

Week 13

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James: Well, it is a joy to come into your home or wherever you happen to be watching *LIFE Today*. Betty and I welcome you to the program. I'm James Robison and it is a thrill to be talking to you about what Betty and I are seeing in our prayer life and in our Bible study and just really spending time with the Lord and with people that I really believe live in the presence of the Lord. We're seeing the weight and the power and the presence of the Kingdom of God, which Jesus said in the fourth chapter of Matthew, even before the Sermon on the Mount, he said, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Not the heaven you're going to go to someday but the kingdom of heaven, the presence of God, the power of God, the weight of God's glory is at hand, it is near -- it is right here, right now! What does that look like? Betty, I think a lot of people want to know. What does it look like to express kingdom life? I believe it is a release of the life of God and the love of God and I think that's what people want to do. I think people who watch us, not only want to receive the love of God, they want to know how we can share it. In other words, how can we literally release the life of God and the love of God where it touches and benefits others?

Betty: I agree with you, James. It is being able to really allow God to be alive in us. It is not just hanging in there but it is allowing him to express himself freely through us.

James: Well, I'm convinced that the viewers of Life Today all over the world are honestly asking that question, not only how can I find the help I need? I think it is really important for you to understand this, in kingdom life, where King Jesus is king, where God the father is ruling in our lives, we are going to release where others can see it, his manifest presence. In other words, we're going to be a demonstration of the love that we as believers say God is. God is love. People say, "How do I see that?" Well, in our mission outreaches all over the world, every one of you who watch us on any order of frequency at all, you have seen God's love in action through the missionaries and you are the enablers, you are the ones -- now get this, as an individual you who help enable the mission workers, those who have gone into the pit of despair and pain to put the arms of God around the suffering. You are the ones that enable them to do that. I want to let you know, in kingdom life, in the purpose and will of God on planet earth, you are critically important, more important than you could ever imagine. The missionaries have said they were totally helpless without people like you, people who watch this program who understand the value and importance of what they are doing. Jeanne Rogers has been, Betty, with us since she was a teenager and we were just out

of our teens so that means we are a little ahead of Jeanne. She is up to... I think up to ten grandchildren now and Betty and I have 11. But I'm sure with three sons who really take seriously "be fruitful and multiply," they're likely to have more grandchildren. But Jeanne accepted Christ as a teenage girl when I was preaching and Betty was there at that particular conference retreat where Jeanne found Christ. And Jeanne has not only been going and singing all over the world and blessing people, being a wonderful mother and a wife and a grandmother but she has been a missionary and she continually goes to the mission field and she has just come back from Asia, just come back from Thailand where we opened the new *LIFE* Center and she has quite a story to tell. Jeanne, we're glad to have you here. We're glad you got back safe. As a matter of fact, we know that the places you went where the sex trafficking is so horrific with the children that they literally are taken as sex slaves, we know it is dangerous and we prayed because we knew that you even went into areas we're not actually at liberty to even describe the exact cities you were in because it could jeopardize the safety of the mission workers but you really came back with a heart full in light of what you saw and the powerful effect of the love of God through the missionaries and really because of our viewers. And I know you wanted to share with our viewers what you saw and what the love of God is doing through our viewers as well as in the outreach to rescue life to get these precious children and women out of the sex trafficking.

Jeanne: James, what you said about kingdom, that's what this ministry is all about. You've spoken so much truth to us and we're in the word as well and we're seeing this thing about kingdom. And honestly, our whole team went over to southeast Asia with that mindset that we have Christ inside of us, his spirit lives in us to draw people into the kingdom and to set captives free, to free the oppressed, to take that gospel, the good news to the poor. James, we go to some of the poorest nations. That's one of the reasons these girls get enslaved because they come from such poverty, and they go looking for help. The first place we went was to a city that I just said after one day, I feel like I have been to Sodom and Gomorrah today. This is today's Sodom and Gomorrah because it was just one place after another, street after street after street, salons, massage parlors, karaoke bars... All those places, all they are is fronts for sex trade. So we walked those streets and it just grieved us, the darkness, the heaviness. We saw children on those streets. We saw one little girl being yanked like this, being pulled down the street in full make up. She probably was five or six years old in full make up being pulled quickly down the street into one of those salons. I watched her go in and they took her right into a back room. We've already talked to enough people in that whole slave trafficking thing, with traffickers as well as girls, and they say when they go into that back room, it is the real secret stuff that's going on, where the pedophiles are back there. They want little girls and they will pay lots of money for

