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Week 8: WFL

James and Betty Robison

Luke and Cassie Redmon

Joseph Prince #2

Betty: Welcome to *LIFE Today*! I'm Betty and this is James. We're so excited. You're going to get to meet two of our grandchildren today, and one of our special friends.

James: Yeah, very special. You're going to meet our oldest grandson Luke, his wife Cassie. They're the parents of two little ones. They gave us a baby this year right before the end of the year that came a month early. And then we had another great grandbaby that came two weeks late. But they have a beautiful boy and a beautiful girl.

And Luke and Cassie are talking to one of our very best friends. Can you imagine someone calling us from all the way on the other side of the world, pastoring one of the greatest churches, one of the fastest growing ministries in the world -- Joseph Prince! To tell us how much he, his wife, his family, and his church, New Creation Church love us.

And really, Joseph actually said that my wife revealed Jesus to him as clearly as anyone he'd ever seen on this earth. He came and sat here in this studio and said it to her. She does have the glow and glory of God on her, His grace. Thank you for loving her and loving us.

But Joseph Prince said, "We want to help you." That's been many years. They're one of our most faithful, and I'm talking about they make a wire transfer the first of every month to help the outreaches of *LIFE* like giving water and food. He said the church just loves to do it. Well, Joseph, New Creation, thank you!

He has a new book and he's on tour and Luke and Cassie, who have been his friend for years, even been to Singapore several times, they have a great relationship. Well, they sat down and talked to him about this book, *Eat Your Way to Life and Health*. It is so much more than diet and exercise. He's talking about the spiritual understanding and application of really communion, understanding the Lord's Supper. Boy, I'm telling you, it is profound. It is actually in many ways totally not only life changing but lifesaving. Here's Luke Redmon, his wife Cassie and Pastor Joseph Prince.

[Pre-taped Video]

Luke: Thanks, James and Betty! We're so excited to be here, or Mimi and Papaw as we typically say. I know Cass and I are sure excited to be here and so excited and honored to have Pastor Prince with us. So thank you so much for giving us this opportunity.

Joseph: Thanks for having me. I appreciate it.

Cassie: Pastor Prince, we've so enjoyed reading your book and so thankful for everything that it's brought to us and to our family. I was really hoping you could talk a little bit about why you think Jesus chose bread and wine as the elements that we partake in in Holy Communion. Why those two?

Joseph: They both speak of his work -- his work of being scourged and dying on the cross. If you look at the bread for example, how do you get the bread? You take the grain of the wheat, and then you have to pound it, knead it like a dough. You pound it, you knead it, then it's put into the oven, it's burned. That's a picture of Jesus being beaten, being scourged.

You can think about what the Lord went through is the fulfillment of all the Levitical offerings in the past. But in the Levitical offerings the animals are killed and then put on the altar. Jesus' case is an exception. He wasn't just killed on the cross, he wasn't just put

on a cross and then he died. He went through the suffering of being beaten, being scourged, being tortured literally before he was put on the cross.

So that's not like the Levitical offerings. So why was that so? Why did he go through all that? It's like the picture of the pounding and the kneading of the bread. And then before it can become bread it is put in the oven.

Also, how do you get the wine? You get the grapes but you can't get wine just from grapes. You have to crush it, in those days they stepped on it, they had to step on it. That's what happened to Jesus. He was beaten by the soldiers -- beaten, scourged, pounded on. And then only after that, even then they put him in the darkness; at the cross is a picture of what Jesus went through. And then you get the wine. So we take the bread and the wine -- and by the way, the suffering he went, the actual suffering he went through is not a type of the Old Testament offerings. He fulfilled it but with the exception of he went through all of that suffering. Why? That is discerning the Lord's body. He went through it because with his stripes we are healed.

Cassie: That's so good.

Luke: You know growing up in church and stuff you took communion, but it was like once a week, once a month maybe even. But you talk about partaking of it daily. I'm curious as to how that relates to even like the early church and how often people took it at that time?

Joseph: When you think about it, when the Lord said, "This do you as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup you show the Lord's death 'til he comes." Notice he used the words, "as often as you eat this bread." I think we've changed that to "as seldom as..."

But the early church broke bread from house to house. Also, on the Lord's Day in Acts 20 they came together to break bread. There must be a revelation. They were not afraid to take the Lord's Supper. They looked forward to it. In fact the phrase we use today for the

Lord's Supper is Eucharist. The word grace is there: Eucharist. We just... thanksgiving. A sacrament by which we partake to give thanks to the Lord. But I think why a lot of people are afraid because, I think there's a reason why it becomes lesser and lesser, and more and more seldom in a church is because people feel like you're exposing the people to sickness if they come with sin. And nothing could be further from the truth. The Bible doesn't say if you are unworthy, don't partake. The Lord died for unworthy people and there is no one that is worthy. He died for all of us. But it says to not partake unworthily. That's the action, the manner by which you partake. Amen!

