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Week 52: Fall Mission Feeding: Last week
James and Betty Robison
Christmas Special

Betty: We want to welcome you on this special Christmas program. God bless you and thank you for joining us!

James: I think you're going to be blessed by all the music you're going to hear, Sheila Walsh, Anthony Evans, Mark Harris. I just thank God for this incredible occasion when we celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus. We really believe you're going to be blessed by Sheila as really says, "O come all ye faithful." And frankly, we believe you are the faithful.

I just pray with all my heart that you have a very, very special Christ-exalting, Christ-honoring Christmas and that all of your family is blessed. I will be back in a few moments to just share a word with you about how the joy that comes to the world can be expressed by all of us who are faithful. And the world desperately needs the joy of the Lord. Enjoy Sheila Walsh.

Begin video clip

[Sheila singing]

O come all ye faithful

Joyful and triumphant

O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem

Come and behold him
Born the King of angels
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
Christ, the Lord

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exaltation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God
Glory in the highest
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
Christ, the Lord
Yea, Lord, we greet thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to thee be all glory given
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
Christ, the Lord

Sheila: And he will be called mighty God, everlasting Father, wonderful Counselor. He is the Prince of Peace.

End of video

In the studio:

James: And Betty and I want you to abide in that peace. Boy, with all the challenges in this world and in our lives, we really need the peace that only God can give. Betty, I want to just share a word with these most faithful people, in my opinion, as far as we're concerned, on the planet, because you so faithfully seek to get God's arms of love around people, that Jesus really is the greatest gift of God. He came to give us life.

I want to talk to you about that if I can for just a moment. Joy came to the world because the Lord has come. When he came into the world, he came to bring us life. He was ultimately, actually going to give his life as a sacrifice for all our sins that they would not be covered but blotted out -- forever dealt with. And we would receive the grace and the freedom and the love of God in a very personal way.

This is what I'd like you to think about on this day when we celebrate his birth. Remember this. He showed us how to live. He showed us the Father's love and he revealed the Father's will that can be done on earth through yielded vessels.

And then he showed us how to treat one another. He even showed us how to stand up to the evil one in his damaging, divisive effects, his deception, his murderous heart. He showed us that and he showed us that we stand together like the family of the ultimate Father who is in so many ways like a shepherd to his sheep. He becomes a shelter and he leads us to green pastures and calms troubled water. He literally will lead us through every valley, including the valley of the shadow of death. Think about this a moment. He will prepare a table before his family in the presence of all his enemies and anoint our head with the oil of his great abiding powerful presence.

Then remember this. Before he left, he said, "It is essential for you that I send another just like me to live in you -- every one of you." Now think about this a moment. You

don't need to be sitting in a group and say, "Well, if Jesus were here here's what he would say or do or desire." Jesus is here. He is not only in the room, he's in the temple -- and we are that temple. And if we will just recognize the fact that he is with us and he wants to reveal the Father's heart clearly and he wants us to live in the power of his spirit to literally manifest the love of God, the love that gave this great gift we celebrate at Christmas.

When Jesus ascended into glory, he told the disciples to tarry until they were endued with the power that was in them. Not just resident, president king; living in our life to make us more than overcomers and more than conquerors. Overcomers in this lifetime. He wants us to be his ambassadors, his witnesses. Yes, live as a good soldier of the Lord Jesus but even more than that he wants us to fit together as members of his body appreciating one another, supporting one another; all of us as a great family and a great body submitted to the one perfect head, Jesus.

How about as we move into the New Year, we say Lord, this is the year of the Lord. Reveal to us and through us to a world that is groping in darkness. You know we're able to do that because there was a very holy night that gave us an opportunity to live with the abiding sense of that holiness in us.

I love this song. Anthony Evans is going to bless you celebrating "O Holy Night."

Begin video clip

[Anthony Evans singing]

O holy night

The stars are brightly shining

It is the night

Of our dear Savior's birth

Long lay the world
In sin and error pining
'Till he appeared
And the soul felt its worth
The thrill of joy
The weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks
A new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees
Oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine!
O night when Christ was born
O night divine
O night
O night divine
O night divine

Truly He taught us
To love one another
His law is Love
And His gospel is Peace
Chains shall he break
For the slave is our brother
And in his name
All oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy
In grateful chorus raise we
Let all that's within us
Praise his Holy name!

Christ is the Lord
Praise His name forever
His power and glory
Forevermore proclaim!
His power and glory forevermore proclaim

Fall on your knees
Oh hear
Hear the angel voices!
O night divine!
O night when Christ was born
O night divine
O night
O night divine
O night divine
O night
O night divine
Oh! It was a holy night divine
O night divine

End of video

In the studio:

James: I've got to just say glory! I'm telling you, God bless you, Anthony. Wow!

And here is Mark Harris and he is singing one of my favorite songs, "Little Drummer Boy."

Begin video clip

[Mark Harris singing]

Come they told me

Pa rum pum pum-pum

Our newborn King to see

Pa rum pum pum-pum

Our finest gifts we bring

Pa rum pum pum-pum

To lay before the king

Pa rum pum pum-pum

Rum pum pum-pum

Rum pum pum-pum

So to honor Him

Pa rum pum pum-pum

When we come

I will play for you

I will play for you

On my drum

On my drum

Rum pum pum-pum

Little baby

Pa rum pum pum-pum

I am a poor boy too

Pa rum pum pum-pum

I have no gift to bring

Pa rum pum pum-pum

That's fit to give a king

Pa rum pum pum-pum
Rum pum pum-pum
Rum pum pum-pum

Shall I play for you
Pa rum pum pum-pum
On my drum

I will play for you
I will play for you
On my drum
[On my drum]
On my drum
[On my drum]
Rum pum pum-pum

Mary nodded
Pa rum pum pum-pum
The ox and lamb kept time
Pa rum pum pum-pum
I played my drum for Him
Pa rum pum pum-pum
I played my best for Him
Pa rum pum pum-pum
Rum pum pum-pum
Rum pum pum-pum

Then He smiled at me
Pa rum pum pum-pum
Me and my drum

I will play for you

I will play for you

I will play for you

I will play for you

On my drum

[On my drum]

On my drum

[On my drum]

Rum pum pum-pum

Rum pum pum-pum

Rum pum pum-pum

Rum pum pum-pum

End of video

In the studio:

James: Hey Mark! I love everybody with 4Him. You just took Andy's song; didn't you there? Buddy, listen, I love you all so much.

I'm telling you, I just -- I love all of you who are watching. I believe with all my heart you want to share the joy, the life, the love of God. We're in the last part of our mission feeding and I'm just praying that some of you will say, you know what? I'm going to end the year with maybe the greatest year-end gift for the glory of God and to feed the hungry I've ever made. And we'll be rejoicing not only with you but we'll be rejoicing with every precious life you touched with the love of God by giving them food for life. And we will tell them about the bread of life, and about the source of abundant life. We love you! Have a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year!

[Clarinet playing]