children to satisfy them in that lust that they have. James, we went from that city straight into interviews with girls who are wanting to be rescued. They are on the street and they are wanting to be rescued. We met with them very privately. The first one, her story just shook me. I wanted to just stop and just grieve over what I heard her tell all of our team, and that was that she was at the age of 12 -- she had three brothers and sisters and at the age of 12 they were orphaned and it fell to her to be responsible to provide food for those children. So what typically happens to them, when they are orphaned or for some reason the family can't take care of them, if they're not sold and many times they will go looking for a job in the city. And Shrayon was the one we talked to first, she went as a 12 year old to the city and the first thing that happened to her was that she has no card; they have to have an identification card, they can't get that until they're 18. She has no education and she is wandering those streets trying to find some kind of job. She has been there for several days with no place to stay, no food, no money for food and this nice old lady befriends her and says, "I have a nice room I can take you to. I have some food I'll get for you." She takes her to that room. Puts her in the room and then says, "I'll be back. I'm going to get you some food." She didn't see her. The next thing that happens is a man comes in and says, "Take your clothes off." He starts fighting with her. She's struggling, screaming for help. Nobody came. He takes out a gun and holds that gun up to her and said, "Do what I say or I will kill you." And she tells her little story with those tears coming down her face and says, "I just laid there and cried while he did everything he wanted to do."

James: I know that you -- in our heart we think, how can people be so depraved that they even make that possible, or that they would do that to someone? And then our viewers could be asking, "Well, what can you do about that?" I think it is real important for our viewers to understand that little girl that got trapped was a girl facing a very big challenge in her life and trying to make a way. And it is -- listen -- primarily, it is those children that are right where she was when she was exploited and taken advantage of. There is a child that's just looking for help or a family that can be misled into believing that if I send my child into the city they're going to get them an education or they're going to get them work or they're going to train them, and they believe the lie. Jeanne, when a little girl like that sees love like our missionaries have, that they're full of, and they see a place where they can go, when you ask how can you get them out? That is, let's say for us, that's the easiest way to get them out is when they are so vulnerable, like she was, just looking for help. But then when they get trapped just like the other women you referred to, where you went in then and talked to the ones that were down the road, not when she was trapped but now they're in it, they still want out. Our viewers are able to help us rescue the child before they get into the exploitation by giving them a future, a secure future, but also the ones that want

out, giving them the way out. Sometimes it is risky for the missionaries. But if they have the enabling, if they have the financial support, and we're able to provide the place for them to go, then we're able to do it. That's what our viewers do when we ask them, Betty, to help rescue life and we tell them the average cost is \$128, we're not exaggerating. When you see the desperation of these people, whether they're wanting out or were able to get the children before they get in, that's what our viewers are enabling us to do with the incredible oversight of the missionaries.

Jeanne: It is wonderful to look in that little girl's face and say, "We can get you out." But before we said here's the plan to get you out, we said, "But we want to first of all introduce you to Jesus Christ." And I started just telling her about my God that would love her and that would never be like that old lady that just betrayed her or those men. She even told us James, and I don't know if our audience wants to hear this, but that one of the things that made her decide to run away is when her owners put ten men in a room and put her in that room and closed the door with those ten men. She came -- she wept, she said, "I was treated like an animal." So when we say we're ready to introduce you to a new life in Christ and a new life where we will give you a place, a safe place to live and we'll teach you a skill so that you have a job, you have a way to feed yourself, you can take some money back home to those siblings that are probably at risk just like she is. So we had some hope to offer her. And she accepted Christ, it was such a beautiful scene, James. And now, already, she is in a safe place. She's learning those skills.

James: Learning a trade.

Jeanne: She's learning a trade. She is learning how to sew. She is learning how to make jewelry. And those are things that without an education, she can do to make a living. But we will also educate them.

James: Now we were talking earlier about how... the way to the presence of God, his kingdom makes an imprint on even the people that we would despise or think were hopeless. When you were talking, and Betty, we actually got to see a little clip of this where they were sharing with a pimp who's basically talking about these girls like they're just their animals or like they're just a piece of property and he is very flippant about it and very indifferent. But all of the sudden when the love of God came, you all were able to lead him to Christ. I want us to cut to that scene. I don't know whether you've seen it in detail. But I want to cut to it and just go back and then you tell us how remarkable this was.