If you talk to someone and someone doubts Cassie, her integrity, you'd say, "Cassie is not like that. I know Cassie. Her word, you can go to the bank with it." What you just said, "It is worthy of her." So for me to take the bread and the cup and I say things like, "I need to confess my sin. I'm afraid there's still some unconfessed sin." And I come with trepidation and fear. That is unworthy -- that is doing it unworthily. It is the manner. And the Bible says judge yourself.

So how do you judge yourself? You take the bread and this judging the bread worthily of the Lord. I judge myself healed. Just make a sentence, make an estimation that word, krinos. I judge myself healed by his stripes. I judge myself forgiven by his blood. Is that doing it worthily? Is it honoring what the Lord did? Yes! Even Jesus in the light of Passover, he said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins" -- not the consciousness of sins. We have made it a time of consciousness of sins. The Bible says where there is a remission of sins there is no more offering. And yet we are making people feel conscious. That is not doing it worthily. That's where the promise is.

Cassie: So I would assume then that you would be in favor of people taking it at home as often as possible. I know you talked about your wife Wendy with Justin taking it in the hospital. What would you say to people that feel like maybe a pastor needs to be present?

Joseph: Well, there is no scripture verse, Cassie that says that a pastor must be present.

We're thankful for pastors. I'm a pastor. I think respect should be given to a pastor. The Bible says esteem them very highly for their works and all that but nowhere in the Bible does it say a pastor must be present. In the early days, they broke bread from house to house, from house to house.

Also on Sunday they broke bread. So there is a corporate anointing that comes. I want to say that for your viewers and all, attending a local church is something that is not a requirement but something you get to do. That's a different kind of anointing that comes together. So there is a place for corporate anointing where you partake easily because of the joint faith of the fellow believers. The church is God's idea. So I'm all for taking the church but the Lord also says in the early church they broke bread from house to house. So you can take communion any time. The Lord says as often as you do it.

Cassie: Incredible.

Joseph: By the way, we're all priests. Not just the pastor, we are all priests and kings.

Luke: For those that maybe have grown up in church and did maybe take it once a month or whatever, even regularly. Like I think so often too we can get in this repetition of just doing it to do it and not letting it become a legalistic act or something like that. So what about someone that might be fighting that battle of all right, I want to really proclaim the truth behind of what communion is and not just do it to do it.

Joseph: Speaking of grace people, I call them the "grace people" who understand grace, they've been impacted by grace. We have to watch out that we don't turn everything into like, oh, that's works, this is works, that is works. It is almost like you go to the gym, oh that's work! Don't feel that way. In fact, see your gym experience as I'm celebrating the strength I have from the Lord. I'm showing my faith that by his stripes I'm healed that's why I'm acting healthy. Do it out of faith.

So even for communion. The way we keep it from becoming legalistic is to have a

revelation. That's what the Lord showed me; that it is something you receive not something you do. The Bible says when Melchizedek came to Abraham and Melchizedek is a, I believe, a picture of the pre-incarnate Christ. He brought bread and wine to Abraham. Abraham only had to receive.

So every day I see the Lord waiting for me with the bread and wine. My hands may prepare the bread and wine but I see him bringing the bread and wine. Sometimes I tell him, Lord, I receive this as from your hands. Amen? So it is like asking yourself every day, have I partaken of what he has brought? He's waiting for me in the living room. He is waiting for me with the bread and wine. So once you see it that way it becomes a relationship. It becomes an appointment of love with him. It won't be legalistic.

The only thing that is not legalistic is when these people stop eating every day. They never think it is legalistic, natural food, I mean. But it is the same thing. How much more the bread and the table of the Lord?

Cassie: You talk about the elements being bread and wine. What would you say to people that are at home watching and gosh, I don't have wine at all or even grape juice. Does it have to be something specific?

Joseph: No. There is not specific requirement in the Bible. It just says bread. Some will argue it is fermented bread or unfermented. I think we are just splitting hairs over things that don't really matter. What is important is what it represents. And the Lord wants us to be aware of him and his finished work. So if that piece of bread or cracker, even if it is not Matzo bread or juice, or if your background allows you, whether it is even water -- you can't find any grape juice nearby, and you want to celebrate the Lord's Supper, water. But I would encourage you to have something from the grape as well as bread. But this is just outward means.

