

Week 13

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James: Well, Betty and I along with our guests are going to be communicating with you the truth about "The Basics of Life" and how we fulfill God's kingdom agenda. Keep this in mind, many people have reduced the Kingdom of God to a future reward rather than understanding it as a present reality requiring personal responsibility. Jesus, the center of his world has become the center of our world, the source of life and strength and direction; the one who forgives and enables us to forgive; the one who so loved us that he gave himself in order that we might also love others. We want you to understand "The Basics of Life." We're going to do our best to be communicating that to you, not only Betty and I but all the guests that we have in. We're going to spend the next many weeks and months helping the true followers of Jesus understand "Thy kingdom come, thy will can be done on earth as it is in heaven through us." We join that message now as Betty and I share.

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James: It is Luke 8:1-3. Now listen to it. It came about soon afterward that he Jesus began going from one city and village to another proclaiming and preaching the Kingdom of God -- which is in us, not just the one that will come. When we go into that kingdom but the kingdom that's in us -- "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Jesus said. He came out preaching the gospel of the kingdom. He said, "This gospel will be preached in all nations before the end." It is the gospel of the kingdom. And now here he is preaching the gospel of the kingdom and the 12 disciples were with him. And also, look at this, some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses, Mary who was called Magdalene from whom seven demons had gone out. And Joanna the wife of Cuza, Herod's steward, this is somebody that represented the highest office in the land. That's like somebody that worked in the White House, in the place of power; this is a woman that worked there, the wife of someone that was on staff. And Suzanna, and many others, women -- look what it says -- who were contributing to their support out of their private means. I want you to notice women were contributing out of their private means to the proclamation of the gospel by Jesus and by the 12 that he was training and discipling to do that... Out of their means. Did you know that it is not an exaggeration to say that in the United States of America and much of the free world 70% to 85% of the wealth is basically controlled by women?

One man commented that 75% of the wealth was controlled by women and a lady in the audience corrected him and said 82%.

[Laughter]

She said, "Because it has been left to us by those who love us." Well, I've got news for you, there is even another reason, Betty, women oversee the resources that's been entrusted to them and the resources that's been entrusted to us on planet earth because women have a sensitivity that is greater than we naturally have as men, supernaturally we can have it, but they have a sensitivity to need, to pain, to want. They have a natural capacity for compassion, to suffer with, not only the child but the children of others. Those who despair, those who are lonely, those who hurt, those who want to be held, who want to be loved, who want to feel pretty, who want to feel wanted, who want to feel important, who need to feel needed. Women, I can promise you, sign most of the checks to every effective ministry on the planet, certainly those that proclaim the gospel of the kingdom, certainly this one... certainly the outreaches of *LIFE*. Thank you for your sensitivity! And don't you ever for one moment misunderstand your value in the kingdom, the proclamation of it and the demonstration of it, not just in word, not just in preaching but in action. You inspire it! I want to say thank you. I was handed this big stack of paper this week. I'm handed stacks of paper like this quite often but not exactly like this. I wept over it before I went to bed, I wept over it when I got up. But I noted something in light of this passage I just read. Let me tell you what this is. We asked for some of our staff and assistants and those who love Jesus and who love people because we love you, we don't labor with people on our staff or people on the side who don't love others because God in them loves others. And so some of my leadership asked some of our co-laborers, "Will you call some of our donors, as many as you can, some of our supporters, call these people who have given us not large gifts where we feel like we could afford a dollar phone call to say thanks." And we want to always let everybody know how much we appreciate them, that's why we try to get to people who support us a receipt immediately. We got it and we thank you and it is effective and we want to do something positive with it. They said, "Let's call people that give like maybe \$10, maybe a time or two or maybe they gave \$100 sometime but not large gifts. Let's only calling them for one reason, let's call them to tell them we love them and ask them could we pray for them so James and Betty could include their specific request." Betty, they called 10,000 people and they got message answering devices where they weren't able to talk to the person, left 4800 messages but they -- Betty, they talked to 2500 people. I want you to listen to this. Let me just go down the sheet here. Listen to the name: Ruby, Catherine, Mary, Patrick, Yvonne, Lorraine, Kenneth, Lou, Dana, Joyce, David, Linda, Crystal, Gail, Marilyn, Jean, Margerite, Lana, Donnie, Iva, Grace, Marie, Opal, Homer, Dicey, Peggy, Jean, Martha, Jeannette, Kay,

