

Week 13

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James: Thank you! So good to have all of you here. Welcome to *LIFE Today*. I'm James Robison. Betty and I are thrilled to have Jim Hylton back with us. He's talking about the Kingdom of God in us. This is not some foolish power play, this is not some big religious move, as a matter of fact, it is a return to a real meaningful relationship and Jim Hylton is here. He has written a book called "The Supernatural Skyline." Jim has a chapter in here where he talks about losing the war in the wrong battle. "Friendly fire has created many of the current casualties among American Christians. The devil does not need to do much to defeat us. We can destroy ourselves with very little help from anyone else." This is the way church people are. It is amazing -- we talk about being soldiers but it is like we're in the military to wipe each other out and we've done an incredible job of it. We have moved into religion and somehow we have lost relationship. That's what Jim has so effectively sought to help people see in this incredible book, which we'll be more than happy to send you. Would you welcome the author Jim Hylton to *LIFE Today*? We're glad to have you here again, Jim.

[Applause]

You've been a pastor, you've been in ministry for 50 years. I'm getting close. I've been about 48, 49 years now, I lose count. But the point is we've been around a long time, we've been around a lot of religious people and to be honest with you sometimes it is not a very pleasant experience and they're really good at what you call "wine skin wars." We don't really fight the right enemy in the right way with the right armor with the king ruling. It is like we go out and set up our own little kingdoms and we divide into all these little kingdoms and we don't really see the king. So this has to be disturbing to you but it is as though you looked into something that can sort of open the eyes of our understanding so that we can begin to walk in a new way in this day; not so we can get out of here and escape the whole thing but so we can see the presence of a living God revealed not only to us but through us. This is what I hear you saying. Just elaborate on some of the things you want us to understand.

Jim: If we go back to the beginning and you see what Moses understood when he went up into that rarified atmosphere that God took him into, he was regressed back to the beginning of time, how God wanted a family. He didn't start with religion. Religion was introduced in that garden but it wasn't introduced by God. It was introduced by an enemy who came who had been kicked out of heaven who was the first orphan, namely an angel who disobeyed and tried to take over from God and

became orphaned. And he came to the son of God, Adam, and convinced Adam that he could be like God if he would do the opposite of what God had told him, namely to go to the tree of knowledge, and good and evil. Now he already was like God. He was made in the image of God so he was exactly like God, which is the fallacy of what many people are grappling with today. They're trying to be somebody in Christ they already are if they are in Christ. And they're trying to get something from him they already have because heirs of God and they're joint heirs with Christ so it is already theirs. So this idea of trying to something you already have and be somebody you already are is kind of discouraging.

[Laughter]

Because it is working endlessly and needlessly; correct?

James: This is the height of deception is what it is and so you walk in darkness and defeat.

Jim: So instead of receiving from God, from the tree of life he went over to this tree and knowledge of good and evil, which is a substitute knowledge, which is the tree most people feed off of. In life there is knowledge because the Lord is our teacher, our instructor. So as a result he was orphaned and immediately religion took place in his life. So what did he do? He built a system of covering himself and hiding himself because in the system of religion you're always trying to earn your way to God, which is what is so delightful about Jesus coming and announcing, "God has come to you. He that hath seen me is looking at God. And with my coming the kingdom has come..." the kingdom is already here. So he wasn't bringing us a religion that gives us a set of rules and gives us that discipline to do these things to please God, he is saying, "This is yours, receive it." So you see this all through scripture. You see it in John chapter one, "As many receive him," verse 12, as many who receive him to them they gave the power to be what?

James: Sons of God.

Jim: The sons of God. What we've done in the Christian religion, because the Christian religion is no different than any other religion, we have substituted a relationship with the living God, what you have championed and said so well already. We've substituted this relationship with God and him holding us and receiving his love and reflecting his love, we have substituted that with the mindset of an orphan. So what has happened without us knowing it, we have been so programmed to think like orphans think, which is to think with fear and intimidation, and the attempt to

gain and earn by merit instead of receiving by faith the love of the father for us. So our churches, without us knowing it, have become orphanages in which we live in this orphan mentality, and the better the pastor is trained to master the orphanage, the fewer orphans are killed by the other orphans.

