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Week 45: Mission feeding

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James: Well Betty, you and I have spent a lot time in Africa on the mission fields. And we've seen the power of God's Word, love through the missionaries, open the door where millions of people come to Christ. I'm James Robison. Betty and I welcome you to *LIFE Today*.

Because this whole ministry is about sharing *LIFE Today* and everyday all over the world. Reinhard Bonnke was an evangelist that had millions of people in attendance -- a million people come to Christ, basically in a day, in a moment. It was unbelievable. Reinhard gave his first big tents to Peter Pretorius, the missionary that Betty and I started working with 30 years ago to save the lives of, I don't know, African nations reported over 15 million of their children's lives. That means you did it. Because Peter said, "If we can stay here and do it and you'll just keep us here, please!" And boy, have you done it.

Well, Reinhard Bonnke was here many times. Thank you for your prayers for him. He is with the Lord. His successor, who he knew would be preaching, is Daniel Kolenda. Daniel has written a book called, *Slaying Dragons*. The anointing on him, and this is me looking in and I've said it to Daniel, I've said it Reinhard, I think he's got a double-portion anointing. I believe it. If this studio was filled like it would normally be, people would be standing applauding because they know it's true. The studio is not filled but it is filled with God's presence. Daniel Kolenda, *Slaying Dragons*, boy, they need to be slayed. I know it had to be tough to say good-bye to Reinhard.

Daniel: Yeah, it was. I was with Reinhard for almost 15 years and some of the most

wonderful days of my life were spent on the road with him. Many of those years I was literally with him on the road more than I was at home with my family. So saying good-bye to him, the Apostle Paul said, "You don't have very many fathers." And that's how I felt about Reinhard. He was more than a mentor or just a great evangelist, he was like a spiritual father to me. We miss him but we continue. We carry on the work. God buries his workers, but his work carries on and we go forward.

James: I want to know why you felt so impressed to write this because it did come out, you finished it before the COVID broke out, but you talk about some things that are very, very important. I thought it was interesting that you wanted people to understand that we are in a cosmic battle. But you also used a German word that I can't pronounce, and it is the fourth chapter. Tell me what that is.

Daniel: Yeah, it is the word *zeitgeist*, which is -- actually it's made its way into English now. A lot of people are using that word in English. But translation literally is "time spirit" -- *zeit*: Time, *geist*: Spirit. So maybe a better translation would be "the spirit of the times." Or a more biblical way to say it would be "the spirit of the age." That was one of the chapters honestly, I think I could have written a whole book just on that chapter.

What's happening in the world now? Actually, the book is more relevant now than it was when I wrote it because I wrote it before the COVID outbreak and all this stuff. Many of the things I wrote about now we are seeing those things happening very, very clearly. There has always been a sense that there have been these demonic powers behind the scenes. Even back when you read the book of Daniel you hear Daniel dealing with the prince of Persia who is this spiritual power over the land that is working through the puppet, which is the actual prince of Persia. You see this connection between the higher ranks, of what's happening in the spiritual world and what happens on ground level.

These things are not disconnected. And the Apostle Paul tells us that we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities; that's very high-level stuff. Powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness in high places. So it's always

been this way. This is the biblical worldview. By the way, if you're watching this and you think, oh this is superstition, this is Harry Potter. No! This is the Bible. If you don't believe in the spiritual world you cannot believe this book because this book is about a spiritual world that we are all part of. So yeah, it's always been there but now I feel like in many ways the veil has been torn off and we're beginning to see right in front of eyes the power of the enemy at work. It is all around us. We can see it, we can feel it, we realize there is a real war that's being fought.

And you know we're in the United States right now, there is a war being fought for the soul of America. I mean I'm a young guy, I'm not even 40 years old yet but even in my lifetime I have never seen or felt anything like this before. The air is electric. There is a battle that is waging right now. I feel that what happens this week, what's happening right now in this season could set the trajectory of our nation for the next 30, 40, 50 years, maybe until the Lord comes.

James: And from around the world we're hearing that what happens here in the United States determines so much what happens around the world. Especially as it relates to freedom, as it relates to life and truth and all the things that are important, related to family, to faith. It is all under attack.

I feel like the enemy's crowd, you know when Joel was talking about these locusts that came in and devoured as the COVID did, so much of the benefits of freedom and health and all of that, comes on as a destroyer that the enemy walks in step, in-sync. When you look out, Daniel, it looks like the deceiver's crowd, the crowd that is following the father of lies, they seem to be more sold out and devoted to their father's will, the father of lies than the church is to the Father's will and what Jesus told us we're here for. We're supposed to be more than conquerors. We are supposed to be effective witnesses and ambassadors for Christ.

