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Week 8: WFL

Joseph Prince #1

James: I'm James Robison. Betty and I want to welcome you to *LIFE Today*. I'm believing that the church of the Lord Jesus is going to have 20/20 vision. We're going to see more clearly the will of God than we ever have. You're going to see not just an answer to the prayers of serious Christians but Jesus' prayer that the family become one with the Father, but also in the latter part of that prayer in John 17 that we become so in love, not only with the Lord but one another, not just our neighbor but believers in the family that the world knows we're his disciples, followers. We're his family -- we the church.

Well, I want to tell you, you're seeing a good example of this right now. Joseph Prince, Singapore, I mean all the way on the other side of the world. You know he let us know that we see Jesus, he said in Betty for sure, but in both of you, but in *LIFE Outreach*, and all you're doing. New Creation Church, all of us, in Singapore, we want to help you. And New Creation Church and Joseph Prince have become among the most faithful and strongest supporters of the outreaches of *LIFE*.

Well, he's touring the United States and Luke, our oldest grandson, and Cassie his wife, now the parents of two beautiful great grandchildren, boy, they've got a boy and a girl and they're so awesome! But they were traveling with Joseph and while they were traveling they sat down and talked to him about a book he has right now. I'm telling you, he talks about spiritual health in a way you may not have heard it. So here is Luke Redmond, his wife Cassie with Pastor Joseph Prince.

Luke: Thanks, James and Betty! We're so excited to be here -- or Mimi and Papaw as we would 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.

Luke: So as two people who have just listened to you for years now, I know with your new book titled *Eat Your Way to Life and Health*, and on that topic we've heard you preach about it for so long, so we waited with great anticipation when we found out you were writing a book about it. If you could share we would love to know kind of why, why you felt it was important to write a book.

Joseph: I've been preaching on this, on the Holy Communion for 20 years now. But I felt like it's time for all this truth to be put in a form like a book so that people can refresh themselves; for those that know the teaching and for those that don't know, it can be an eye-opener for them because it is something that the early church practiced but we have veered away from that. In the early church they broke bread from house to house -- and daily, it says they broke bread daily. And even on Sunday, which is the day that they met, it says on the first day of the week in Acts 20, they came together to break bread. Think about it! They were in Troas in Acts 20 and they had the best speaker ever in town, the Apostle Paul and yet it did not say that they came together on the first day of the week to hear Paul. Today we come together to hear a speaker or a pastor or to have a worship event in town. But the purpose for coming together is to break bread. I think that we need to bring that back again to the body of Christ.

Luke: I've read a lot of the book and I think my favorite part was even the first chapter. I think if anything, I think when you read the first chapter it makes you just want to keep going. But you talk about in there where the church of Corinth talks about partaking in an

unworthy manner, and just would love to hear maybe what that means. I think a lot of us even as believers might have a misconception of what that actually is. So could you share on that?

Joseph: Yes. First Corinthians 11 was the one that opened my eyes because I remember in the '90s I was a young pastor, still am. In First Corinthians 11, I began to search the Word of God for answers because when I started preaching this 20 years ago, people were a small congregation but there were a lot of people who were sick; like the elderly would have dementia or Alzheimer's, then the younger ones, as young as teenagers, they would be diagnosed with cancer or things like that. So I felt like beyond the Word of Faith teachings that I'd received and all that, I feel like there must be more. There must be some provision that God has put in the body of Christ that has an answer for the local church. And as a local pastor you're concerned about your church, your local church. So there was not something that I sought for an answer for the greater body of Christ, it was just something a young pastor wanted for his own congregation.

So I started looking through the Word of God asking God for answers all the time. So he brought me to First Corinthians 11, the very portion that you mentioned just now. And I saw this phrase, "For this reason..." When I saw that it says for this reason, number one, what jumped out was that it was a singular reason. It says, "For this reason many are weak and sick and fall asleep or die prematurely." I kind of wished that it did not say "many" but in the body of Christ there are many who are weak and sick and passing on prematurely.

Then I began to see, for this reason, singular reason, so I told myself, whatever this reason is I believe this is the answer to my prayer and I believe God wants me to find out this reason. And the verse before that says they failed... This is the reason -- they failed to discern the Lord's body. So it wasn't a failure of deserving the cup. It was a failure of discerning the Lord's body. That got me on a search on the Lord's Supper and I realized that there is so much more than what I'd been taught.

