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Week 44: Rescue Life, last week

James and Betty Robison

Lisa Bevere #1

James: Welcome to *LIFE Today*. We're so glad we're there with you. I know the day will come when we can actually walk into your living room. And the day will come when this studio will be full again because Lisa Bevere is here with us today.

By the way, I'm James Robison. This is Betty. This is *LIFE Today*. But we're excited because we're with you. And we really are. You've invited us in wherever you are. There are a lot of people who watch us in lounges, and they watch us in rec halls, when they're working out they'll put it up. So wherever you're watching us, but most of you are probably at home, just thank you for inviting us in.

Lisa Bevere has written a book that's interesting. We hear a lot about Godfathers, this is *Godmothers*: Why you need one and how to be one. Okay. I don't think this is related in any way to the mafia. I think this is related to somebody that understands God and mothers and now grandmothers. And she's sitting with somebody who understands grandmothers and great-grandmothers. We're thrilled Lisa Bevere is here. I just wish everybody could be clapping. We're not going to roll in applause of people who are not here. But we are really thrilled to have her. Lisa, welcome to *LIFE Today*.

Lisa: I love that you clarified it is not mafia. It is not fairy godmothers. I wish, I kind of right now I wish fairy godmothers were a real thing. I wish we could get some magic wands just waving at stuff but that is not going to happen. So yeah, I love that Betty has been a mother to millions; when you think about it, just being an example and just speaking life. And a godmother is somebody who comes along your life at a time of crisis and says, "Baby girl, you may be crying in this moment but I'm going to tell you something."

This hardship is catalyst to remake you and you're going to laugh in your future." There are people what will open up the treasury of their lives, their challenges, their triumphs, their hard-won lessons and they say, "I want something more."

Here's what I have found: There are a lot of the young girls that think the older women can't be bothered. They think that the older women don't want to pour into them; that they're all just golfing and retired. And then we have the older women who think, because I don't know how to download an app, the younger women don't want anything from me. This has left this huge generation gap between the older women and the younger women. It is interesting that Titus says the older women must -- not if you feel like you're worthy or qualified -- must teach and train the younger women how to love their husbands and to train their children. We know most women, they try to train their husbands and they love their children. So we've got to switch that around and equip them. I turned 60 in June and...

James: I don't believe it!

Lisa: It's true! It's true! Your makeup artist put false eyelashes on me. I totally don't look the part. But I turned 60 in June and what I look at your life is, you know zero to 30 you're growing and you're learning. And then 30 to 60--I met you at 30--30 to 60 you're building. And then 60 on, you're imparting.

You're talking to me about how you feel, like your mandate in this life, and I would just make you an honorary godfather is to father these young men or men that are younger to see them with God's principles and truth. And somewhere along the line both of you realized that anybody else's success that you sowed into was actually your success.

So you've done something that I think is desperately needed among women is you've closed the gap. When I look at this gap, it's the difference between the way things are and the way they should be. I looked up meaning of the word *gap* and it means "a breach in a wall that leaves both sides in an assailable position." So we have the older women who

are going to die without offloading wisdom, and the younger women who are not going to get what they need from the older women. So I wanted to just say, okay, for my part, I'm going to mark some trails.

James: You've actually told a lot of people that I'm like a dad to you. I do feel like you're a daughter and I am old enough to be dad. So I have a daughter getting close. She is not going to want to hear that; right? You wanted to talk and there are 13 chapters here and they're just great. You wanted to do two, three, and four and just talk about those. One of them was "Begin with what you know," "Ask for what you need," "When healing is what you need" was the fourth one. Take off on those.

Lisa: Okay. So I had a moment last year when--. John and I have birthdays just four days apart. John's is June 2nd; mine is June 6th. That basically means everything gets sucked into the vortex of John's birthday. It's like we have John's birthday eve, we have John's birthday, we have the day after John's birthday. We have a birthday week. So by the time June the 6th comes along we're just like--we're done.

So we were celebrating his 60th last year and I came straight from a ministry trip, straight to a golfing hotel. And some beautiful friends of ours, the husband doesn't golf. He said, "My wife booked a facial for me." He's like, "I really don't want a facial." He was like, "How about you take the facial?" I said, "I've been sleeping in makeup for two weeks. I would love to take that facial!"

So I'm in this beautiful spa waiting room and this young girl comes in and she turns around, looks at me and starts crying. I'm thinking, do I know her? Is this one of my son's ex- girlfriends? Like why is she looking at me? Why is she crying? And she opens up her arms, James and Betty, and she has a copy of my book, *Without Rival* in her arms. So I stand up. I hug her. I realize we have this heart connection. She starts sharing with me how she's newly married, she's moved to a brand-new city, she is in a new ministry position. She's trying to find her way in a new community. And she said, "I'm just kind of frozen right now."