[Laughter]

So as a result the survival rate is increased greatly in those places that you can keep the killing fields out of the church. What we've done within the context of what we now call "church life" is we have turned the lights up in the church so that we are now blinded by the intensity of light and the degree of light so that we can't see the kingdom. We are not reflecting the light of Jesus, we are reflecting an artificial reproduction of something that is not the real thing. But when we let his light come then he is revealing through his glory and his light is within his glory, within himself. So when he comes to illuminate us, the thing that Betty was saying in a previous broadcast about this illuminating factor, how the Lord gives us eyes to see, the eyes of our understanding are enlightened that we may know the hope of his calling and the riches of his inheritance in the saints, which is the prayer that Paul prayed in the first chapter of Ephesians. So what the Lord is doing today is taking people out of this way of thinking and we're in the midst and in the early stages of a revolution. It is a revolution in the way we see who we are in light of who God made us to be. With all the rights and all the benefits that he has chosen to give us. And the great news is, there is not one person, wherever they are listening to us discuss this that is not included in. God cut you into the deal. He brought you to his family and brought you in supernaturally to be part of his kingdom, and in this supernatural birthing you enter in. Then in the same supernatural engagement he gives you eyes and you see. It is like waking up to a brand new world because everything that exists when the new day begins was there all night long but in the dark you couldn't see it. If you've ever gone somewhere and checked into a place in the night in the dark, and didn't know where you were because you couldn't see, then the next morning when the light comes and you look out you think, oh, my goodness! And I'm in the midst of this. It is like it was arranged for me! And the fact is, it was arranged for you. This is exactly what the Lord had in mind when he saw you before the foundation of the world. And when he saw you, he loved you and he cared about you. Just like you, James. Your life has that unexplainable dimension of how God protected you and your story has been such an illustration. One of the things that God has done in your life is to give you insights into this even though you may not have been understanding fully, as you said earlier in a broadcast. But when we got together recently and you began to talk to me about our being a garden, I thought, oh, my goodness! He is seeing the fact that in this garden, when God started, everything was perfect. And the marvelous thing was Adam and

Eve were not only in the garden, the garden was in them. And everything of beauty and harmony and wholesomeness was in this garden, in them. But when they made the fatal mistake and the dumb exchange they made, the worst deal ever made, when they went for the tree of knowledge of good and evil instead of the tree of life, which is what all of us have done, we have repeated their mistake, when they did it, all of the sudden the garden was rearranged inside them and they no longer had this order and this peace and this sense of completeness and well-being. You see, we are made complete in Christ Jesus.

James: He came to do what the enemy had undone.

Betty: And the enemy's plan and ploy of life is to keep us from knowing that we are significant, each one of us is significant to God. He died for every one of us that we might have life. And when we accept him into our hearts, he gives us every tool, everything we would ever need to live kingdom living. I was sharing with James and some of our staff just recently. I shared with them personal testimony of where I came from as a young Christian. That was just the beginning plan God had for my life but I had to make the choice to allow him to begin his plan in me. But for whatever reason I didn't see, Jim that God had enough gifts to go around for this little girl to have one. And it is the same for you. God didn't run out of gifts, he didn't run out of his plan, you are an important plan in his kingdom and we have to realize that and stand forth and let God stand in us and be a light to the world and allow him to let his light so shine through us that people will want to come in droves to sit at his feet.