Luke: Just on behalf of us, again, thank you for just your ministry, what you preach and proclaim, the gospel of grace. I know personally, I can say that just while in college in

discovering your teachings, and I don't know where I'd be today without them just in the way that you've revealed Jesus in the word, his love story to us and the revelation of what he did for us on the cross. It is something I've always, even I try to tell even some of the youth group kids that I will mentor or whatever, we get this sense of like we can outgrow the gospel. It's like the gospel is good enough to save us but it's not good enough to sustain us. I get saved, now I've got to hit the check marks.

So just on behalf of me and Cass, thank you for your ministry and what you do and for writing this book. I wanted to know if you'd be willing maybe to lead us in a time of partaking of communion?

Joseph: Let's do that right now.

Luke: I would invite anyone watching at home, if you don't have grape juice or wine or bread or just something that represents the blood and the body to join with us in this time.

Joseph: Every time you partake remember to make a difference between the bread and the cup. It is for the failure of discerning the Lord's body. In other words, we feel to take advantage of what is there. It is not like you have sin in your life and when you partake bad things happen. No, no, no! As it is, the world is under all this sentence of sickness, death. This is the way out.

So let's discern the Lord's body right now. Whatever your ailment is, believe that right now you are partaking of his wholeness, his health. Say this to the Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus, I thank you that by your stripes I am healed. Just name that condition under your breath right now. Lord, I thank you that through your broken body I am made whole, completely whole, in Jesus' name. Partake.

Now lift the cup. Dear Lord Jesus, I thank you. This cup is the new covenant in your blood shed for all the forgiveness of all my sins past, present, and future. Thank you, Lord, all my sins are remitted. Amen.

Praise the Lord! And if you've partaken, believe you're getting stronger, healthier, and even younger. I believe the Lord's Supper is the fountain of youth that men are looking for.

Luke: Well, thank you again! Such an honor truly to be able to do this.

Joseph: It is a privilege to be here. And what a blessing your grandfather is to the body of Christ! And just to be a part of this. And to meet his descendants, a godly man will see his descendants, his seeds -- and your seed that is coming as well as your beautiful Addie. What a blessing! Thanks for having me!

Luke: Thank you for watching. I'm going to send it back to my grandparents now. And they'll show you how you can get Pastor Prince's brand-new book, as well as help out all the outreaches of *LIFE*. Thanks!

[In the studio]

James: Well, Luke and Cassie, you did a beautiful job. Joseph, we really love you. Be sure New Creation Church, that whole family understands just how much we love and appreciate you. Joseph's book is, I think it is like a real gift from God with a supernatural touch to communicate and teach truth that can enrich our life and strengthen our life in every way. We send it for any gift to help us give water for *LIFE*, along with Sheila Walsh's book, *Praying Women*. We're going to see the greatest answers to prayer.

I'm 76 and Betty says, "You don't have to tell them I am too." But we both are. Here's the thing. Listen to me. In all of our life I think we're going to see prayer answered more profoundly, more mightily than ever in our lives! I think we're going to see the beginning of the next great spiritual awakening.

So we're sending this to those of you who will simply say, "We want to help you drill

those wells. We want to help provide Water for LIFE knowing that the missionaries are not just going to declare the gospel of Jesus Christ, they are going to demonstrate it." And people are going to see the love of God. Which you actually make possible for them to share by giving Water for LIFE, which they can only talk about the water of life but they can give them Water for LIFE, give them life now and eternally because you undergird those mission outreaches.

You watch very closely. You watch prayerfully and say, "God, can I be the miracle that's needed right there?" And I'm going to tell you, yes, you can. Watch prayerfully.

On the mission field:

Announcer: The water source for this village is visibly unclean. You can clearly see the debris, scum, and wildlife that contaminate it. But it's the unseen parasites in the water that pose the greatest threat; one that took the lives of two of Julianne's children.

Open Captions:

>> When my first child died, his tummy, feet, and cheeks were very bloated. I too was in so much pain. I was pregnant and worried that I might not be able to give birth. My second child died six months later.

Announcer: Experience has taught Julianne to walk in fear knowing she is unable to protect her children from the danger.

Open Captions:

>> I know my children died from this unclean water. Any time one of my kids gets sick, I am afraid. They all drink the same water. I fear they will die as well.

Announcer: Unclean water does not have to be the end of the story for Julianne or her children. It doesn't have to be the end of the story for anyone.

Open Captions:

>> I'm pleading for someone to give us clean water so that our children might live.

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James: How many times have you heard me say, if you want to see your prayers answered, ask God to let you be an answer to someone's prayer? You know our grandchildren have two little ones, two in just a few months. How precious! This mother is saying, "I need my prayer answered. I've asked God." Betty, our viewers can be the answer to the prayer.

