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**Week 42: Mission: Rescue Life**

**James & Betty Robison**

**Kimberly Haar**

**Studio discussion:**

**JAMES:** I know I've told you many times if you've watched *Life Today*, Betty and I are here for you. You watch us go all over the world seeking to put God's arms around the most overlooked people on the planet. "The least of these," Jesus called them. But we come here every day to get God's arms around you and inspire you to get God's arms around others, and to help us put God's arms around the overlooked.

We have a very, let's say, tragic situation turned into a miracle. Kimberly Haar is a therapist, but she says she's really a hope giver. She really is a life helper, a marriage helper, a life family helper. She's been through it. She has a book called *Healing from Life's Deepest Hurts*. And boy, does she know! So I want you to listen, because she basically touched on everything that could possibly have touched you to help bring pain, or to identify with at least the pain that you could identify with, and you want to know where is the hope, where is the help?

Well, that's what Kimberly talks about. Kimberly. Welcome to *Life Today*.

**KIMBERLY:** Thank you for having me. It's such an honor.

**JAMES:** Well, we know a lot of people, and you know our grandson, and his wife and family; that is the son of our daughter that's in heaven. When she left, he was not yet -- he'd just gotten out of high school.

**BETTY:** And in college.

**JAMES:** And the other two, we were there to accept mom's roles because mom was in heaven.

But, you know, Chris and his beautiful wife and his family. I know you love him. Okay. I want you to take off, Kimberly. Tell our viewers why you understand pain and the real need for hope.

**KIMBERLY:** Yeah. I like to pick it up in 2013, when I had been married 23 years, and I made the hardest decision of my life, and that was to end my first marriage. What had happened is my first husband had struggled with infidelity. And in 2013, I learned he was in an affair, and I decided I could no longer stay in my marriage. So I made the decision to divorce. And at that point, really struggled with feeling like I had a label on me that said I was damaged, defective, disqualified. God couldn't use me. I took the next four years to raise our youngest children. We had four children. Our youngest children were 15, and I decided I was going to take the next four years and just focus on being a mom, do my own journey of healing, and when they went to college, then I would focus on myself.

And so in 2017, I woke up and I felt a stirring in my heart. I heard the Lord telling me, This is the year you're going to be married again. I thought, well, okay! I was 50 years old and I thought, where does a 50-year-old woman go to meet somebody? I ended up, I started dating again, and on April Fool's Day, I met a man by the name of Andrew. He was an engineer, and I just knew right away, this is the man I was going to marry. He knew it, too, because he told me after two weeks, he said, "I've asked Google how long you need to know somebody before you know you're in love." He wanted to make sure he was doing it right. So he told me, "You know, I want to marry you." And everything was amazing.

Four weeks after we started dating, my ex-husband called me and he asked me if I would come talk to him about our adult children. That was not uncommon because we'd had a friendly divorce. I went to his home, and he looked at me and he started talking about us reconciling. And I said, "It's too late." I said, "I've moved on. You need to move on." And he said, "Well, maybe I need to go have a talk with that man." I didn't understand what that meant, because I'd never talked to him about who I was dating. But when I left my ex-husband's apartment that day, I called Andrew and I said, "Can I stop by your house just for a minute?" And I asked him. I said, "Andrew, would you fight for me?" And he said, "Well, of course I would." I said, "Why?" He goes, "Because you're worth it."

In less than 24 hours, Andrew was not just going to be fighting for me, but he was going to be fighting for his life. Because I left Andrew's house that night, and I went home. Something stirred in me and said, "Lock your bedroom door." Now, I lived alone. I had locked my house every night, but it was not common for me to lock my bedroom door. But I listened to that voice. And so, I locked my bedroom door, and at 2:30 in the morning, I woke up to the sound of my bedroom door crashing down off the hinges. My ex-husband was intoxicated. He had a gun in his hand. And for the next four hours, I was assaulted. Following the assault, he told me his punishment for ruining his life, I was going to have to watch him as he murdered Andrew.

