

Week 23

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**James:** Well, we thank all of you who are here in the audience and we do encourage you to come and join us. We normally tape on Tuesday evenings with a live audience and with our guests. We're going to present Beth Moore, joining with Betty and with me, as we talked about this subject: God's Kingdom in You. I want to ask you to really seriously consider not only helping us meet the needs of children who are starving for just a chance, and we can give them a chance at life, but I also want you to give us an opportunity to share with you some insights concerning God's kingdom in us. The subheading, very important, living in his presence, God's presence, Jesus' presence in the present; not waiting for the kingdom to ultimately come, but the power of his presence in kingdom now. And this entire series is available on CD and DVD, along with a study guide. I really encourage you to get it. I don't think you'll be able to stop listening. I think you'll want to get friends to join you in a Bible study at home or perhaps even for the church. It will keep the attention of the entire audience but also, it will keep your focus if you want to use it as a personal Bible study. It has literally the effect individually, small groups or to an entire study group or even church congregation. So I encourage you to get this insight. It's really the most important understanding that God has ever led me into, and I think, Betty, you would agree. What you're see right now, it helps us to understand the fullness of God's will in our lives right now, not just in heaven.

**Betty:** No now!

**James:** Right now!

**Betty:** Right now!

**James:** Well, we're going to join with Beth, God's Kingdom in You. "Wednesdays with Beth" -- here's Beth!

**Begin video clip:**

**James:** Here's something that I really believe is critically important. I mentioned this to you before we came out here for this session. You're a teacher and you're really a gifted teacher but the worst thing that could ever happen to you would be to have a whole nation of Beth-ites. Wouldn't that be awful?

**Beth:** It would be the most nauseating thought I could imagine.

**James:** Would that not just break your heart?

[Laughter]

**Beth:** Yes!

**James:** As a matter of fact, one of the obstacles that --

**Beth:** The world does not have room for that much hair!

[Laughter]

Let's start there!

**James:** You know one of the battles that I had to go through when I was talking to the Lord about us doing this, I said, "You're going to go into a room full of mostly women and they want to hear Beth and they got you. What a disappointment! Thank God you brought Betty, you might make it!" Now here's the deal. No, I'm just telling you that's what was thrown at me. But you see --

**Beth:** That was the enemy.

**James:** It was the enemy. I don't think you raise up that kind of people. But you'd be surprised at how many places you would go and somebody says, "Well, I wanted to hear her -- or him and I sure didn't want to hear you!"

[Laughter]

You see, if we all come together for the purpose of hearing who?

**Beth:** Jesus! Yes!

**James:** I want you to open your Bible to First John, chapter two. Open your Bible up. Listen, go get your Bible at home and I actually brought the *LIFE Outreach* study guide that's got the N.I.V., the Amplified, the King James Version and the New American Standard all in one. Sometimes you can read -- you want one of these?

**Beth:** When did you get this? Yes!

**James:** You take this one home with you, all right? It is just wonderful. It's got it all right there together and you can look at all of them because I didn't know what some folks might be reading. I wanted you to get it but this is real important for you to get this. This is critically important because this is -- you were talking a moment ago about divided kingdom. This is one of the places we divide. So let's just go ahead and set the record straight right now. Appreciate Beth. Appreciate Joyce, Billy... whoever! Andrew Womack. Whoever -- by the way, all you who don't like some of these people I talked about, I really don't want to get a scolding. I really don't. You can write me a whole dissertation how wrong all of them are. Let's just pray that they will all get straightened out like me and you.

[Laughter]

Okay? But my point is that it doesn't matter who it is you like, you've got one person you're trying to hear. There is only one teacher, his name is Jesus. Look at this because I think it is important. First John chapter two, let's start at verse 26. First John two. Are you there? I happen to be reading the New American Standard. Do you have an N.I.V.?

**Beth:** I have the N.I.V.

**James:** Betty, you've got the New Living. All right, we've got three up here. We're trying to cover all the bases because we don't want to have a three-way split.