I said, "Well, what do you mean?"

She said, "I just don't want to miss God."

I said, "Okay. You know the enemy will take the best intentions, people who are so pure hearted, who don't want to miss God and he will act like God is on the sidelines of your life, arms crossed, watching for you to mess up. You know, if your hearts pure, I just don't feel like that's going to happen."

So we prayed together. I went back to my room and I was thinking over the 30 years of ministry how many times I have met beautiful, pure hearted people that say that to me, "Don't want to miss God. I don't want to miss God." And they're not fighting, or running, they're frozen. So it is not fight or flight, it is frozen.

I heard the Holy Spirit say, "Tell my sons and daughters I'm a really big target." He said, "The only way they're going to miss is if they don't aim." He said, "If you walk and you start going the wrong direction you're going to hear a voice behind you say, 'This is the way. Walk you in it.'" He said, "But when my people are frozen then they can't move."

God says his mercy and grace follows us. It is a wake where we walk forward, and people are refreshed by that. But if we're afraid to move, which is what I'm hearing from so many people. Right now, in this season, people need to know that God is for them, that God is with them. David had a revelation of God's presence. He said in Psalm 139, verses five and six, he said, "You hem me in behind and before me." He said, "You lay your hand upon me."

So it is not just a God in your past or a God in your present but a God who is personally connected, his hand is on you. And then David just this thinking about it, "It is too high! It is too wonderful for me to comprehend. I can't take it in."

This is so important for me as a mother and as a grandmother, I wish I was a great-grandmother, but not yet, but it is so important for me to be able to say to these young women and young sons, to be honest with you, as well, "God needs you. If your heart is pure, you tell your feet to keep walking forward." So that was a huge important thing for me. So that is the beginning with what you know. God is for you. God isn't against you. He's not angry. The one who sent His Son to die for us is not looking for a reason to abandon or reject us. I feel like too much meanness in religion has put that out there to people where they think, yes, I was saved by grace and mercy but now I've got to earn it by works.

Betty: I think it is so important, as you say, I'm a mother, a grandmother, and a great-grandmother now, to be able to have the experience and the long journey that I've been on that's not always been fun but learning journey, every day learning to know that I can have that time to maybe tune in with some young woman or even my own granddaughters. And just see, I can see better sometimes what God has in store for them, I think, than they can realize because they're young and God's just now bringing them into it. But to be an encouragement to them.

James: It is not like you say, "Sit down! I'm going to teach you some stuff." You just flow with who you are, which is what our viewers see. This is who Betty is, she inspires me because she's primarily wanting to be a homemaker, a wife, mother, now grandmother, she lives in that world but there is a river flowing out of her. And that's what everyone sees when they come at you.

You might have touched all three of those chapters but "Ask for What You Need," and "When Healing is What You Need." I'm looking at the clock up here because it is right under that camera. Hello! Clock is there. And we've got about three minutes each if you want to cover both those.

This book is so good. I love everything you do. You know you're one of my favorite communicators on the planet. You know that. I'm not saying that just to be patronizing or

flattering. I'm saying it because God's on you. It's God that does it. You live amazed just like I do in the power and presence of God. Okay, "Ask What You Need." What do you want them to hear?

Lisa: So I feel like too many people are afraid to ask. They think what if I ask for something and I ask for the wrong thing? So they don't ask. Again, God has provision for that. If you ask for the wrong thing, James says, you don't get it. Nope! Not going to give it to you. My grandkids, they all moved into my house for the weekend. And there was a lot of asking for what they wanted but I didn't give it to them because I knew it wasn't what they needed. So I also would say, "Let's ask your mom if that is okay for you to have that."

Right now, I think people need healing. They need healing in their hearts, they need healing in their bodies, they need healing in their mind. We don't do well in isolation, we know that to be true. I really, when I wrote this book, I had no idea we were going into a pandemic. I told the publisher I wanted to write, "When Healing is What You Need." I said, "God is a healer. He doesn't do it in our manner, he doesn't do it in our time, but he is always a healer. Sometimes he heals us through medical doctors, sometimes he touches us, sometimes he takes us home to heal us; but he is always a healer."

So I decided in this book, just to share what I had personally handled. One of my sons, Alexander, my third son, my only single son, which I would love everybody to help me with that. He was my son that I had so many problems with teachers with. So I remember he would say things like, "Hey, I think I've got something under my tongue." But it was always at bedtime or when he was supposed to be doing homework.

And because he was my third, I'd be like, "You're fine! You're okay! You're okay! We'll look at it tomorrow!"

I don't know what happened but by the time he went to the dentist just to get his regular checkup he had a tumor that was the size of about my thumb pad underneath his tongue.

