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Week 13: Rescue Life

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John Morgan

James: Well, well! Welcome to all of you. Welcome to *LIFE Today*! It's hard to believe that you can have a guest like we have. The President of the United States of America!

John: Thank you so much! James and Betty, so good to see you. Don't get up! Don't get up! Hello, everybody! Thank you. So great to be here on *LIFE Today* because it's so much better than being on "Death Today." You know what I'm saying?

[Laughter]

It's such a fantastic thing to be here with each and every one of you. You are huge! And I'm not talking about physically; okay? I'm talking about you're wonderful, wonderful God-fearing people and that's the kind of people I like to hang around because they make me feel good about myself.

Listen, being with you, James and Betty is so fantastic because James and Betty are doing such a fantastic work in the world. And James did not ask me to say this but he digs wells. Can you dig it?

[Laughter]

You know he provides water. And he not only provides life-giving water that's wet but he also provides the kind that goes into your soul and helps you become a better person.

And I think that's fantastic. You know that's about as far as I go with fill-a-sophy. Okay but that's so great.

It's been so much fun being the President of the United States and it's been such a joy to accomplish so many things. James, I've actually kept more promises than I actually made.

[Laughter]

And you know you've been doing this for a good many years, James and Betty and I must say, James, you look actually fantastic, personally. And I do too! Don't you think, ladies and gentlemen, don't I look all right? Thank you! I appreciate that. I don't know what it is. Most presidents when they've been president for a while, they start looking old and ragged. But my doctor tells me I'm actually getting younger every day. It's so weird. I don't even know how to explain it other than to say, I love the American people and I love to be around them and I love what I do.

But I actually have a confession to make, folks. You know what it is? I'm not really Donald Trump. I know some of you could tell that okay but some of you were totally fooled by my great impersonation. No, I'm not Donald Trump. Would you like to meet me? Would you like to meet the real me? Would you? Okay fine. Good to meet you. I'm George W. Ha-ha-hah! Hello! It's good to see you guys. It's great to be out here with you today. I love imitating Donald Trump. He's bigger than life.

It's just the weirdest thing. Kind of reminds me of when I first met Laura. When I first met Laura she was a librarian. That's why I checked her out in the first place. And she helps me with my weird vernick... With my words. Sometimes I boogerize my English. But I'll have you know I'm fluent in over nine different body languages. Some of which I had to give up after I got saved. Just saying.

But I would like to lead you in a little chant that will help you grow as individuals. Say this after me, courage! Communication! Character! I call those the four C's of

leadership. It takes a lot of courage to do what I did. Run the country, fight terrorists. Be anywhere close to Dick Cheney.

[Laughter]

But you know when you're a leader, you've got to lead by your principles and stand by your values even when it seems like nobody else in the media thinks your ideas are any good. I can appreciate what old Donald is going through. But you know what? It made me tough. And now I've got thick skin like an elephant. Which is the symbol of the Republican Party. My democratic friends here today are depicted as a donkey. Or as our friends to the south would call you "burritos."

Now the second C is communication. Do not misunderestimate. Communication is the most important part of talking. That's right! And I've studied the studies. It's very important to say the words that you mean to say with intent... uh... with... Carefully! Or else you can create an international incident as I learned during a recent trip to Krackistan. There is a big difference between saying "I want a cracker" and "I am a cracker."

Now the third C is character. I know you know what I mean by character. Character is who you are when no one's looking. Well, I've flown Air Force One all over the world and I've seen character up close and personal. It's been fantastic. I've slept in Buckingham Palace. I've watched the sun rise over Jerusalem. And I have feasted in the deserts of Abu Dhabi. I love that word -- Abu Dhabi. Beautiful place -- funny word. I think it means son of Dhabi. But it sounds like something that Fred Flintstone would say, "What did Abu-Dhabi-do?"

So anyway, to capsize what I'm trying to get across to you, I want to continue to be an influencer, you know an inspirator. You know? Influence, it is important. It is like that ripple effect. You know? It is a lot like influenza because both are contagious.

[Laughter]

So I've been thinking, what is it that moves people? And you know, it's music. Music is the universal language. Everyone speaks it. We all have songs that moved us when we were little kids. And we all know great American anthems like, help me out with this one, "Oh say can you..." See! Ha-ha-hah! Well done. That was the fourth C by the way. I like the letter C because it is also a word. I see you. A three-letter sentence that is so important every hospital has a wing named just after it.