Luke: For someone that like has maybe been taking communion even for a while but maybe hasn't seen the healings manifest itself in their own body, should they keep taking it? They might be struggling with just even doubt in a sense or what would you have to say to someone?

Joseph: In this book *Eat Your Way to Life and Health*, most of the testimonies here, in every chapter we have a testimony and most of the testimonies here are testimonies of people who receive their healing incrementally. By that I mean, every time they partake they're believing that they are getting better, they're getting healthier. Even the Bible says the way the Lord manifests the harvest in our lives is 30 fold, 60 fold, 100 fold. When it's 30-fold, manifestation, there is a 70-fold of no healing, just -- still the pain is there. But 60-fold, you'll get more healing than sickness. And you come to the place of 100 fold. For example, we have a testimony of a man who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. He and his wife followed the teachings and they listened to me and they began to take communion on a daily basis for four years. And right at the end of four years they went back to the same doctor. The doctor said she cannot find any trace of Alzheimer's. She is rewriting the diagnosis and all that. And we have that on video. So that's what I call an incremental healing. They didn't receive it all at once.

But we also have testimonies of people that have seen most spectacular healings like overnight. We have a lady who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and her daughter follows us, Jan. And the daughter began to share with the mom about -- in fact, the mom came to a place where she could not recognize the faces of her family members, nor their names, even her loved ones around her. Her daughter shared with her about the teachings on communion, what she had received from me, and she said they partook of the communion, went to bed. The very next day, the mother woke up and could recognize every one of the family members and their names. So that's what I call a spectacular healing. And we all want a spectacular healing, we want an instant miracle.

But communion is more like, the more you partake the healthier you become and it is a relationship with the Lord. Sometimes, I think it was a great man of God one time who

said that sometimes instant miracles can cause a person to take the Lord for granted, whereas this is a relationship with the Lord.

Cassie: I really liked that you didn't just touch on the physical healing but that you also touched on how communion can play a role in our anxiety and our stress. Could you maybe speak a little bit more to the emotional toils and how communion affects that?

Joseph: Personally, when I take communion, sometimes when I take it with my loved ones or someone else, sometimes you start off with anxiety and worry. This is how I learned it. Even communion delivers you from depression, from discouragement, from stress. I began to realize I just have to take it. Even if I'm taking it worried, I'm taking it fearful, take it because the first area I find that it ministers to is not the area of your sickness, it is actually the area of your emotions. I find that the more I partake and I sense his love and I'm reminded again of why he died for my sins, when I partake, I find that I get less and less fearful, less anxious, less depressed about my situation.

So I've noticed many times people partake, the first area the Lord ministers to is their emotions. I guess it stands to reason because when Jesus suffered for us, before he was on the cross, it all started... and Mel Gibson has it right because he has the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, starting in the garden. And what happened in the garden? Jesus sweat blood. This is a medical condition. And I mention the condition in one of my books that when you sweat blood it is under extreme duress, extreme stress where your capillaries burst and your blood and sweat mingles and it comes out as bloody sweat. It has happened down through history to numerous people when they sweat blood.

So when Jesus sweat blood, I'm particularly touched by this because he was anticipating the cross. Anticipating the fact that he is going to become sin. And for someone perfectly holy like our Lord, who never sinned, who is now being separated from the Father, the very part of becoming sin at the cross, that must have sent a shock wave into his whole being, that the very thought of it he sweat blood. Can you imagine being on the cross itself? When the part of it is ready. So he took our stress, he took our depression because

remember, when God said this to Adam, after Adam sinned, "By the sweat of your face you will eat bread." In other words, "From now on you won't have it easy. You will do everything by the sweat of your face." And that was in the Garden of Eden.

Well, what happened in the garden was finished in another garden where Jesus sweat blood. And because there is a redeeming quality to his blood where he sweat blood he redeemed all of us from depression. The Bible says he sweat blood. Where do you sweat? From your brow. He redeemed us from the curse of human effort, human depression, from fears, worries, anxieties. And the blood fell to the ground. And God says, "Cursed is the ground for your sin, Adam." And now the ground where we walk is favored ground -- redeemed ground.

Luke: Amen. I can honestly say, I think just even through the revelation of reading the book and what communion is really all about and remembering what Jesus did for us, I've never taken it more just even since the reading about the revelation of discerning the Lord's body. So it is so powerful just even as a family to do it together and saying, God, we believe in what you did. And we're taking hold of all that you died to give us. Which yes, forgiveness of sins, but also a healthy life.