I'm telling you right now the times demand that we become sold out. We should be more sold out to our Father's purpose and his will being done on earth than allowing the enemy

to trample the will of God under the feet of godless men and godless thinking.

Don't you believe it is time for us to arise and shine with God's glory on us? Are you calling people to that kind of spiritual battle with a more than conqueror attitude because that's what I'm calling for? That's what I believe God is calling for. I think it is the only thing that will stop the intentions of the enemy to destroy everything pertaining to life and godliness.

Isn't that what the devil is up to? Isn't that what these dragons are trying to do? And aren't we supposed to stop them?

Daniel: Yeah! One of the great tragedies has been that the church has adopted this what I call an escapist mentality, which is...

James: Get out of here!

Daniel: Yeah! Hang on until we can get out of this old forsaken world by the skin of our teeth. By the way...

James: That's a sad thinking! I mean we know we have eternity forever! Rejoice in it. I don't even believe we die. Betty and I were talking about this. We don't experience death. We just go to sleep and we just wake up in another realm. It's like we got to sleep on the sofa and woke up in the Father's bedroom. We're just right there with him. This is amazing what we have.

But that's not what we're living for. That's what's living in us and will live there forever. We need to do something now to overcome the intention of the deceiver. I've been -- I'm trying to be calmer about it. Look! We've got to stand up. We've got to speak up. We've got to be a light that refuses to be hidden. Excuse me. Help me! Help me, Daniel!

Daniel: Yeah. I talked to one guy, this is a couple of years ago. I said, "Why do you

think we're all still here on the earth? Why didn't Jesus rapture us all? If the whole point is to get out of here, why didn't he take us all to heaven the moment he resurrected?"

James: Why does he leave us here another day?

Daniel: Exactly! You know what the guy said to me? He said, "Because he's preparing our mansions in heaven."

I thought, well, number one, he created the whole universe in six days. Number two, he's been around since eternity, couldn't he have thought ahead and had those mansions prepared? Are we really waiting for a construction project to get finished in heaven?

No, obviously, there is a purpose that we have on this earth to fulfill. That's why we're here. And we've been expected to occupy this planet until he comes. And so the goal is not to get believers to heaven. That wasn't the reason Jesus died on the cross. He could have done that automatically. He could have created us in heaven to begin with us. Jesus died to get heaven into the earth, and we are the channels through which heaven comes. That's why we get born again so that the kingdom of heaven can flow into us and through us into the world around.

James: They were supposed to oversee the Garden of Eden. The whole planet is God's garden. Heaven and earth declare his glory. This is God's planet. This is God's earth. We don't have to give it to the devil on our watch. Betty, jump in here because you are so concerned about what needs to happen and concerned about what shouldn't be happening.

Betty: I hear what you're saying. As Christians we should get some backbone about us. We should have the strength that God gives us. What he wants us to do is get out there and be his witnesses. But it is not through just, oh we're supposed to be nice. We're supposed to be kind. Don't you think we have a right as Christians to be angry at what we see the enemy doing?

Daniel: I was asked just recently to speak to a conference of all mass campaign evangelists. You'll appreciate this because you've done so much of that too. And the theme that I was asked to speak on was this: What is happening in the world and what should we do about it? And I'll tell you what I told those guys, men and women both. I told them look, this is not the time for us to be shutting the doors and hiding under the bed until this thing blows over.

In the book of Esther, you remember Esther, she is this poor peasant girl. She is oppressed. She comes from a low socioeconomic background. She gets lifted up to the palace overnight. And then there is this combination of her being lifted up to that place and Haman coming up with this plan to exterminate the Jews. Mordecai sends the message to Esther, "Help us!" And she begins to waver. Should I, in such a dangerous moment, should I step out and put my neck on the line? And Mordecai sends this word to her. We always talk about, "I've come into the kingdom for such a time as this" part of the verse. What we don't talk about is this. That Mordecai says, "Don't flatter yourself that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all of the other Jews. For if you keep quiet at this time relief and deliverance will rise from somewhere else but you and your father's house will perish. But who knows but that you have come into the kingdom for such a time as this?"

In other words, this is not the time for you to hide and to cower and to wait for this to blow over. The purpose for which you were put in the palace is this moment. I say that to the church, I say that to the evangelists. We, as the church of Jesus Christ, have never been more needed by the world than we are right now. It is time for us in this moment to stand up, to make our voices heard, to be salt, to be light in the darkness for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.

James: And this is the time that we arise and shine with his glory on us, and we show people the radiant effect of being able to see clearly what is happening. You're seeing the fruit of the enemy, the hatred, the hostility. Imagine, here we are yelling when somebody hurts a police officer, and they take them to a hospital yelling that we hope you die. This

is happening here. And then just randomly walking up and just taking somebody out. This heart, he's a murderer. He is the father of all lies. And the lies of the enemy are prevailing too often in the places of highest authority and power.

