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Week 11: WFL: Last week

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"Living Amazed"

JAMES: I'm so overwhelmed by the opportunity of talking to you that I find myself, Betty, wondering how do I really let you know how important this week is going to be? Betty and I will be sharing very clearly the Father's heart. Let me just say to you, the Father's heart and the Father's will for you, through you, and for everyone, not only you love, he loves.

Betty, you and I both, and I apologize, we're both 78. That's the truth, isn't it?

BETTY: It is.

JAMES: Still nobody believes it when they look at Betty, and they look at me. But people have been telling me I'm okay.

BETTY: You look great!

JAMES: They're actually saying that. Some of them are saying, "James, you're still looking good." Now, please listen to me because see, this is the family room. This is the Father's family room. This is people who don't know the Father; who may have never even had a father, I didn't, who may be dysfunctional, missing, or awful. But this Father, he's perfect, and he loves us as imperfect as we are, and we all are.

By the way, don't ever make fun of somebody. Don't mock them. It does unbelievable damage. It really does. Words are like a knife, and you may get the knife out, and the wound may heal, but the scar remains. Many who just had some great musical talent or

other talent, and we make fun of them.

Do you know that Elon Musk was made fun of for much of his life? And do you know most brilliant people believe he might be the most brilliant, smartest man that ever lived? You may not know who he is. Well, he owns Tesla, which is now the largest corporation in history. He's the richest man in history. We don't know the total wealth of Solomon, but since measurable wealth, there has never been anything like him. But listen to me. Here's what I want you to know. Most people who are really smart say maybe even Einstein may not have been able to sit at the table with him. Do you know that most of the things he hears, if you really track him, it's wisdom?

Betty, how does a man who's made fun of for not being as normal in his thought processes and his thinking, where he's ridiculed, how does he suddenly seem to track about 75% brilliant wisdom? I think God showed me.

A long time ago, people more sensitive than I was, for some reason, felt led to pray for him. And something happened that I've tried to teach you. See, all prayer is important. But when everybody prays, if we would really pray for the healing of our nation, for the healing of individuals, the healing of pastors and church leaders and national leaders and business leaders, if we would all pray together, there is a force in concentrated, focused prayer. I've used this illustration many times. I don't want you to miss any of the illustrations I'm going to repeat today.

Like the thing I've watched change people's lives forever, like this one: If you want your prayers answered, seek to be an answer to someone else's prayer. And suddenly, you become the miracle somebody prayed for. People get excited about that. I'm telling you if you'll just please hear what I'm saying. Concentrated focused prayer by thousands, hundreds, millions, is like taking the Colorado River's force and power and putting it through a turbine; such focused power will light up the whole Sonoran Desert. Check out Arizona! Unbelievable what focused power can do -- the energy it produces.

I think people started praying for Musk. And as they prayed, the invisible realm and the signals of truth and life, rather than deception, division, death, he began to hear God. He might not have known it's God.

Please understand me. God wants us to pray for his will to be done on his earth. This world is his. He wants his will to be done through his family, through his body submitted to the head, that the gates of hell no longer prevail against.

Betty, that's the reason God's given us an audience that actually believes God's will can be done in our marriages. And when it hasn't been, they believe he can heal their broken hearts. Perhaps, even heal their relationships. But certainly, give you the peace of living with the Father's comforting arms around you. And knowing that when you come here every day, somebody loves you. You say, but James, we see you feed the hungry and the thirsty. Well, Jesus said everybody who touches the least of these ministers to him. And he said if you really want to know the sheep from the goats, the sheep notice the least -- the hungry, the thirsty, the defeated, the imprisoned. That's what sheep do.

Betty, that's who watches us. Now they may say, I don't know if I'm a real healthy sheep. That's okay because God wants you to be healthy, and we're here to help make you healthy. You're watching and supporting in prayer and support so we can stay here and knock on the door of virtually every home in the world and get God's arms around everybody watching. When they get healthy and become the family and body of Christ, we can put God's arms around the whole world he gave Jesus to die for. Isn't that the coolest thing?