Sharon, Ramona, Rhonda, Tootie, Bobby, Lillian, Cindy, Lovey, Barbara, Edna. God, thank you! God, what an incredible verse in the Bible that out of their means they supported the greatest person who ever came to our planet, Jesus... the gospel. Listen to this, here's what they said: My husband, hip surgery. The next one: My family. Pray for healing from oxygen dependency. Pray for peace on earth. Pray for my friend's family. My friend died yesterday. Pray for my brother-in-law, diabetes infection in his foot. Pray for my daughter who would like to have a baby. Pray for my daughter and her children. Pray for healing for a family member's body and salvation for grandchildren. This lady says: I have problems with my back, I need healing. This lady says: My health is not good, pray for healing. Another man that we called said: My daughter's having surgery today. The next person said: Pray salvation for my family. Another one: Pray for our granddaughter who has low T cells. Pray for my grandson who went to prison yesterday. I want you to pray with me. All of you out here, you bow your heads here in the audience. Many of you remember, I fought a battle with staph infection; it tough stuff. Some of you here in this audience and people at home, I don't want you to ever to have to get in a healing line. I would like for there to always be people who would say, "Line up, I'll pray for you because I love you." But I'd like for the glory of God to so come on his people that his kingdom would so come on earth in us that his will would be done on earth through us now as it is in heaven. I want God to heal everybody in this audience and I don't have to beg him. You say, "Why are you crying?" I don't know why I'm crying. I've got a broken heart. And I've got to believe God's heart is broken because he loves us so much. Do you know what -- and I'll tell you this, I'm not trying to interrupt the prayer but you've got to see this, Betty. I was praying with my leadership just the other day and I was praying and all of the sudden, I know the Bible says old men will dream dreams and see visions and I know I'm old. I'm not hallucinating but I'm seeing things. I'm praying and all of the sudden I saw Jesus get up. I saw Jesus stand up by his father and he was like a little kid; he was giddy. It was like -- I'm sure he wasn't, there is too much dignity and majesty for him to do this but this is what it looked like to me. It was like he was saying "Goody, goody! Oh, boy!" To his father as I was praying because see I've been praying with our leaders, of all the different parts of the family of God. Betty, I've been praying with the leaders of all the different denominations -- protestant, Catholic -- it doesn't make any difference, I can't find anybody God doesn't love. I see people that I'm heartbroken because of the evil and the fact that they're controlled and I'm concerned about any evil in my life. God, make me more concerned about anything that's not your kingdom in me. And when I see it, it is disturbing but I love people. And so I've been meeting with leaders and asking them to come together to really be a healthy body of Christ, the family of God, the kingdom that he is king of -- king of kings and Lord of Lords! And I saw him over there by his father and it was like he said, "Father, we're finally going to get to put our arms around the world." Isn't it