[Laughter]

I love what my friend Jack Taylor said. He said, you know, Jesus -- there is three accounts of healing blind people. One time he spit. Another time he spit twice. Another time he didn't spit. He said, "Three denominations, one spit, two spit, no spit."

[Laughter]

That's just about how quick we start denominations.

[Laughter]

And this was when they were actually being assaulted by people who were not telling the truth but they were doing some pretty effective communicating that which was less than the real truth. So he's trying to tell them, this is in the New Testament age, when they got pretty reliable sources. They've got eyewitnesses of his majesty, they've got John that's leaning on his shoulder, they've got the apostles around him so they were pretty close. They've got kingdom power. He said, "I want to talk to you about any deception, anybody even trying to deceive you or mislead you."

Now Beth, that really might stretch some of you. You don't need anybody teach you. You've got an anointing. Now listen, that anointing is so great that if you will search these scriptures you will find the truth. You can search the scriptures daily whether what Beth says is true, whether what James says is true, whether what pastor says is true. But you don't do it to get angry with them or to get bent out of shape. You just say, "Lord, they might have missed it here or maybe I've got some more to learn and I know you'll teach me but I'm going to be praying for them in case they missed it." And that's how we treat each other. We don't start gathering around teachers. You remember how Paul scolded them in First Corinthians about how they said, "I'm of Christ." "I'm of Cephas." And "I'm of Paul." What did he say to them? He said, "I can't even talk to you like spiritual men. I have to talk to you like fleshly people. I can't even talk to you like the new creation people you are." And why couldn't he? Because they had chosen a teacher other than Jesus together and even though they were anointed teachers. See, I don't care how anointed the teacher is you can discern the truth. It is very important that you know this. You can go home... and Beth, this is simply the truth with me because I heard great teachers and I've been in some great spirit-filled conferences and great preaching conferences, I have never had visitations from the Lord like I have had in my own family room and alone by myself sitting on a porch in a rocker, or sitting out on the side of a hill. Do you understand what I'm saying? Listen to me, ladies, you can get pumped gloriously in the presence of God by his presence and he'll teach you. Men, listen to me, he will help you. Quit gathering around teachers. Do you agree, Beth, this really divides us unnecessarily?

**Beth:** Oh, yes it does. When you were having us turn to First John two my thoughts also went, recently just began to look up every single occasion of the word "one" because it occurred to me that the sum total of every divine equation is always one -- that you might be one. I love these verses out of Ephesians four that say:

4 There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to one hope when you were called-- 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

In all these parts of the body, that's how we come together is that I need you, Betty, I need what you bring. We need one another in the body of Christ to operate in the fullness of the spirit in that particular group. If we don't know him on our own, if we don't have our own personal relationship with him, hear the word for ourselves with our own ears, we will never know what is real and what is counterfeit out there.

**James:** Absolutely. I want you to go ahead and turn over to Ephesians. Go ahead because we'll actually stay there in some of the other areas that we're going to deal with in this series on really "God's Kingdom in You." But go on over to Ephesians because that where you were just reading, it is just jumping all over me. As a matter of fact, we're going to want to give some attention to the chapter before it. But I want to call your attention to what she is just reading there, about this walking in the unity of the spirit in a bond of peace. Do you see that? Look what it says:

What does it say in the N.I.V?

All right, it says "diligent." It means be serious about it. Then he talks about one body. Then down below if you'll see he talks about all of the ones that were set in the church in verse 11: blank. By the way, you don't choose these people, they have been set, placed in the church by God. You don't just pick them. Beth, what I think we have to do is recognize the ones he's set, the ones he put there and there will be people that will be primary teachers or apostles or prophets that really speak to the whole church in the world earth. Then there will be some that seem to be regional, then you're going to have a pastor and teachers in your church but there will be somebody that's going to be saying something prophetically or even at a pastoral or apostolic role speaking as kind of an overseer. That is not really a misrepresentation Of truth. They will be speaking -- and what the whole church needs to do, which means that a denomination over here may need to recognize God is actually speaking through somebody God set in the church that we need to be hearing over here in our group. Does that make sense? Now watch what happens. This is really important for us to see this body being fit together. This is so wonderful when you see what's happening. The reason they're in the church they're here to equip the saints. By the way, you're a saint. You're priests, kings, sons, daughters, saints -- that's who you are. Saints! That's kingdom reality.