You touched even talking about, you said something about in there about doing it for your family. How do you get even your little ones...?

Cassie: Like how should we incorporate our family, our little ones?

Joseph: It's amazing how they're the ones that latch on really fast. When we forget, they're the ones that tell us, "Daddy, we forgot to do communion today." It all started with Jessica when she had separation anxieties, with being separate from her mom during her grade one, grade two, she didn't want to go to school. She felt like she wanted to stay at home. Every time she'd go to school it was difficult. So we had communion together, "Let's have communion." Every time we did that, she felt better going to school. To the point she reminded us, "I want to have communion now. I want to have communion."

Earlier this year when I was writing this book we experienced something, it was the worst thing to ever happen in our family. Justin fell. He is now in grade one, his first year in school. He is seven years old and he fell during recess time from a high elevation. He was sitting on the balcony. He fell backwards.

When Wendy was summoned to the school and she saw the height from which he fell, she felt she must bring him to the hospital. So they did and MRI scan, a CT scan and they detected two fractures in his skull and there was some bleeding. And he began to throw up. That's not good sign. So the doctors decide to admit him. And Wendy stayed with him. And all the while, she began to take communion because with all the medical breakthrough they don't have an answer for fractures. They just have to observe him and give him painkillers. No paracetamol. That's all they can do. And every few hours observe the vital signs.

So Wendy began to take communion with him. He was complaining about pain, intense pain, and headache. For a seven-year old to talk about headache, it's like, it breaks your heart. But it's like a blow-by-blow account, she began to take it like three times a day with him, morning, noon, evening before he goes to bed. She would ask him, "What is your pain threshold, zero to ten?" He would say ten at first. Then the more he partakes it would be eight, the next day six, the next day four until finally the fourth day he was free from pain. And the doctors says, "There is no reason to keep him."

Cassie: That's so amazing!

Luke: You mention even taking Justin to the hospital. So my next question would be for many people might think, is Pastor Prince saying communion is replacement for healthy eating, exercise, doctors? But it looks like you work out. What would you say to someone that might be thinking, is communion just the only thing I need to do for my health or should I continue to eat well and exercise?

Joseph: The Lord said something to me many years ago. I think it's helped me and helped others who have heard me share this. The Lord says that fitness, you can get fitness by going to the gym, by what you do -- fitness. But he says that health comes from the Lord. So we know of people who are fit and all of the sudden they are diagnosed with some condition in their body. And sometimes, even in a short time, they start deteriorating and all that. So it's okay by all means.

I observe an overall healthy diet. I was just sharing with you, I've never eaten so much meat since I came to the U.S. Like you have all kinds. Coming to Dallas, wow! Hard Eight -- I'm getting free of it this new year. Wow! How can you be in Dallas and not eat? So that was the last meat I ate. Beef brisket in Hard Eight.

I love meat but I try to observe, my spirit tells me, okay, stay... You've got to follow the spirit in what to eat and all that. But our trust cannot be in what's natural because nature has fallen. When man fell, all creation fell and creation is groaning. Even organic food. You know the nutritional value of organic food is no longer the same than what it was 50 years ago, 100 years ago. So you cannot try to achieve what is supernatural with what is natural.

So our trust is not in creation, our trust is in redemption -- in what Christ has done. So by all means, listen to the spirit as to what to eat and how to exercise. Sometimes even a walk, the spirit of God will say, "Go for a walk." But you want to do the extreme or whatever, but listen to the spirit. He knows exactly what kind of exercise you need and all that. So by all means exercise. By all means...

I have a friend in Israel called Samuel Smuja. Early this year he was diagnosed with a rare form of bladder cancer. And the doctor says that even with treatment there is only a 20% chance of recovery. I was in Israel in March and I saw him. I've never seen my friend who is so sanguine and so happy, I saw depressed. He looked morose, depressed, and downcast. I reminded him again of the teaching of the Lord's Supper and he began to take it almost every day. Two months ago, he called me. I was in church on Sunday; I

didn't respond. On Monday, I called him back. He says, "The doctors just checked me and they found no trace of cancer! I've been given a lease on life."

So it's not all at once but if you can respect the Lord's Supper just as you respect the doctors and medicine, "Take this three times a day." Why not take it as often as you can?

Cassie: That's so good.