Betty: And you have been in the answer to prayers of just so many mothers just like this one pleading for the life of their children. The heartache of losing one, and then possibly, as you saw, at least three there with her, three more -- God, I don't know how she would stand it. It could just kill a mother inside. But I pray that you'll join with us and let's be the answer to that prayer that she said, "Somebody please get us some clean water for my babies." Please join with us and do that.

James: Betty, that is not wishful thinking because viewers have enabled us to get the necessary drilling rigs to be able to drill the wells in hundreds of locations. Right now would you consider helping drill a well? They're \$4800. If it's possible that you could actually find the means, or maybe you just know boy, God's really blessed me. I can do that. Would you drill a well? We need many people to step up and say, "I can do it and I will."

Father, I pray if a person is able to do it, they'll do it joyfully, as a cheerful giver, with gratitude that you enabled them to do it; in Jesus' name.

You're not only going to give them a well of water, you're going to give them a

demonstration of the love of God that comes because people have met the water of life, Jesus. And they're going to present that living Jesus to these people. And millions of people are going to trust Christ just as we've saved their lives giving them clean water and also by feeding them when they're starving.

So please, if you can give a well do it. If you can give a part of a well, and this happens so often. Someone says, "Oh, I can't do the \$4800 but I can give \$1200." And ask God to raise up three more and we've got a well! Or \$2400, and just one more match what you do. Please do that if you can.

Most of the support comes from people who give ten people water the rest of their life. You say, "How do I do that?" That's what \$48 will do on the average; \$48, 10 people water the rest of their life. Where could you make a better investment? \$144, 30 people. There is a level at which everyone can participate.

We're going to send you Sheila's book. We're going to send you Joseph Prince's book if you'll just make a gift. We have some other beautiful inspirational gifts to bless you with as you bless others with life. And we have a beautiful bronze for those of you who are able to give \$1200 or more, "A Mother's Burden." I'm telling you, it is a burden they gladly bear. And you're going to lift a great burden if you'll just give some water.

Would you right now go get your bankcard, dial that number, and use that like a check? Or would you go online and make the gift right there? That's a wonderful way to be able to give. If you do want to make a check, make it to *LIFE*, put it in the mail but call us and tell us you're mailing it. Because we've got to notify those with the drilling rigs and all the missionaries, "You can count on it. We've got the resources to send those rigs there, to keep everything in place to give a well." So if you're mailing the check let us know. If you call, thank you! And by the way, if you're mailing it, call us and tell us you are because we've got to let everyone know. Thank you so much for giving life.

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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 is the answer to a mother's prayer to save the lives of her children, to offer them a bright future free from the fear of death. With your gift today you can help drill and establish 350 water wells this year.

Your gift of \$24 will help provide clean water for five children. A gift of \$48 will help provide for ten people. \$72 will provide for 15. \$144 will help provide life-giving water for 30 people for a lifetime.

With your gift we'll send you *Praying Women*: "How to pray when you don't know what to say." In her new book, Sheila Walsh shows you how to reignite your conversation with God to become a strong praying woman.

With your gift of \$100 or more, please request the "*Power of Prayer*" bundle. This bundle includes a cozy throw blanket adorned with words of The Lord's Prayer, a decorative pillow cover, as well as Sheila's book. All three are encouraging reminders of how there's power in your faith-filled prayers!

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 our brand-new commemorative bronze sculpture, "A Mother's Strength."

Please call, write or make your gift online!

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Joseph: To our friends, James and Betty, Wendy and I would like to express our appreciation for your friendship you have demonstrated to us.

Wendy: We are thankful for having the privilege of partnering with you in supporting the many humanitarian outreaches that have impacted countless lives.

Joseph: Thank you for remaining faithful to fulfill the call of God upon your lives. We're believing that your best days are ahead of you. May you be greatly blessed as you continue to bring restoration, life, and hope to many around the world. God bless you!

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In the studio:

James: I don't know how clearly you can see my friend here on the back of the book, Joseph. Joseph, we love you! Thank you for loving what God called Betty and me and *LIFE Outreach* to do and helping us, New Creation Church. Thank you for teaching truth that changes lives. If you'd like to have Joseph's book, just make a gift to help us give water.

Also, Sheila's book, Sheila Walsh, *Praying Women*: "How to pray when you don't know what to say." We're going to see answered prayer this year, I think beyond anything you ever imagined.

Thank you so much for your support. Thanks for giving Water for LIFE as we share the water of life. And our thanks again to Joseph Prince and New Creation Church. God bless all of you for your help. Thank you!