By the way, I think you can start with the unity of the spirit, if you'll start there we can actually come into a unity of faith and faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God and hearing it clearly. I think if we get built, starting with the unity of the spirit, diligently trying to keep it, I think we can actually build in the unity of the faith

for the whole family where we're hearing the word more clearly and more purely. Does that make sense? So that we're really beginning to see a real healthy body.

These waves are normally influences or words or even the spirits that come at you, deceiving spirits but also people who are speaking something that has a negative influence on you and a negative impact. There are waves and influences, winds and spirits of doctrines. Beth, I found that you can take a doctrine, make an idol out of it and that thing has a spirit on it! You can see people walking around in churches with the spirit of a doctrine on them and they look like -- Jesus said, "You look good on the outside but on the inside you're full of dead men's bones." Do you see what I'm talking about? There is a spirit of doctrines on people that is not the spirit of God.

**Beth:** And there is a whole counsel of God, when we make one thing our entire belief system, whether it is warfare, whether it is spiritual gifts, whatever it may be. When we lose that kind of balance, we lose the love of Christ that walks in the truth of his word. Something is going to give way. Something is going to give way because we've lost our balance.

**James:** Then look what happens. You will not again be influenced like the enemy has done by the trickery of men:

All of this has to work by love. I'm telling you, when you can see people fitting together properly, you see a beautiful picture of Jesus. Next point.

**Beth:** Well, what this leads into so beautifully, we've been talking about:

That he continually is at work through. We see it so perfectly even when he goes to Christ in the wilderness of temptation. There is such a perfect example of him going to him in Luke 4:5.

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

And basically went, these are all yours. I've come for one kingdom, the Kingdom of God. But I thought to myself, how often we'll miss the full blessing because we'll take a shortcut. See, if Christ had just proclaimed himself as king, which he could have done and not gone to the cross, he would be king but we would be lost. There would have been nothing gained for us. If he had taken over the kingdom -- if his kingdom had

come in its fullness at that moment when the enemy was trying to dangle it in front of him, going, you know what? There is an easier way because he knew that the cross was coming upon him. He knew that dread. And if he had gone for the shortcut, we would be lost. It brings us -- one of the things I wanted us to talk about in this particular segment is the fact that we are co-heirs with Christ. That because we have been called into the kingdom and because we have the Holy Spirit and the kingdom is in us, we've been born into the kingdom and the kingdom has been born into us, we're told in scripture that we have a kingdom inheritance. But one of the things that we've got to realize and this is where the warfare plays into it, is that like the children of Israel -- do you remember some weeks ago when we talked about the fact that what was true of the children of Israel in physical terms, in tangible terms is often so true of us in a spiritual parallel. So we are given kingdom ground. All of us have ministry that we're called to. It doesn't matter if you're in a secular workplace, if you're a public schoolteacher, if you are in Christ, you have a calling on your life. And you have been given apportioned property. It doesn't necessarily have boundary lines like a city would have or like a kingdom of the ancient world would have but your boundary lines have fallen in pleasant places -- that is the promise of scripture, and he has given you this kingdom ground that is yours, for your lifetime and for the completion of your ministry on this earth. But where I see such a parallel is that remember that we receive the kingdom but there is ground we have to take just like the children of Israel when they were out in the wilderness. Here they've been given the land of -- this is your land. It is yours. I'm giving it to you. And yet he went, "Go in there and take it." It is very interesting. My oldest daughter and her husband are in ministry together and he is a young minister with his wife that is called right to his side and they are the most wonderful young couple and I'm watching God do such a mighty work through them. And he's just showing them the next step in their ministry together. She and I were talking about some obstacles that had come up and some things that made it look like for a while that that promise that they felt like God had made over their ministry life together would either be delayed or maybe it wasn't going to happen at all. So we were talking it through. By this time she was what you reflected on a moment ago, Betty, she had already come to peace herself in her own heart. I said, "Honey, I tell you, I notice something all the time. God will give me vision for that ground and then as I begin to walk toward it, boy, the enemy starts standing on it and daring me to take it. Daring me to take it! But what God, I believe -- I believe what God has in mind for us is that if we don't have to fight to take it, we won't be able to have the strength to keep it." I said, "Baby, he is going to raise the two of you in ministry together. You'll have a lot of responsibility. You'll be dealing with a lot of different kinds of people, a lot of different kinds of problems." And I said, "You not only have to have the strength to get there but you've got to have the strength to hold your ground -- to hold your ground." Where is it that we keep surrendering that ground? That kingdom ground he