They called me back to the room and they were like, "Mrs. Bevere, your son has a tumor."

And of course, right there I felt like an epic mom fail. Like how did I miss this?

And he was like, "I told you I had this!"

I was like, "You're right! You did tell me that."

He said, "This needs to come out. It's not cancerous but it is extremely aggressive. We need to get this out."

So I said, "Okay, take it out."

He's like, "Nope! Nope! He has to go to a specialist."

So they didn't even trust me. They're like this mom isn't paying attention. We'll call the specialist. So they called a specialist. We were driving home. Alek is like, "I told you guys, mom. You weren't listening to me. I showed the brothers."

I'm like, "Oh my gosh! Poor kid!"

We make an appointment for the specialist. The specialist said, "I'm afraid we're going to have to cut out some of his tongue."

I'm like, "Oh my gosh!"

So John comes home from a trip and I tell John what's going on and John said, "I think we should pray for Alek."

I'm like, "Absolutely!"

So John does this thing, which my boys are in bunk beds, Alek is on the top, Arden is on the bottom and John opens up to the book of James and he said, "All right. Let's read what the book of James says. It says to call for the elders of the church. They'll anoint you with oil. If you've committed any sins God will forgive you. And they will pray for you and you'll be healed."

So John made sure he understood it and Alek confessed all of his like six-year-old sins. Like he'd done quite a few things. It was very enlightening. So he was like these are all my sins.

So John said, "All right. I want you to call for me if you want me to pray for you."

So John goes in the hallway.

I'm like, "What are you doing?" Like if this does not work our son is going to have a melt down with his dad relationship, with the God relationship. This better work!"

John was like, "Shh! It's fine!"

So we're in the hall when we hear Alek go, "Dad?"

So John comes in and says, "Yes?"

He's like, "I want healing."

But I was worried that Alek wasn't going to really receive healing because he was promised ice cream for a week by the doctor if he had this surgery. The doctor was like, "You will get ice cream for a week."

So I was like, "Alek, we'll make sure you get ice cream either way."

So John lays hands on him. Anoints him with oil. I'm praying maybe it falls off during the night. We get up the next morning, it's there. It's still there. We wait two more days, still there. I go to pick up Alek from school and he's my kid that had so many challenges at school. So I go pick up Alek from school and the teacher is like, "Why are you pulling him out in the middle of the day?"

I said, "Well, he's got to get some labs done because he has a tumor under his tongue."

And I said, "Alek, show her."

He lifts up his tongue and it was gone. So I was like, "What in the world!"

I don't know why it didn't happen right away. So I really believe that Psalm 130 is a promise for healing. It says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your sins."

See, we receive that, but it doesn't stop there. And it says, "And heals all your diseases." And right now is a time where people need to have the mercy of God and the restoration and healing power of God in their lives.

James: I want to just stop right there. Lisa, just thank you. Let me tell you something. This is a stick of spiritual dynamite. Lisa, we're doing Rescue Life right now to rescue people who have been in trafficking. You've been several times to the field. You know it works. Love doesn't fail even there. But they are the ones who is there. We're giving you a remedy for building up your immune system; that's part of what God wants. This is powerful stuff. This is *Natural Remedies* from throughout history and it's very biblical.

We'll also send you Lisa's book. If you will simply reach out, and you're going to listen, now listen to Sheila Walsh walking where you've walked, same kind of situations and you've been willing to walk into hell for the most heavenly cause in the most hellish

situations with trafficked children, using these people. You listen to Sheila because she is going to show you how you can be the miraculous healing. This is a supernatural healing, and it works.

Love does not fail here but you are the ones that start that river of love flowing. You really are. So I want you to watch very prayerfully but you are going to be someone's miracle.

On the mission field:

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Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.

Announcer: There is a violent plague impacting the world. It's called "sex trafficking" and like a disease, children are the most vulnerable. The number of children being held captive and abused by sex predators is beyond comprehension. It's reported to be in the millions. Sheila Walsh has talked to many young victims of sex trafficking and learned of the trauma and fear that has destroyed their childhood.

Sheila: I've seen things on this trip that are worse than anything I could imagine. I've tried to think of what I was doing when I was nine and I was still playing with Barbie dolls. And my greatest fear was would I be able to get a particular thing that I was hoping for, for Christmas.

I just spent time with a little girl who is now 11 and she's been forced to have sex with men, with strangers, sometimes four a night since she was nine years old. She is now 11, middle school, but she's already two years on the street. She is not hardened. She is just broken.

Announcer: The trail of tears and broken spirits of little ones like the young girl Sheila described has surely touched the heart of God. It has no doubt left an unforgettable mark on Sheila.

