you. But for somebody you become joy to their world. Thank you.

Let's pray for the church and the nation to get 20/20 vision. Go to Acts 20:20. Start at verse 19, 20:20 the text for 2020 but then read the whole chapter because I feel like that's where God is carrying me, just where he was taking Paul, Acts 20:20 for 2020, that vision. Let's get 20/20 vision in every way.

Thank you so much for watching. We love you. Wish I could give you a hug. Thanks for putting God's arms around a little child and a mother and a family. God bless you! You're a blessing!