On the mission field:

>> Actually she -- the old lady took her to the room and let the men rape her and then sold her to other men, one after the other and never gave her money.

>> At a time when she felt so disgraced for herself that she was sold and then when she was beaten all of the time she would think it is better for her to be killed.

>> They beat them and then locked in the room.

>> And they also put a spike in her leg.

>> A spike? Like a metal railroad spike? They put that into your leg? And here she is, she is caught in this trap and she doesn't see any way out. People have owned her and forced her to perform many sexual acts, ten men a day. You can look at her face and tell she doesn't want to do this. She hates it! She hates what she has to do again and again and again. I want to stop it.

End of clip**In the studio:**

James: Wow! Jeanne, that's who you were talking about a few minutes ago and it has stopped for her. Since you were there, she is in the training you referenced a while ago.

Jeanne: Well, every girl we talked to accepted Christ. We're in the process of getting these others out too, James. She just was -- we just got her out so fast it was great because it is dangerous to get them out.

James: Well, it is. And what about the man?

Jeanne: Here we talk about all these horrible things that are done to these girls and then our missionary says, "We have an opportunity to ask questions and talk to a trafficker." And we're like, "We're going to talk to the enemy? You're going to let us stand right there close?" And Janice Meyer, one of our team members, she is our photographer, she said, she was just like, "Don't get him close to me." She is like, "I want to take him out." We were all making jokes on the way over like, "Oh, we better not get Janet... Check Janice for box cutters!" We were making a joke about it but we all felt -- we were all feeling this anger at this guy we haven't even met --

James: Totally understandable.

Jeanne: We walk up though -- you know what though? A lot of what you have said and a lot of what I have seen in the word about kingdom prepared my heart. Before I walked up there, the Holy Spirit was already saying, "Don't hate him. Don't hate him. He is captive." James, I walked up and I looked in the face of this young man so ready to just see demonic evil eyes and all this stuff. I didn't see it. I'm looking at him and asking him hard questions, which he answered so honestly and bluntly and like very graphically. So we were kind of shocked by his answers but at the same time you saw me standing there going like this and listening, but you know what? From the very first question I asked him, while all the interpretation was going on, the Holy Spirit had me praying for him to have his eyes opened, for him to get saved. And here's 30 girls that he owns -- 30 girls! And I'm like oh, God! If he will accept you as savior, then 30 girls could be set free. We know of a Madame in India that had 12. She took all 12 out with her after she got saved. He could do the same thing. Why are we stopping with just -- we just put them over in this category and say, "They are just too evil." But Jesus is bringing his kingdom in are all kinds of places and he brought -- guess who -- our producer who is just so focused on everything we're doing he said, "Have you ever heard of Jesus?" In the middle of all this and then Janice goes, "Can I pray with you to receive Christ?" And so here are the very ones that were going to get box cutters surrounding him with love. He felt the love, James. And honestly, after he prayed he didn't want to leave. He just wanted to hang around and stay in there with the fellowship and the love that he sensed and the acceptance that he sensed. I was standing and watching this scene of him and this whole new countenance on him. And I looked over to my other side and here is a lineup of other traffickers. We know how to identify these guys and there were like four of them standing over here and here's they're look. They're staring at him with just this dark, dark face and these dark eyes and they're watching him get prayed for. They're watching him fellowship. I'm like he had already told us, "If I ever try to get out of this, my life would be in danger." You know what one of the questions they asked before they led into him praying was, "If you could have a different life -- a whole different life besides this one you have would you like to have a different life?" He said, "Yes!" And we just saw the door open -- the kingdom door open.

Betty: He was trapped too.

Jeanne: He was just one of those little village kids that came to the city because he's poor, and the only place that welcomed him were those gangsters, and they got him

involved in selling drugs and that's one of the reasons he does what he does to these girls, James. He says, "I have to do this because I have to have my drug money."

Betty: Well, there is no way, Jeanne that you can go time after time and that *LIFE Outreach* could keep going if we didn't know that we could offer hope and that's because of Jesus that we share with them. I believe that they sense that; don't you? When you're there, that they know there is something different, there is something -- there's life in your expression to them and your love. They've never had love shown to them.