Sheila: I prayed I'll never be the same again. And I pray that we're able to help you see that we're here for a reason. There are things that we can do. We are his hands and his feet. We're his heart. The scriptures say, "The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." I've seen what it looks like to be crushed in spirit. So this is our moment to be Christ in the flesh to those who are broken.

End of video

In the studio:

James: I know that your heart is moved, maybe sometimes you just want to look away, but don't. Sheila didn't look away. She marched into hell for a heavenly cause. But here's the thing, the heavenly effect of the love that never fails, it would never flow there without you. Lisa, you've been, like Sheila, many times. You and John have helped us do what we do, feed, water. You've been there helping us with sexual trafficking. Here's what people want to know. Is the situation as dreadful as we present it to be? It may be even more dreadful.

Lisa: It's actually worse. I don't know that you can capture the weight of the oppression that's on these people with cameras. You see the glimpses of the pain in these beautiful broken young girls' eyes. But it isn't just that you guys rescue, you restore their lives.

James: Well, when you say, "you guys," there's you guys. Here's the thing people want to know. Okay, so the need is real. Have you seen the effect of love when you go there and watch where they've been reached, rescued, and restored, and seen this horrible hellish situation turn into a miracle? Does it work?

Lisa: Yes! And then I see those that have been rescued turned into rescuers. And so it's this beautiful cycle of redemption and love.

James: They become what Jesus tells us to become when we become a new person. They, of whom much is forgiven, there is much love. These weren't sinning, they were trapped in sin. So it is like much hurt and much pain when it is lifted, and you've suddenly been born into a new life because of love. You never really help the needy. You really don't help the poor without a compassion connection.

No government, no social program can change things no matter how dread or how simple it is without a compassion connection. You can't help people in assisted living, in nursing homes without people that are full of love there. If they're just paid hired hands, you're really not making things better. Love never fails. It's the one key thing. That's the thing that is amazing about the viewers of *LIFE Today*. Don't you think it is amazing what the viewers of *LIFE Today* have done all over the world?

Lisa: They have trusted you to love well. When I have gone there and seen what happened. Can I just share a second? One time when I was in a brothel in India I watched a woman who had been rescued through *LIFE Today* fall down on her face in front of the other women who were still captive and beg them to just receive God's love, to take all the garments of shame off and walk into freedom. And it was magnificent!

James: And it is so beautiful! You're able to see them sing and learn. And they have a future. Okay. Would you please right now go and get your bankcard or get a check? And know I'm going to write it to *LIFE*, make it out to *LIFE*, take that bankcard and use it like a check. Go online and say I'm making a gift today. Use that bankcard just like a check. \$128 is the average it takes to rescue one, to reach them, rescue, and then begin the restoration process.

We have a group of viewers like you, supporters who said, "We'll match your gift." That means \$128 now rescues two. I always ask, Lisa, I ask people to think way beyond what

they normally think. Would you rescue ten with a gift of \$1280? Now it will be 20.

Father, please! There may be some people that could give \$5,000 or \$10,000. I pray their heart will leap with joy that they're able to reach out and rescue and restore so many who are broken. Please move everybody to do something, in Jesus' name.

Would you right now go get your bankcard, go online, or call that number? It is always a prayer line for you. Call and say here's my gift and make it today. If you put it in the mail, again, make the check to *LIFE* but call us and tell us you're sending it.

Remember this, this is the last week. Boy, we need a miracle outpouring of love and support right now. Please be a part of that. We have some gifts to bless you but you're giving the gift of life and freedom because of the love of God flowing through you. Thank you so much.

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 help 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 *Natural Remedies*. This beautifully illustrated and essential

book explores ancient nutrition and the health benefits found in God's creation, a valuable reference with biblical insight to help you live your best life.

With your gift of \$128 or more, you'll receive this beautiful prayer box inscribed with the words from Philippians 4:6. This wonderful keepsake includes pencil and paper to write down prayer requests you want to give to God.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1280 which will now help rescue 20 children. And you may request "A Mother's Strength" bronze sculpture.

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

End of video

In the studio:

James: Well, I just say thank you, Lord.

And thank you! By the way, if you call and get a busy, you keep calling until you get through because this is--now you become a lifeline for somebody else. We're going to send you the *Natural Remedies*. We're going to add years to your life and life to your years; the beautiful prayer box that you are going to really like, and remember, a gift of \$1,280 you're going to get "A Mother's Strength," a beautiful bronze.

Today, all of you that help, whatever gift you feel impressed to make, if you'd like to have Lisa's book, *Godmothers*, and she'll be with us in the next program too. But if you would like to have the book, you just reach out and touch someone with love and ask for it. Lisa, thank you for being here with us. We're going to talk to you in another program. Will that be good?

Lisa: It's always an honor.

James: Thank all of you for watching. Thank you for blessing others.