amazing when I'm a little kid and you hear this kind of hit song: He's got the whole world in his hand. He's got the tiny little baby in his hand. That hit me as a teenager. I want him to get his arms around you and around all these people who hurt and their families and everybody here. I want him to pick you up. I want everybody here to say, "James, there is some physical challenge or illness or disease in my body." I was told before we came in here someone just found out they had prostate cancer. We have other people that have heart issues. I want to ask you about physical issues first and then I want to ask you about family and personal challenges that may be of another nature other than disease. But first of all, all of you at home, if you're sick put your hand up. That's the king. Betty and I saw Narnia the other day. C.S. Lewis did so much wonderful. One of the things that really got me -- don't miss this -- one of the powerful characters in Narnia is a mouse. And in the last scene in the present depiction of a kingdom is a little mouse just standing before God. And he is asking him, "Can he use me? Can he use a mouse?" God, how many people think, me? Yes! Yes! He just wants to be so big in you! And you'll notice in Narnia they all have a sword. Here it is -- the sword of the Lord, not to beat people up with but to set them free, the word of the living God. God can use you. God, the kingdom, you're big. You say, "I've got a challenge physically in my body." Maybe it is a loved one in your family and you feel like they're right there in your heart. But you need a healing, we're talking about a physical healing. Put your hand up. Hold it up high. Those of you who see these people with their hand up -- no, keep your hand up, I need you to keep it up. And you can just put your hand up, God is watching, those of you that don't happen to have your hand up I want you to reach over and just lay your hand on their shoulder. I'd like if somebody didn't put their hand on you it may be because somebody next to you has got their hand up and they're sick. Just reach over and take their hand, with your hand that's not lifted, just reach over and take hands of the person that's ill. Betty and I are going to take hands here. We fight some challenges; we're both older.

Betty: Watch it!

[Laughter]

James: She says, "Why do you always have to tell them I'm only a month younger than you!" We've been married 48 years, we've been around a while. We have some challenges. My mother had severe arthritis; I've been speaking to it and been blessed. You've got your hand up all over the studio. You're at home, father, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I'm so glad I'm not a beggar. I'm your child -- a child of the king. I just ask you father in heaven, heal the sick right now, but command every disease and sickness and we mention this cancer that someone had asked for prayer about, other intestinal

challenges, cardiovascular challenges, joint problems, heal us. And everyone at home who says, "I've got a family." And all of our family members, everybody here that is thinking about a family member and everybody at home, God, heal that person in Jesus' name. All of you look right here at me, just rest and may the peace of God and the power of that peace be so manifest in your life that in that presence all those destructive issues and damaging issues are dealt with by the power of God. By the way, this is how all of us should comfortably pray for others and we trust them to God. When we don't see all that we ask for, he is still God, he is still Lord. It is like the three Hebrew children said our God is able to deliver us from this fire or in this fire but if he does not we still won't bow to the gods of this world because we are delivered in the fire if not from the fire. He is our deliverer. We together reveal his kingdom.

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James: Well, I believe you're getting insights hopefully that are so inspirational that the spirit of God, inspire, in spirit, receiving his spirit in fullness the divine enabler, the anointing of God, his presence in us, his kingdom rule in us, making us overcomers. I've said this, in my kingdom journey since he became the center, since I did lose my life to find it in his purpose, when I found that and I allowed him to be the king, that didn't mean I wouldn't fail or fall or miss the mark but I've got a king inside of me who won't stay down; he's going to stand up and he wants me to stand up and look toward the standard. He is the standard. I keep plowing toward him. That is the straight and narrow just looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. We're seeking with all our heart to help you. If you want this message that Betty and I have shared together on the kingdom, you simply ask for it. We just ask you to help us share life. I want you to look right now into a very real situation where you can rescue. This is not like wishful thinking. This is not seeing a problem we wish we had the solution to, we do but you're a part of the solution, a necessary part. I want you to watch closely.

On the mission field:

Audience: The eldest child in many homes around the world bears the extra responsibility of helping take care of younger siblings within the family. This is especially true in Asian families where the concepts of honor and duty to one's family are deeply ingrained. For Juanita this burden to help take care of her younger brothers and sister came at an early age.

Translator: Three years ago my father lost his job and we became very poor with no food to eat. I stopped going to school to get a job as a singer in a nightclub.

Announcer: Despite the bright lights of the stage Juanita discovered deep within the shadows of the club human trafficking was taking place. The club was a front where her youth and beauty was sold to rich and powerful men.

Lisa: How does that make her feel inside?

Translator: I felt like I was thrown into hell. I had no choice. It was horrible... and painful.

Lisa: I don't know if we understand how deep honor goes in the Asian culture. The children will often sacrifice everything to honor and supporting the family. She wants to help her family but a chance to help her family in a way that does not break her heart. And this is what rescue life is all about. We need to give girls like this who are honorable young girls that actually did what they had no choice about, we need to give them a chance to continue being honorable in a way that does not destroy them.