James: I grew up without a father, without a home and he became my father. The thing that I watched happen was religion began to train me. It is never intentional, Jim, I don't believe anybody that's building a kingdom other than his, I don't think they realize that's happening. A lot of people build ministries, it's not really building the kingdom and they get pretty well self focused rather than Christ focused and others focused. What happens is we begin to train people into the systems of the traditions of men substituted for the commandments and truth of God which is liberating. We really put people in an orphanage in some form of bondage. It is not intentional. We don't need to become critical. One of the things you say in here was that when Martin Luther started what became a great reformation and a great restoration of the word, he nailed his thesis to the door of the church he didn't nail the door shut. Interestingly, and you point this out so beautifully in the book, Jesus is standing at the door knocking. We all realize he wants to come into our lives -- true but the actual picture there is he is knocking at the door of the church wanting to come in in his presence. So we've got to understand that there is a lot left out of the church in light of his presence and his glory. But the only way his presence and his power and his glory is going to be

released and revealed in the church is to be revealed to us, released through us. The only way you get the power of God into a building built with hands is to come into the temple that God dwells in and that's us and we come in and in this holy gathering -- Jim, it is when people come together as kingdom people that we become the city that's set on a hill that cannot be hid. One little light and all of our light will brighten where we are but the city is a collective -- it is a city who he is builder maker is God; that's what Abraham was looking for, that's what God as you said was looking for in the garden. This is where God wants to take us. I want to encourage you to get this book, where heaven touches earth, this is "The Supernatural Skyline." This is absolutely fantastic. I find myself wanting to sit here and read it to you. But Jim is doing such a good job of just preaching it to you, it is just fabulous. The point is, I want to put something in your hands that will get something in your heart and that's the truth of God that's liberating. As a matter of fact, we're going to be compiling teaching on really "The Basics of Life" which is God's kingdom agenda fulfilled and accomplished in us, in every single one of us, as surely as this finger connected to this part of the hand and to the wrist and the arm, every part must be connected in order for the body to be healthy; the body of Christ must fit together, all of us fitting together to reveal the fullness of Christ in his people. We can all reveal his glory to a point but not like we can as a family, a city. This is what God wants to restore but it begins with you. Father, I pray for every person listening right now that they will understand you did not miss them, you did not bypass them. You love them more than we can put in words. God take them in your arms right now. Let them know that you want to hold them and carry them as they yield their life, the garden of their life to you for your fruitfulness to be accomplished in them, for your purpose to be done. In Jesus' name. You invite God to be your father. Receive Jesus as your savior. Just ask him, Lord, I receive you. Come into my life. Give me life. You died for me, you paid the price, you took the shame, you took the blame and I receive that payment you made and I want you to be my Lord and my savior. I give you my life, all of it! I yield it to you, be my king. And you yield. We'll be happy to send you a study guide, "Knowing God as Father" to give you some simple Bible steps. We'd love to send you the book "The Supernatural Skyline" because we want to be a blessing to you. You'll be a blessing to others. Would you just join Betty and me in saying thanks to Jim Hylton for sharing? We're going to be talking to you more Jim about the kingdom. And as a matter of fact, we're on a journey over the coming months with every person, I don't care if it is Beth Moore or any guest we have for people to reveal to you what the kingdom looks like and will look like in the people of God and you individually and you're going to be blessed by it. Let me show you something, Betty, we're going to look in and we're going to see in the background a *LIFE* Center that love built to rescue children from the sex trafficking, the abuse of little children in sexual activity, selling the little bodies for a favor, for an act -- sex act with men. And they come in on plane loads from all

over the world into these various areas to take advantage of these little children. Love is rescuing them -- all of us joining together. Here's what I want to ask you to do, you look and say, "God, can I rescue a child? See them in a home where your love is expressed?" Yes, you can! I want you to watch. See if you don't want to help.

On the mission field:

>> Children are robbed of their innocence, they are abused for profit, they are exploited to satisfy someone's greed and lust.

>> This little girl was trafficked at a year old. There are beggar slaves, labor slaves, sex slaves, kids as young as six months old that are being used.

>> So imagine a child being raped four or five times a day every single day.