Luke: Thank you so much for the time to be able to talk about your book. I know it is going to bless so many. And thank you for watching today. I'm going to send it back to my grandparents. They're going to show you how you can get Pastor Prince's brand-new book and also help the outreaches of *LIFE*. So thank you!

James: Well, Betty and I just want to say Luke and Cassie, thank you! We know how much you love Joseph. And we know how much he and his whole staff love you. You all have been a blessing to them. They let us know that.

Here is the book. Now please understand because you've heard us talk about the need to take care of the temple of God and that does have to do with how we eat and whether we stay active. It is very important! It can save your life. What Joseph has done, and he does let you know that all of that is important too but there are some spiritual application when you really understand what really, holy communion is like, which is so much more than some kind of a sacrament, there is really a relationship here that brings healing. Joseph is just gifted by God to communicate that.

But then know this. Joseph began to really love us because he saw what God put on our heart and what God did through committed missionaries to change everything, now and forever because of the anointing of God. They began to support the outreaches of *LIFE*. And one of the outreaches that excited Joseph and the whole New Creation Church was Water for LIFE. Go with me a moment. See if you don't want to have a part in giving

people Water for LIFE and showing them who the water of life is. Watch closely.

On the mission field

Announcer: Is there anything more miraculous, more precious than God's gift of children? -- Remarkable and sometimes confusing little versions of ourselves. Yet so incredibly unique. We plan, sacrifice, stress, and pray over our decisions -- over their decisions, all that we want for them and the legacy we hope to leave. There is a breath of immortality in those generations that follow us. But that all assumes those generations don't end with us.

In Cambodia, what we encountered floored us. Mother after mother, who because of something as basic as water, had lost child after child. Contaminated water filled with disease, their only source.

Open captions:

>> I lost two children.

Announcer: In the villages we visited, it became harder to find mothers who had not lost a child to contaminated water than it was to find one who had.

Open captions:

>> I lost four children.

>> I lost five children.

Announcer: Our children are supposed to outlive us. These mothers have lost more children than the average American has even brought into this world.

Open captions:

>> I lost one child.

>> I lost three children.

>> I lost one child.

>> I lost five children.

>> I lost five children.

Announcer: Of all the things we, as parents, might struggle to provide for our children, it's unlikely that clean water is ever one of them. Why should it be any different for these mothers?

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In the studio

James: Wow! We love all you children! And Sheila, we love you! And here is Sheila's book, *Praying Women*. Now I'm telling you something, we're seeing answers to prayer already but what's about to happen this year I think will be one of the greatest miracles the world's ever seen. We're sending Sheila's book, *Praying Women* to everyone who makes any gift to help us share water. And Joseph Prince's book, and then some other items that we're sending to bless you as you help us drill hundreds of wells.

So Betty, do you know what I'm praying for? Our missionaries have shown us hundreds of areas where there is fresh water available if we can just drill a well. And you, the viewers paid for the well drilling equipment. But we have to send it there. And then listen to what I'm saying, the average cost is still \$4800. I don't know how long that's going to remain true but there have been some very positive things happen to keep it at that.

Would you help us? Would you help us drill those hundreds of wells? Maybe even

exceed what our advisors and staff council have said, you need to limit this year. That makes me want to cry. Well, we're going to do all you enable us to do because you're the ones that give us the ability to drill those wells.

Would you right now go and get your bankcard and call the number on the screen? And say, "I'm going to give a well" or "a portion of a well." \$48 -- and that's how most of the money comes. We have some people who give \$4800. We have people who say, "We make that a goal every year to drill a well." We have some who say, "I'm praying God will let us help drill several." Thank God for that. But most come with people giving \$48 which gives ten people water the rest of their life. \$144 gives 30. Could you give \$1200 or \$2400 and pray others join you? We'd have a well.

Would you go online, use that bankcard like a check or call the number and make the gift God puts on your heart? Thank you so much for being an answer to the prayers of so many who want their children to have a future. You saw our grandson and his wife. They have two little children, two and under. What if they had to have water? I guarantee you, they understand what it is to want the best for their babies, their children.

Would you help provide that miracle of love, help us drill these wells? One well at a time, one gift at a time. Thank you for making that call. Thank you for going on online and making the gift God put on your heart.

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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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In the studio:

James: Well, as I told you, Sheila's book will come to all of you for any gift. Those of you who make the gift we requested will also receive Joseph Prince's book. Now I promise you, you'll be

greatly blessed. Thank you for being a miracle answer to someone's prayers and giving them the miracle of life. God bless you.