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In the studio:

James: Boy, I want to say thanks to Lisa Bevere and to all the missionaries and our mission team who traveled, as Betty and I have all over the world to see heartache and pain that there really is a cure for and it is the love of God. But that love is expressed through people who are available like Lisa and the missionaries, but it's the love of God through you that enables the missionaries to rescue precious girls like that beautiful girl. Here she is with an impoverished family and believing that she should help take care of them and going into town where she thinks she is going to have an honest living and she is literally turned into a sex slave. And she is trapped and she is held captive. And oftentimes they get these girls addicted to drugs, they keep them like caged animals; sometimes they keep them locked in one room where these clients just come through paying their money to sexually abuse and use these little girls. I'm so sorry that is ever a reality but it is. But you see, we really do have the answer, at least for girls like that. When you find a disease or a sickness, don't you always want to find the cure if you possibly could? When it hits close to home you know how important it is. Well, we do have a cure for that disease. It is the love of God. But those missionaries, the House of Destiny, the *LIFE* Centers and the places that we literally pay for with the gifts of people like you working with the missionaries, you are the

ones that make it possible for the housing, for the food, to take care and rescue those precious ones. It costs an average of \$128 per child. Would you make that gift? Would you make a portion of that gift? I don't think there are many people who couldn't say you know what? I'll rescue them. If I had a cure for a disease and I could give that \$128 and they be well, I'd do it in a heartbeat. Well, you do! And it is the love of God through those wonderful mission workers. Some of you could perhaps take care of ten children with a gift of \$1280. Whatever you can do, I'm asking you to dial the number there on the screen. Please, do it right now. Take your bankcard, make the best gift you can. Use that card like a check. If you write a check, make it to *LIFE* but call us and tell us you're mailing it. Or you could go online, LifeToday.org and make the gift. We've got some special gifts to say thank you for helping us share the great gift of God's love and to literally rescue the lives of these precious girls and these precious children. Thank you so much for your gift. Please make that call and thank you for doing it!

Begin video clip:

Announcer: Human trafficking... it's hard to believe it is happening! But at this very moment innocent children, many very young are being sold and forced into sexual slavery and exploited in every way imaginable and someone must save them! With your support of mission rescue life you can help rescue more than 5,000 children from the horrors of the sex trade in parts of Thailand, India, Cambodia and other targeted nations. Together we can reach vulnerable families and children by providing much needed food and relief. We can rescue those already ensnared by offering them a way out and we can restore their hearts, minds and bodies to enable them to enjoy life as God intended. Your gift today of only \$128 will help rescue a child and change their life forever. And with gifts of \$64 or \$32 we will combine your gifts with others to help rescue one more child from the shame and pain of this lifestyle. As our way of saying thank you, please request "The Butterfly Effect," how your life matters. The story of this book reveals how you were specially created by God to make a difference and have the power to change the world. As a special challenge, please prayerfully consider a gift of \$1280 to help rescue ten children. With your gift be sure to request "Heart of the Father," our beautiful new bronze sculpture that demonstrates God's fatherly love for us as his children. Call, write, or make your gift online today!

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In the studio:

James: I do want to mention that if you make any gift to help us and you'd like to have the teaching on "The Basics of Life," fulfilling God's kingdom agenda that Betty

and I have been sharing, we'll be glad to send it to you on CD. Of course, you can find those messages online. Tell your friends about it. I want to remind you of the "Heart of the Father" bronze. If there is any way that you can help us rescue ten children or more, please make that special gift and we'll send you the beautiful bronze along with "The Butterfly Effect," the significance of one person, the power of just love in motion, incredible book when you make your gift. Thank you so much for doing it! Thanks for helping us share *LIFE Today*!

Beth: And if we're going to have a story that is "Fit for a Song," number one, we've got to go ahead and accept from the very top, it's going to be a story with considerable drama.

Announcer: Beth Moore tomorrow!