[Laughter]

It's amazing.

Now C is good but D is my favorite letter. You know why? Because it is the first letter in the word W. So anyway, I've been taking some music lessons from my good friend, Willie Nelson; he's legal in 11 states.

[Laughter]

I brought my little mini guitar. Y'all want to hear a song?

[Cheers & Applause]

Now this is a little ditty I wrote just to encourage people. You know I get to spend a lot of time in airports and stuff and it's nice to have something nice to say to folks. So this is a little song that I wrote. You know you've got to be willing to try new things, painting like I do, and thinking outside the box. See right here, I've got 20 cents but if I toss it over there at the cameraman, that becomes a pair-a-dime shift.

[Laughter]

Ain't it grand
Life is so worth celebrating
Hand in hand
Live a life worth imitating
Sing along
The world's a better place because of you
Why do we see one another
And compare our lives together
Thinking that greener grass
Is anywhere about here
Truth breaks in like revelation
You're a part of God's creation
You were born with your own story
Singing, dancing, giving glory
Shine, shine!
Set your eyes on things above
Now shine, shine!
You are someone made for love
Now shine! Shine!
Join in the applause of God
And shine! Shine!
Set your eyes on things above
Now shine! Shine!
You are someone made for love
So shine!
Be-doop ti-doo

Thank you! Thank you so much!

James: John Morgan! Would you welcome John Morgan to *LIFE Today*?

John: Thank you everybody!

James: Now you would just walk in a place and people thought it was the President because you don't even have on a lot of make-up; right? Very little.

John: This is the gift God gave me.

[Laughter]

James: I imagine you found that very, very interesting. I'm going to cut to a shot where George Bush was sitting in this studio like you are. And he came here and said to all of our television audience and the studio was filled with people who were interested. He said, "Well, my family says they want me to run. They gave me the approval and you're the first to hear it."

So I said, "Let's pray for him together" to the audience and to the viewers. And I just bowed my head to pray for him. And I went to the prayer breakfast and I was there with Coach McCartney who had Promise Keepers going big, and I said, "Coach, look he was in our studio a little while ago asking for prayer."

And I showed him the picture and then Coach said, "Look at him. He is reaching out." And he put his hand on top of my hand.

And what McCartney said there at the Presidential Prayer Breakfast, "Do you not see the significance of that? Here's the man who is going to become President of the United States and he is reaching out to Christians saying, 'Pray for me.'"

I think that's a message you must carry with all the gifting God's given you, every civic club, every corporation, every church that wants to invite you and I want you to tell them how they can find you, but you need to be going and showing them glimpses of the President but reminding all of us that God told us to pray for those in authority.

Don't you believe it is time for us to really be praying for all who are in authority all over the world? I mean really pray! And ask God to have his way. Do you bear witness with that that would be an incredible mission even for you to be on right now?

John: It could be an amazing opportunity for me to play a small role in reconciling people back to God and reconciling our nation back to its original purpose and destiny in God.

James: Tell us how we could get a hold of you, the viewers, and say, okay, what if we want to know more about you? We're going to talk about his book, *War on Fear*, which fear is an incredible thing, nearly destroyed Betty's life. But if they wanted to invite you to come and know more, where would they go?

John: They would go to my website, JohnCMorgan.com.

James: All right, and you'll tell them how they can contact you about an invitation. Perhaps, how they could get anything that you have that you offer that is entertaining or about what you're doing; right?

John: Exactly. Correct.

James: All right. Tell me about this book.

John: I had an awakening. I was in church one day and I was pondering John 10:10 which is the theme of the book. I knew that we were called to a life that was far greater than what I was seeing around me. And I said, Lord, what's the disconnect? And at first God showed me that unbelief was a huge disconnect. And right in the middle of the service I almost shouted, "I declare war on unbelief!" And not long after that the Lord showed me that fear is unbelief's evil twin sister. And so at the top of my lungs in my home I shouted, "I declare war on fear!"

And so I've been studying how fear operates; almost like studying the enemy. There are certain triggers.

James: Because God doesn't give us a spirit of fear. So that comes from another spirit which is a foul, deceiving, destructive spirit.