Betty, if we'll do that here in America and realize we're not going to defeat the enemy with guns and ammo, bullets and swords, but we'll defeat him with the sword of the Lord. And not the cross on a chain; that's fine. But literally allowing the power of the cross to prevail in our lives. The power of that cross transforms them.

This is the sword of the Lord that changes things. If we really let the sword prevail, and

truth prevail, not just in word but in deed, which we say over and over, let's not just love poor people in word but deed. Let's find the missionaries that are anointed to do it, who have given their lives to do it. We keep the flow of oil in their light, in their lamp, and their bright light shining so they can keep their hands on the poor, the needy, and the thirsty. You do it! You become the miracle they need; you become the support. How do you preach unless you're sent? You send, and you support the gospel.

Betty, our viewers, are greater in kingdom purpose than we are. We couldn't even be sitting here talking to people about the love of God, demonstrating the love of God all over the world if you didn't put us here, and if you didn't keep the missionaries doing what they were sent to do. Please get this!

Betty, the stage is set for the greatest spiritual awakening in the history of the world. It is, isn't it?

BETTY: It really is.

JAMES: We're seeing miracles. Let me tell you one of the greatest miracles we've seen. We're seeing church leaders. Now don't miss this! I've said it; it's the truth. The greatest force -- and I preached it the last time you heard me; self-righteousness is the very enemy of the gospel. And self-righteousness on the part of those who had memorized the first five books of the Bible, who had the word hanging on a string around their head but the word wasn't in their mind, had the word tied on a string around their wrist but their hands didn't do the Word of God, they crucified Jesus! Not Caesar, not Pharaoh, not Potiphar, not Herod -- people who could quote the Bible but didn't realize this is not an idle word; it is your life. They weren't writing truth in the fleshly tables of men's hearts. They were arrogant, pompous, self-righteous, and they crucified Jesus. Self-righteous people keep us from seeing Jesus.

I don't think we have a lot of self-righteous people watching. You better be very careful if you tell somebody like me or a preacher, "Don't you talk to that person. Don't you go

over and be with that person. Whatever you do, don't spend any time with that person.” Especially some kind of leader that's imperfect. Why did David talk to four kings that were rotten -- I mean Daniel, rotten to the core? Because he spoke truth of God to power. And every time power listened to God, the whole nation was blessed. Ask Joseph about Pharaoh; he saved everybody. And then foolishly had his own family sell out to the Pharaoh he gave God's counsel to. Joseph made a mistake; Israel made a mistake -- we make mistakes.

Those who are selling out right now to the government, I'm telling you, lies are prevailing in this land. When we allow any power on this earth to control God's people, our marriages, our home, our sexuality, our regulations, our laws, to redefine them or scrap them and refuse to enforce them, and not even recognize what's best, night from day?

Folks, listen to me. I am watching the shepherds, and I'm watching business leaders, and I'm watching national leaders realize wisdom comes from one source. The one power that never fails is God's love. We need to allow that love to fill us and overflow like a river. And it's happening. Betty, coming through this studio has been the greatest church leaders, the greatest authors from all different denominations. When they walk in here, they know they're loved, and they know they're served; not just by me and Betty wanting the best for them, and the best through them, you do, too.

Do you realize that I'm holding right here a book that's called *The Prayer of Jabez*? Have you ever heard of it? Did you know that when nobody had heard of it, *LIFE Outreach* bought the paperback rights? Because I thought that Bruce Wilkerson, who nobody knew, a Dallas Theological student and wonderful, Hendricks, a professor inspired him, inspired a lot of people, and he wrote this book.

And my son-in-law brought it to me and said, James, this man teaches that you don't give to get. You give to bless, which Robert ultimately taught in *The Blessed Life*. Which Robert worked for me for years just like Governor Huckabee did. And we just wanted to see Jesus. Anyway, I bought this, and we started giving it away. It became the number

one bestseller in all major bookstores like Barnes & Noble. They would call our director of television outreach and say, "Who is this preacher? All he talks about is this *Prayer of Jabez*, and we can't get them fast enough. They can't publish them fast enough. We've got a big display when you walk into the store you can't miss. It's in every store. Who is this guy?"