gave us that was ours? And the enemy just keeps inching us back and further back and further back and we're losing what was kingdom property as joint heirs in Christ. We have so much that we're going to receive when we see him face-to-face and when his kingdom comes in its fullness but we have ground here on this planet in his name. We have ground we are meant to take in the power of the kingdom.

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**In the studio:**

**James:** Hoo, Beth! If you'll get it, what it means to take the ground. By the way, we are the ground, the fertile field of God. But when we take the ground it's the weight of his presence -- it's not like some power takeover, it is the manifestation of the power of God. I really encourage you to get God's Kingdom in You, living in his presence in the present. You can get it on CD, DVD, and the study guide, along with Jim Hylton's book, The Supernatural Skyline. What we're asking you to do is really take part in God's heart by putting his hands around the suffering. We're going to show you kingdom reality. The tendency naturally is to turn away when you see a need. The supernatural response is God, what can you do to reveal yourself in that situation? Now you're going to see Beth in the midst of pain; the pain that you and I together, all of us, we really have the answer to. So you may have an impulse to turn away -- don't! Look right into the situation and let God's power through you touch that situation. Watch closely.

**On the mission field:**

**Isak:** I know many of you see those pictures. You read the news stories. You see the headlines of how many children so desperately need help, of how many children are starving here on the continent of Africa. You say, "It's not right and it is not fair that I child could sit here in a clinic like this and die -- die as a result of a simple lack of food."

**Beth:** It's an inconceivable sight. There is nothing that prepares you to see a child in this kind of condition. It is almost unbearable. We have got to get to these children in the villages, in their homes, in the schools, way before this happens!

**End of clip**

**In the studio:**



**James:** Let me just tell you that those little eyes, blinking right there, that little boy with his so emaciated skin, it is just falling off his little body, that little baby didn't live. I could see those eyes. I don't turn away from pain. I guess if I didn't know a God big enough to meet any need, and a god that loves enough that if he could just find available hands he will touch the suffering, I guess I probably couldn't bear to look at it. One of my prayers for our viewers, Betty is that they would not do the easy, the natural thing, to turn away but that you would turn to God and then in God's behalf turn to those little children because I want to talk to you about thousands of little kids, a half million of them that our missionaries have in place. You say, "What do you mean in place?" They found them. They located them. In all of their pain and their need and they said, "If you will enable us we'll take care of them. We're going to love them. We're not just going to talk to them about God's love, we're going to demonstrate it to them. We're going to show them the love of God." But Betty, every one of those missionaries would be there with empty hands and empty bowls, our missionaries try to give these starving children a little bowl of porridge, a nutritionally designed mix for that particular area's need. This bowl was your idea. Years ago you saw them with little tin cans and sometimes plastic bags that the hot soup mix would burn right through the bag and the kids would fall down on the ground trying to get it out of the dirt. You said, "Give them a bowl! Give them a heat-resistant bowl." And the missionaries said, "We can't afford to give them bowls, they're starving!" You said, "We'll give them the bowl. We won't give them an empty bowl, we'll give them something in the bowl." You have been the most incredible, indescribable inspiration to us for years. You are a joy to the Lord and a source of life to those little children. So we come to you twice a year and we ask you to give a gift that will keep giving life for the next months. Now I'm not exaggerating when I tell you this, this is not total child care. This is lifesaving, nourishment; it is a nutritious mix and oftentimes, Betty in the malnutrition clinics it is the basics of intravenous feeding, it is the sugar and oil, it is the things that we'll try to save them at the last. You provide all of that! \$30, \$50 -- I'm not exaggerating -- or \$100, we can take care of three, five, or ten children for the next several months. Will you dial that number right now? Please? I'm asking. It is pretty easy to sit there and look at me but see, I really prayed a lot that God would touch your heart and you would touch someone with his love. I'm believing that about you. Some of you have done this and said it's been such a joy. Well, help us now so we can share with them the opportunity to live, show them the love of God. Some of you, it is your first time. Some of you have never done this before. You want your prayers answered? Seek to be an answer to someone else's prayers. You get involved with what God is concerned about, watch what happens to your concerns! Watch God's focus. You be an answer to their prayer. Would you dial that number? Take your bankcard and make the best gift you can. You can help us save ten lives or 100, please do it. Three or five, whatever you can do. We've got some special gifts for you to help