John: There is a lot of simple truths in the book. I wrote the book the way I like to read. I like to read simple things that have a point and then move on to the next thing that I can digest and learn from and grow from. So I'm a comedian so it deals with the topic in a very lighthearted way, and yet, it is very transformative.

When you look at the reviews on Amazon, people's lives have really been changed by reading this simple book. Because the truths in it are profound but very easy to see. The devil is a trickster but he is not real good at it. He's been doing it for thousands of years but he'll put a what-if thought in your mind, an imagination if you will. He's got like this little projector that produces worst case scenarios, videos.

And Betty, you probably remember that from your past. If I do that, this might happen. But the projected idea isn't truth it is a lie but it presents itself to you as reality. So you allow that to stop you from obeying the one who died for you, who loves you, who gave himself for you, who invites you to a great adventure.

So the book is designed to help people see clearly what Satan is doing or what your own biology is doing because there is a certain part of us, that whole lizard brain and the fight or flight part of our anatomy that tries to stop us from doing daring risky things. There is no risk in obeying God. That's the bottom line.

James: Did you have a personal let's say challenge in your own life with fear for some reason?

John: Fear was my middle name. When I was younger I went through a great deal of rejection, James. That rejection shut me down. It owned me. It had a leash on my back and said you can do this but you can't do that. You can go here but you can't talk to that person. It shut me down. The beginning of the change was when I gave my life to Jesus Christ and he gave me a new identity.

James: So how did he identify fear as the factor involved with that sense of rejection? How did that manifest and how did God show you that that had to go?

John: Through my own study of the Word of God. By beginning to understand that obeying God is never wrong. See God will show us different little things to do. Give you a nudge, go talk to this person, share something with that person. And most Christians, most people, those little nudges, they just pass in one ear and out the other and people don't even consider that it might be serious, it might be a big deal.

One day I was in the lobby of a hotel and there was a handicapped fellow over there and I got one of those nudges. Go over there and introduce yourself to that guy. That guy introduced me to my wife. God doesn't want...

James: What if you hadn't gone? What if fear had stopped you?

John: I know!

James: So did you go through like Betty...

Betty: Yeah, fear for me became very paralyzing in my life as far as I so wanted, I grew up in the church, I so wanted to be good. I thought that way God would receive me. But if I'm not good he's going to get me. So I tried everything that I thought the way I should be. And it seemed like I failed at everything. I tried to be perfect in my eyes instead of listening to God saying, let me show you what I want you to be. And same as you, it's when I came to know him as my personal Lord and Savior that I realized that it wasn't all

the good works that I could do, but it is what he did for me.

John: He was good on our behalf so that we could simply have a relationship with him that's not dependent upon our works.

Betty: That's right.

John: I had one lady share with me that she was robbed at gunpoint and pistol-whipped and because of that she couldn't go out of her house at night. She didn't even take the garbage out for years. And after reading my book and then kind of going back through it again, she stood up. She said, "I'm not going to let fear..." And it was because she chose not to believe the lies of fear. And she chose to trust in the living God and to take on the role of head of her home and she started going outside at night. And when you do a thing more and more times it becomes less fearful because it becomes more normal.

James: And I think if we move into the shelter and shadow of the Almighty... which I want to pray that for you. Father there are people watching right now that the enemy has got a grip somewhere. We just stand with them. And we ask you, Father to break the yoke, break that grip that shackle. Break the yoke. Lighten the load. And Lord, just help them to accept the fact that you have promised that you will break the yoke and that you will actually carry the load; not only lighten it but you'll bear it with them. And I pray, dear God right now that you'll set people free from fear and for many the grip the enemy has on them; in Jesus' name.

Would you say thanks to John for encouraging us and I think challenging -- hopefully, challenging us to understand the importance of praying for our leaders. I think if you'll carry that message to pray for those in authority, wouldn't it be wonderful if our national leaders of congress would accept God's invitation, which was to a nation that God said, "They don't know me. An oxen knows the master but my own people don't even know me." But in that same chapter, one of Isaiah, he said, "Come let us reason together. And though your faults and your sins and your weaknesses are filthy rags, they're like scarlet,

they become white as snow." Let's really pray. I hope you encourage people as you travel, pray for all of our leaders. Let's pray that church leaders will come to the table of reason and let's watch God heal our land and our hearts.