He said, "Well, he's James Robison. He's got a program."

And they said, "We've never seen anything like it."

We still own the paperback rights. Do you know how many it sold? 20 million copies! To God be the glory!

See, Betty, I want to share God's best with his people. Jesus talked to everybody, Pharisees, Publicans, the ones who crucified him. The prostitutes, the drunks, the poor, the rich, the up-and-out, the down-and-out, he didn't dodge anybody. We don't either.

Do you know that years ago, I wrote this book? And somehow, because I don't like to try to sell our books, and I really don't try to sell books, I try to get you to read books that can change your life. But we're bringing all these different leaders in from these different denominations. You need to understand they come in here and experience love firsthand. And then they get to meet one another. I've been able to bring the leaders that were taught to never be with another leader.

Billy Graham said, "Spend time with people you've been taught to avoid, James."

I did. One of the first ones was Oral Roberts. You've never seen such weeping between two people. When he tells me, "How lonely I was. I was pushed out of everything, and you've come to love me."

I said, "I'm going to get all the people that were criticizing you, our leaders, to come and

sit in the room with you."

Oh, God! I watched God do a miracle not only in Oral but in me. I've watched him do it in everybody's life. The people I was told to stay away from, and we've brought them on television. Paul Crouch called and said, "James, I'm putting you on the Trinity Broadcast because I want you to bring Bible Baptists, the Adrian Rogers, the Charles Stanleys, the Jerry Falwells, and Ed Young, Sr., would you bring them on? I don't want this to be just a Pentecostal station. I want us to be a Christian station." And I did! We spent our lives trying to share the glory of God with all of his family, and you do that! And it is unbelievable! I'm seeing the body of Christ leadership quit cutting each other up, quit training their members to stay away from them because we're all imperfect. We're all clay that needs to be shaped by the Potter's hand.

I want you to get this book. Do you know what a lot of people think? You try and talk about how effective and great James Robison is. I am not! I'm trying to show you what God can do with the shyest person on the planet. Was that me?

BETTY: Yes, it was. Absolutely!

JAMES: Unbelievable, isn't it? I said, "God, I'm in your hands." In three days -- three days, 18 years old, the same power and force that carried me throughout my life and filled every stadium, then sent me to the mission fields for the least of these, and you joined. And now, bringing all these church leaders together, and I believe we're going to bring national leaders together, I believe we're going to throw aside our tribal mentality and our sectarian worship, and what we believe is bigger than what anybody else believes when we all have so much to learn! We're yielded clay in the hands of the Master Potter. He can create vessels of honor through which he flows freely his love and transforming truth -- unconditional love! And I'm watching it happen. And that's why we're here. To see God's will done on his earth.

I'm going to send this book to you. Everybody that helps us this week, along with the

other beautiful gifts we've got for you. And I mean they're beautiful -- and a bronze. I want you to go and just look at the names. Not -- I didn't do a thing. I saw a whole town change forever when I was 23 years old, standing on a parking lot talking to teenagers. I saw the whole University of Texas leadership team get saved and win the national championship, the game of the century! They came to Christ! At the same time, these kids in a parking lot are changing a whole town. It's become one of the centerpiece resorts in the world. It started in a parking lot where nobody even knew my name. They only found out I was the guy in the citywide crusade when the University of Texas' team, James Street, the quarterback, got saved.

If you stay with us, I'm talking about all the people who come here: Sheila, Randy, our guests. We're going to take control away from the enemy, and it's not going to be a religious movement. I want you to read this because I want you to see what God can do with anybody.

We're drilling water wells. This is the last week. I'm not going to go into a lot of detail. I'm asking God to give us -- we're going to target 350 areas. I believe God showed me that our missionaries and those who drill wells will find some vast areas where they're going to say we can drill 50 wells and not even have to move our rigs very far. And we'd give all those people in those villages water. I want to be able to say, drill them! Even though they're not part of the 350.

Father, give us more support than we've ever seen in our life, in Jesus' name.