And Daniel, in our country we've got the opportunity and the responsibility to choose wisely those who lead. And we lead according to principles. We're voting so much more, any time we choose, a leader, where it is in your local community or school board, or whether it is the person you spend your life with when you get married. You want to choose someone that understands the importance of the unshakeable principles of a rock-solid foundation upon which everything that stands is built. And that foundation is not just hearing the Word or even declaring the Word but building on the Word of God. Not just hearing what he says, hearers of the word, but doers of the word. We do what Jesus says.

Betty, our life, our family is built on a solid foundation. It is the only way it can survive the assault of the deceiver, the dragons that are coming continually to tear up every relationship. People say, "Well, y'all have been married 57 years. Y'all get along pretty good." Has he attacked our relationship?

Betty: Absolutely! He takes every opportune moment to attack us in all areas of our life. So we have to have that shield of faith on. We have to have the armor that God provides us with through his truth and his love and his stamina, and not to bow down to the attacks of the enemy. If we recognize him, that's the key is knowing God well enough through his word. These are orders for us. They're not just a book that we read. We have to bring them into our heart and into our spirit and let it come alive in us. God has prepared us for this time.

James: Yeah! These aren't suggestions. This isn't ten suggestions, and the word of God is not just some good ideas. He is giving us transforming truth upon which we build. It is an unshakeable foundation. Not an un-assaulted life or foundation; everything the enemy throws he is throwing primarily at believers, at the church, at those who know the truth.

That's where the fury of his assault is.

And that is one reason why if you're going to slay dragons, you've got to suit up in the armor of God, you've got a sword here and the serpent there but you take the sword of the Lord to destroy his intentions. He won't be destroyed. His effectiveness is destroyed. Someday God will throw him, along with all the other demons and empty horrible forces there are in the world, he will throw them away.

But right now they are here, and they do test us, and they test our heart. God didn't make us robots. He didn't make us puppets. He wanted us to know we can live with our first clinched in his face, but he loves us too much not to tell us the consequences of living with our fist clinched in the face of a holy God. We're seeing the consequences of casting aside what God says with all the horrific things that are beginning to build in momentum to where it looks like hell on earth. But the church, the body of Christ suited up can slay dragons. Is that what you're trying to get across in this book?

Daniel: It is. And you used an important word which is "foundations." And that's what I believe we're contending for right now. It's not even just about our own personal battles. We're contending for the foundations of society. The western world is under attack right now. And the Bible says, "If the foundations be removed, what can the righteous do?" Even in like this election cycle, it is amazing to me how Christians -- you know if every Christian would vote the principles of the Word of God, we would dominate every election every time.

James: No question. Well, truth would dominate. It wouldn't be like we a party, democrat, republican, conservative, or whatever. Just it's not -- it's the principles that we hold dear and we build on that the nation builds securely and safely on, where we're legitimately meeting needs not making people dependent upon some source that every form of Caesar and Pharaoh and the devil wants you depending on. We can live free as overseers and overcomers.

That's what *Slaying Dragons* is. I'm telling you, I've been seeking to slay dragons for a long time and inspire the church to do it. I believe church people are going to rise up and do it. Are you beginning to see glimpses of his glory in people rising up?

Daniel: In fact, I just got a message two days ago from a lady that said, sent a message said there was a person manifesting a demon in her church. I have a chapter in there about how to cast out demons. She said, "I went through the chapter point by point." The lady got delivered, the demon came out, she was rejoicing. Like this thing works. We have the victory. He is under our feet! Jesus won this battle already 2,000 years ago. It is time for us to walk it out.

James: You are going to be doing crusades primarily in Africa, millions of people are coming and millions will come to Christ. So if people wanted to support you, maybe even go and be a part of something you're doing, what website do they go to?

Daniel: WWW.CFAN.org. That stands for Christ For All Nations, CFAN.org.

James: There it is on the screen. If you'd like to get the book you can get it online. It is in the bookstores. I'll tell you what we'll do. Right now and I know you know the importance of this, we are feeding the hungry, primarily in Africa because the need is so great. And with the COVID, the supply lines and the food and so forth has been limited even in the production of it. So it is more serious than ever.

I want you to listen. By the way, we're gladly send you this book because we want to help inspire you to slay dragons and we're slaying the dragon of starvation and malnutrition with the love of God. You are going to hear this and Peter Pretorius' son, Isak, and know you are the miracle that not only Isak is asking you to be, but God is enabling us to be. Watch prayerfully.