John, we are putting our arms around people right now that have been held captive as sex slaves all over the world. Some of our friends have put up a matching gift for whatever you give to set people free. I believe you're going to want to help. I want you to listen to the Lord as you also listen to someone express what God is doing and desires to do and can do with your help. What you see we hold the key, we hold the solution. Watch closely.

On the mission field:

Announcer: In a world filled with poverty and hopelessness, the young, the innocent, the vulnerable can easily fall victim to friendly strangers, as well as trusted relatives who in reality are sex predators looking for their next victim. Ghitu, whose real name we cannot reveal shares her story.

>> Because of poverty, my aunt took me to India to sell me. When we arrived in India at 4:00 am, that's when my aunt told me what I was going to be doing. She said, "Whatever a husband and wife do is what you do but it will be with 10-15 men a night." I was shocked. I couldn't utter words. She told me if I didn't do it that she would kill me. They kept me locked up for about a week and they would feed me one slice of bread in the morning and one slice in the evening. That's how they broke me down.

When I wasn't performing I would cry and cry. There was nothing I could do. I was going to end up dead in that place. A sense of hopelessness came over me.

Announcer: Fortunately, Ghitu was rescued from her captors by our mission partners in South Asia. She was taken to their safe house where she is recovering from years of physical abuse and where she is being restored spiritually.

>> I have no fear now. I can learn a skill and have a life after this. There is hope for me.

End of video

In the studio:

James: You're the ones that offer that hope. What you just heard is a miracle story. A horrible reality -- but the miracle effect of love. I want to ask you right now please, go get a bankcard or get a check and I want you to make a love gift that changes everything. Everyone is in place to reach, rescue, and restore precious ones just like the story you heard. You heard the horror and you see the miracle -- a miracle of love. Whatever you give is going to be matched by another love miracle, \$250,000 put up to match what you give today. The average cost to set the wheel in motion for the rescue, the restoration process, to reach them and then turn everything around is an average of \$128. Could you make that gift to know that I didn't just touch one and reach one but two now? Some people say, "You know what? \$128 is more than I can do." But if you give \$64 it will be matched, we've got the \$128.

Whatever you can do right now will be matched because of love. Your gift will be because of the love of God for these precious ones who are held captive. A horrific story but its reality. Would you please call that number or go online and make the gift God put on your heart?

We have some gifts to send you. Some of the gifts were made by those that have been set free, the bracelet, the tote bag. We're going to send that to you. They're learning a trade, a craft but you set them free. Would you please right now make the gift God put on your heart? If you do mail it in and write a check, make it to *LIFE* but call us and tell us you're putting it in the mail. Thank you so much for doing that.

Begin video clip

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

Today you can shine the light of God's love in this dark world to reach, rescue, and restore these young ones to the life God designed for them to live. With a generous \$250,000 matching gift, now your gift of \$128 to reach, rescue, or restore one child can be doubled to help *two* children. Your \$64 gift will be matched to help save one child from the horrors of human trafficking. And a \$32 mission rescue gift will be doubled to \$64.

With your gift we'll send you this beautiful "Freedom" bracelet handcrafted by survivors of human trafficking who want to say thank you for helping those still trapped. Wear it as a wonderful reminder to pray for the outreach.

With your gift of \$128 or more you'll receive the "Freedom" tote. This quality canvas tote bag is made by trafficked survivors who are now learning a new trade and includes spiritual life resources such as books, devotionals, CD's, or DVD's.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1280 which will now help rescue 20 children! And you may request our beautiful new bronze sculpture, "A Mother's Strength." Please call, write, or make your gift online.

End of video**In the studio:**

James: From the depth of our heart, Betty and I just want to say thank you. You know you heard the reference to the fear and I couldn't help but think some of you might want

John Morgan's book, the *War on Fear*. I'm telling you what, it is a biggy, Betty. I think of how it could have really kept a beautiful expression of love, at least you wouldn't have been doing it on television because she was frightened. This is a really good book. Remember, John can come and bless your group, your company, your corporation, your business, your church family and really, not only help you smile and laugh but remind us of the importance of praying for all those in authority.

Would you join Betty and me in saying thanks to John Morgan for making us smile? And reminding us to pray. John, I appreciate you! Really want God to bless you. Thank you for being here.

Thank you so much for watching *LIFE Today*. Thanks for sharing it with others.