If you can drill a well, if you can give \$48 and give ten people water the rest of their life, or give \$144 or \$1200 or \$2400 and pray for somebody else to join you with a well, or you drill a well, do it right now. This is the last week; in Jesus' name.

Go online, dial the number, use your bank card like a check. Please! And don't miss one program this week. I plead with you not to.

On the mission field

ANNOUNCER: A mother's love for her children can be seen in many ways as she cares for them. When they run and play, it brings a smile to her face. But for Hanh Mun, there are no smiles, only fading memories like these clothes that once belonged to her five children who died because of waterborne illnesses.

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>> I feel so sad because my children died, and I can't see them again.

ANNOUNCER: Hanh Mun had seven children in all. Her fifth child was just a baby when waterborne illness took its life. The pain is still with her.

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>> My baby got sick very fast with fever and diarrhea and then died. I feel so hopeless. I lost something very important to me. I tried everything to help my baby.

ANNOUNCER: When asked what she hoped for in the future for her two remaining children, Hanh Mun had a very simple request.

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>> If I had clean water, it would be a joy, and then my family might not get sick and die.

ANNOUNCER: We can help make Hanh Mun's plea become a reality by drilling a freshwater well. And by doing so, all the mothers in her village can experience the joy of having clean water for their children.

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JAMES: We've seen a lot of miracles. God, you're one of them. Help us give water. Help

us take little children like this mother who lost five, help us stop the cycle, and give them the wells that make little kids look like they're at an entertainment park. They are just so grateful.

And I think God has shown me, not just the missionaries, those who drill the wells who say, we've got an area, we won't even have to move the equipment very far. We don't have to go over mountains. We can drill 50 wells here! Let's be able to add 50 to the 350!

Father, please! Whatever it takes to get through. Don't let a busy stop you. Get online, get your bank card, make the greatest gift of life and love you've ever made. Water for LIFE becomes the water of life. Don't miss any show this week! Try not to ever miss *Life Today*. That's what we give, life every day.

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ANNOUNCER: Waterborne illness is a killer that strikes the most vulnerable. For many impoverished families, the death of a child is the tragic result of having no choice but to drink contaminated water. But with your help, they won't have to make this choice ever again. Mission: Water for LIFE provides clean, fresh drinking water for thousands of children and their families, giving them a life 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. \$72 will provide for 15. And \$144 will help provide life-giving water for 30 people for a lifetime.

With your gift, we'll send you *Bible Promises For Life*, the ultimate handbook to everything God guarantees you in his word. A powerful resource that will give you the confidence to face life's troubles. With your gift of \$100 or more, please request the "I Will Give You Rest" throw. It is a reminder of our Savior's promise of rest to those who trust in His grace and love.

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. You may request our new, inspiring bronze sculpture, "Let the Children Come."

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

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On the Mission Field

James: Let me show you a water source that these kids are drinking from. It's literally with no exaggeration contaminated water. They let this bucket down and they get the water but it is not sealed and controlled and capped.

Betty: They're making do with what they have but it is not good enough. It's not going to help them to be healthy. They've got this dirty, filthy contaminated water to work with. They have to drink it to even survive a day. I know that there couldn't be a greater joy from the parents of these children, James than to be able to watch their children grow up. Well, they won't be able to do that if they don't have some fresh water because after a while, the disease is going to kill them.

James: And we're the answer to that problem, all of us working together, each person doing what they can because we know the need is very real. We want you to see it up close and personal. But the thing we really want you to hear and know, you're really the answer. You're the way to provide hope and help to people who deserve it. And drilling freshwater wells, that's love indeed. Help us do it. Dial that telephone number and make the very best gift you can. Please do it and do it now. Please make the gift or you can go to LifeToday.org and make that gift online.

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In the studio

JAMES: Remember, it's the last week, and we're sending *Living Amazed*. You may say, I glanced through it. But you didn't know how easy it was to find the miracle stories that God could do with you. Because I was a nobody and I was so shy. And Betty never believed she would sit here. And you know, we don't have a more powerful force than this sweetheart.

Get the book, with all the other gifts we're going to send you this. And remember, you're giving the greatest gift; you're giving life. Thank you! Don't miss this week -- any day!