Jeanne: Well, there was another girl we interviewed that her mother had sold her to a Japanese man when she was 12 years old and she wept and wept and said, "I don't know why, I don't know why my mother never loved me." That kind of cruelty is hard for us to even identify with. But I remember wrapping my arms around her and just saying, "I want to be her mom!" That seemed like such a little thing. "I want to be your mom!"

James: You're actually saying that in a more appropriate words of a mother that I want to be -- you're really expressing the father's heart, he wants to be father, he wants to hold everyone. I don't know how many of you may have heard me some days back, maybe it was a week or two back but I was praying with some of our leadership here and I felt like I saw Jesus just get real excited. I had to use the term because I really looked up and told my staff what I felt like I saw. It was Jesus getting real excited by his father. I said it was like he was saying, "Father, look!" I was praying for a unity of spirit among believers. I was praying for a heart harmony not only with God but with one another, and we're beginning to see that happen miraculously across all sectarian walls, across the walls that have been divided for too long and kept us apart, not only from one another but actually keeping us apart from God. And I could see us coming together and it was as though Jesus said, "Look father! We're going to finally get to put your arms around the world -- put the arms of love." And what you just heard Jeanne describing, this is totally supernatural. This is the weight of God's kingdom presence and power. This is fullness in the spirit. This is not only walking in the spirit, full of the spirit but understanding the presence and power, the prevailing glory of God, the imprint and the weight of God on everything around us when we're aware of that presence and then we release that power. It doesn't matter what kingdom is there, the gates of hell cannot prevail against the influence of God in our lives. This is what we're doing together as believers when we join hearts and hands with the father, we actually put his arms around the world. There is no power too great for God to overcome to tear down the gates of hell, those barriers that keep people in prison. This is the day Jesus said the captives can be set free. I'm going to open the eyes of the blind. That's

what happened to that trafficker that Jeanne was talking about. He was trapped. The girls are trapped. The people that are going and using the girls are trapped, and it is the power of God. This is the good news of the gospel that wherever you are, whoever you are, you are valuable to God, you are important and his life and his love can transform your life, and that's a message for you right where you are. You may need to call the telephone number you see there and say, "Look, pray with me. I need to be set free. I need to know God. I need to know him as my father." Someone will be so happy to pray with you. Then you know this, we're doing our best, when I say "we" it is a big "we," it is all of us together. It is the family of God. The Bible talks about the church, the believers being the body of Christ. We reveal him. When we join together we put hands out. I've said it many times and it is so true. You become an expression of the heart of God and extension of the hands of God. You release this river of life. You can, right now, if you would help us rescue some of these girls, some of these precious children. The average cost, this is not an exaggeration, this is what it takes, the average cost is \$128 to rescue someone from the sex traffic; that's what it takes. Could you help us do that? Would you help us do that? With all my heart I pray you will. If you could help us save several of them from this horrible life, yes, and be a witness to people who are trapped in it and by it and a part of it, that's the power of God's love. But you are the enablers. You are the ones that keep the missionaries in place, you are the ones who make the *LIFE* Centers and the places of escape possible. You are the providers, and the average cost to do that is \$128. If you could possibly help us, from the bottom of my heart, for his glory and his purpose, I ask you to help.

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 pray that if you happen to get a busy, it is for two reasons, one there are so many people calling to help because God knows we need everybody to help, everybody watching. Or there are people calling saying, "I want to know God. I want to know this father. I want to move into his kingdom reality." You need to understand "The Butterfly Effect." A butterfly, literally, the motion of those little delicate wings can start a hurricane. You can release the power of God's love. And we're sending this to say thank you. I want to remind you, here it is, the father's heart. That's what -- you're expressing the "Heart of the Father." Jeanne, when she represented us, I said as a mother, the mother's heart, really is expressing the father's heart. The Holy Spirit's characteristics and the characteristics and traits of the Holy Spirit are more feminine than they are masculine. So it is a combination of a whole -- it is the family of God but we're revealing the heart of a heavenly father. If you could help us rescue ten of these precious children, these girls, please do it. We want to be a blessing to you. But just know this, you're being used of God to set people free; literally to rescue life and set captives free, and from the bottom of our heart we say thank you.