>> And there are millions of children just like this that are waiting to be rescued that are crying out to be rescued. We cannot turn our back. We can't turn our heads and say it is not happening in our generation, it is real.

>> Every day we care about this horrible evil situation these children are faced with and every day we need to be doing something!

>> We'll never stop until everybody's free.

End of clip

In the studio:

James: That precious missionary that you saw, Carol, holding that little girl and just the buildings you can see there in the background, that is the *LIFE* Center, the House of Destiny in Thailand that you built, people like you all over the world who did their part. Carol, if you remember worked in the entertainment community providing generator power, she and her husband, for Hollywood on their sets and movies. She sold a diamond ring, I think it was a five or six karat diamond ring, they sold everything they had and moved to Thailand to just start rescuing children; rented housing, whatever they could get, and they've never come home. We found them, I didn't know. I preached in California and some of the things I said had impacted them and we basically found them in the midst of pain. And we said to you, we said to our viewers, would you help this missionary couple and others like them? And let's rescue these children before they get trapped; go out into the villages where parents in

desperation, so poor they will sell a little child for money or sometimes for a radio or television. And they will tell them the child is going to go... we're going to put them in school in town but they don't. And they get them addicted and they make slaves of them. We rescue them there, we rescue them when we find them in the city, we find them wandering, wherever it is, places in India, Cambodia, Thailand and it takes \$128, that's what the cost is to rescue one of those children, \$1280 we can rescue ten. The only limit we have on rescuing thousands of children and we've already specifically targeted over 5,000, nearly 6,000 in areas we know of and we said, "Okay, God give us the money to get those." But I'm going to tell you, the only limit is where we don't release the love. In other words, could you help ten or more? Help rescue them or one child for a gift of \$128? Betty, I can't imagine anyone that has any ability to help not doing something to rescue these children.

Betty: I know your heart's been touched as you've watched. These are babies we're watching. They are perishing through abuse, neglect, mistreatment and everything unimaginable that we can think of. Please help us with them. Please make a difference in their lives. Give them some hope. They have nowhere to go unless we reach out to them. Please join with us.

James: When Carol and others like Carol and her husband and these missionaries, what they were doing reached us and we saw the need and I honestly wondered if we could even share it with our viewers and you just not be so repulsed by the horrible acts that you would just turn away. And I've got to reach out and put arms of love around you and say thank you. You inspired us, you inspired Carol and her husband to know we paid the right price. People are not going to leave us here empty-handed, they're going to enable us. That's what the missionaries have found. That's what you've said, "We'll do it, James." Would you dial that number right now? Would you take your bankcard and use it like a check? Help us rescue ten children if you can. Help us rescue a child. Whatever you can do -- by the way, no gift is too small because it's going to go to help give life. Would you make that call right now or go online LifeToday.org? We have some special gifts that we want to send you to help you. We're going to be sending you "The Butterfly Effect" which is really the significance of one. A beautiful gift! Jim Hylton's book "The Supernatural Skyline," we want you to have it this week. And we have a beautiful bronze that just shows the father's love -- incredible collectible. Thank God for these artists who want to bless you as you bless others. Would you go to the phone or go online? Would you make the gift God puts on your heart? Thank you so much 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!

End of clip**In the studio:**

James: The greatest expression of God's kingdom is the love of the father. We're not orphans, we're children. And if you will express the love of a father to people who feel like they've been left out, people who have been abandoned, neglected, or abused, incredible! Help us rescue ten children if you can. We've got "The Supernatural Skyline" along with "The Butterfly Effect" to send to you to help you understand God's purpose in your life. It is beyond anything you ever dreamed. Thank you for being here. Would you join us in thanking Jim Hylton. Jim, thank you so much for sharing your heart. Jim will be back with us for another program. Encourage your friends to watch *LIFE Today* and be a part of the family of God and express his life.

Beth: How do you live the kind of life that makes such a great story you could sing about it?

Announcer: A story fit for a song -- tomorrow on *LIFE Today*!