On the mission field:

Isak: You might have heard me refer before to malnutrition as "the silent killer." That's because it comes like a thief in the night and it steals a child's life away silently, many times an unknown and nameless child. Another small little grave but a life -- a life that is lost because of something that we can so simply solve. A life stolen away simply because there wasn't enough food.

The desperation you can see written all over this child because this little body is fighting a fight that chances are, they'll probably lose -- a fight of life and death.

It is a tragedy of epic proportion because one in 200,000 of these children die each and every month on the continent of Africa. And it can actually be changed pretty simply. If we can get to these villages where this child comes from and we can get mission feeding into those villages, what we're able to ensure is that we wind that clock back. We retell that story. Instead of going to bed without a meal that day that child goes to bed having received an orange bowl filled with the most nutritious food, nourishing its body and saving its life.

That's why we say mission feeding saves lives because it does! But mission feeding doesn't happen just by us being here. Saving this child's life doesn't happen because of us. It happens because of you. Please do whatever you can do and give the very best gift that you can give today. Give the gift of life.

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In the studio:

James: Jesus, every one of those lives are so precious. Please help our viewers to realize we can give them life. I know you heard the heart of God through Isak. Betty, what's going on when you look at these precious little children that we've looked at and watched for 30 years?

Betty: Well, most of what I want you to hear of what Isak said about it's up to you

joining with us to make the difference in the lives of these precious little ones. I saw Isak holding the little tiny hand of that precious one that's grasping for air, grasping for life. And I thought, when a child is born, you look at that little baby and you hold their hands, you look at their little toes, you want to make sure they're all there, and that baby is precious and knows that they're loved. But you've also seen those that hold hands of their loved ones that haven't made it. And in their dying moment you're holding their hands and you're trying to comfort them.

Let's please hold the hands of these precious little ones. Let's give them a chance to grow up and be strong and to be able to play and laugh. Please join with us. Make that difference in each child's life.

James: Honey, I not only heard a mother's heart and a grandmother's heart and now a great-grandmother's heart, it's even more than that, it's the heart of God. Please! Please hear what Isak said. The missionaries wouldn't even be able to stay there if it were not for our support. We can literally feed -- this is not total childcare, this is lifesaving food and nourishment, we can feed three children for the next months for \$30, five for \$50 and for \$100, 10 children for the next months and open the door to take the gospel to them in word because we've shown them the power of the gospel in love. You can hear that in Isak's voice. The son of a missionary left an opportunity to play for South Africa in rugby. He was really good! But he's served with his dad and right now he's evangelizing just like Reinhard Bonnke did and like Daniel's doing.

The love of God through you makes this possible right now during this mission feeding, and the ability to get food in has been hit hard by the COVID. We really need a miracle outpouring of support. We have some gifts to send you that are going to really bless you. But would you right now go and get your bankcard and use it like a check? Would you go online, or would you dial that number? Make a gift of \$30, \$50, or \$100? If you could give \$1,000, you'd be feeding 100. Wouldn't that be beautiful? Please right now you do whatever you can. Please reach out and touch with love.

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Announcer: Today on top of the daily fight for life and food, families and children across Africa are now forced to deal with the challenges of a global health crisis. Because of COVID-19 food scarcity has increased drastically and the fear of dying from lack of food is far greater than the virus itself.

Even in these unprecedented times, mission feeding won't stop. With your help, mission feeding will continue to be a daily source of food, encouragement, and health for the 350,000 children counting on us.

Call now with your lifesaving gift of \$30, \$50, or \$100 that will help feed and care for three, five or ten children for three full months. With your gift we'll send you *40 Days of Healing Promises*. This beautiful hardcover devotional will encourage you in your faith as you dive deep into the healing promises that are yours in Jesus' name.

With your gift of \$100 or more please request the "Blessings for your Home" bowls and tea towel set. This set of bowls and two beautifully designed tea towels will make a wonderful addition to your home and serve as a reminder of your help in blessing others as a friend of *LIFE*.

Finally, with your gift of \$1,000 or more to help feed and care for 100 children be sure to request our commemorative bronze sculpture, "A Mother's Strength." Please call, write, or make your gift online today.

End of video**In the studio:**

James: You are going to be doing what these little bowls say, "*LIFE*, live it, give it." But

look at this, "Share life in word and deed." Boy, that's what you're doing.

If you'd like to have *Slaying Dragons* by one of the most anointed evangelists on the face of this earth, Daniel Kolenda, well, we'll happily send it to you. You just help us feed those precious children. Daniel, we love you.

Father, you bless this ministry beyond anything even Reinhard ever saw or we ever imagined, in Jesus' name.

Hey buddy, thank you for being here. Thank you for being available and thanks for helping slay dragons. God bless you.

Thanks for watching. Thank you so much for suiting up and going into the battle to win and walk over the enemy's intentions. Let's do it 'til Jesus comes!