you understand the beauty of God's Kingdom in You right now. Thank you for making that call. You get a busy, you call until you get through or you can go online and make that gift, LifeToday.org. I'm asking to you make that gift now. Thank you for doing it.

**Begin video clip:**

**Announcer:** At this very moment a child is drawing her last breath struggling to stay alive due to a lack of food. Sadly, this impoverished child is not alone and without our help, many like her throughout Africa face death as well. Today you can make a difference. You can save a life! *LIFE's* mission feeding teams are in place right now ready to answer the hunger cries of half a million children throughout remote areas of Angola, Mozambique, and Sudan. With previous food reserves gone and Southern Africa facing its worst conditions and food shortage in more than two decades, we desperately need to replenish our supplies for the feeding programs immediately! Your lifesaving gift of \$30, \$50, or \$100 will help feed and care for three, five, or ten children for three full months. With your gift we'll send you the God's Kingdom in You audio series and companion scripture guide. James and Betty Robison, along with Beth Moore, inspire you to live every day in the power and presence of God. With your gift of \$125 or more to help feed ten children you may request both the video DVD and audio series with scripture guide. As a bonus we will also send you Jim Hylton's new book, the supernatural skyline. Finally, please prayerfully consider a gift of \$1,000 or more to help save the lives of 100 children and be sure to request the beautiful new "Heart of the Father" bronze sculpture. Please call, write, or make your secure gift online.

**End of clip**

**On the mission field:**

**Beth:** Betty, I remember you saying so clearly and so many times to me and so many times on the program that you were just living and praying to see the day that the line to help was longer than the line to feed. That has not happened as of today because we have run out of food and left some children without. My heart is just broken so I've experienced what you have experienced a number of times and never want to see happen again. So we're still praying toward that and we're still working toward that end. We've got to be able to partner and give so that we can see that line become a reality, where there are more helping than there are to feed. That could become a reality but it is not yet a reality. Please go to the phone right now, if you would. Just feel the prompting of God to act on what you seen and act on what you've heard. I'm going to join you doing exactly that.

**End of clip**

**In the studio:**

**James:** Let me encourage you, if there is any way you could help us take care of 100 children, ask for the literally "The Father's Heart," His heart expressed reaching out. So many people live like orphans. He wants us to live like children of a wonderful father and express that love. Put the arms of God's love around 100 children if you possibly can. Whatever you can do, thank you for helping us rescue and literally see lives saved because of the love of God. Do ask for God's Kingdom in You on CD or DVD. Thank you so much for your gift! Thank all of you for joining with us. We're so glad to have you!

**Announcer:** Tomorrow, Tony Perkins, the president of the Family Research Council and Pastor Jacob Aranza encourage believers to prepare for the coming storms.