So he kidnapped me and took me to Andrew's house. When we got to Andrew's house, my ex-husband looked over at me and he said, "Now you go do whatever you need to do." He left the keys in the ignition, he got his gun, he got the bullets, and as I was making a getaway to get help, I heard three bullet shots or three gunshots, and I knew there was no way Andrew was going to survive.

So I made an escape, went to a supercenter. Police and ambulances were dispatched to me, but also to Andrew's house. I would later learn that Andrew had been shot ten times. I was in the emergency room. We were in two different hospitals, and he was under an assumed name because it was a crime scene, and so I couldn't find him. His adult son called my phone and he said, "We just think that you guys need to go your separate ways." And my heart sank. So for the next 5 to 6 weeks, I would not hear from him.

I went and I lived at my uncle and aunt's home. They gifted me their home for the summer. When I went there and they were giving me a tour of their home, there was a beautiful big pergola in the backyard with swings and a big cement floor. Something stirred in me, and I knew it was kind of like in the Bible, when Moses sees the burning bush and he takes off his sandals because he says, This is holy ground. I knew this was going to be my holy ground. I knew this is where I was going to go out every morning, I was going to meet Jesus, and I was going to begin my healing. That's where my healing really began, is at that pergola outside on the cement floor.

**JAMES:** He can pick us up in the most unbelievable situations.

**BETTY:** But you weren't allowed to even check on Andrew?

**KIMBERLY:** You know, I didn't. He was in and out of hospitals. He was in and out of surgeries.

So as far as I knew, our paths had ended. When I went to the pergola, I wrapped myself in a big green blanket, and I remember my first prayer. I told the Lord I said, "I'm so broken." I said, "I am so empty. I don't have words to pray." I remembered the scripture in Zephaniah that says, "God rejoices over us with singing." I asked the Lord, I said, "I'm asking, would you breathe life back into my body? And would you sing over me?"

I began playing praise and worship music, and I let those words become my prayers. I began trying to tell God what to do, when to do it, how to do it. And I told the Lord it would make a great testimony. But I finally had to really get real with the Lord and myself. And I told the Lord, "I'm scared to trust you because what if you don't give me what I want?" I got to a place where I said, "Father, I'm going to surrender. I'm going to surrender my will. I'm going to surrender control. I brought the Lord all my emotions. I told him I felt abandoned, I felt angry. God, in his loving kindness, didn't rebuke me, He didn't tell me to get my act together, He welcomed me with open arms and just wooed my heart. It was the most amazing -- the most amazing love story of the Lord just drawing close.

**JAMES:** I said something in the early part of the show about putting God's arms around people that are hurting, and when you were saying that, the Lord just said to me, when my arms are around you, that's healing. That begins a healing process that is truly supernatural. So that happened. Now then, what happens with you and the shot-up guy?

**KIMBERLY:** Well, let me just say real quick that when you talk about the arms around you, I told the Lord, I said, I'm going to give you a sacrifice of praise. I said, I'm going to lift my

hands when my heart is heavy. I played a song and I closed my eyes. I waltzed -- I'm not a dancer, but I waltzed around my little cement floor, and I imagined Jesus arms just holding me.

So it was six weeks later and I was at the pergola, and I looked down at my cell phone and there was a message from Facebook Messenger. I've never been so thankful for Facebook Messenger because his kids had taken my phone number out of his phone and his message said, "Hey, I'm alive." Well, now how do you respond to that? I was like, yippee! I said, "Can I come and see you?" And he said, "No." He said, "I'm getting ready to go into the hospital. I've got another surgery. My wounds are infected." He goes, "I'll contact you in a few days." He ended it by saying, "Take care." I thought what does that mean? Does that mean goodbye?

But I just waited. And it was probably about 4 or 5 days later and I got another Facebook Messenger post and it said, "A visit would be nice." He said, "But come when my kids aren't here." I'm 50 years old and I'm sneaking around the hospital with my adult kids, and I opened Andrew's hospital room and I asked him, I said, "Where does this leave us?" He looked at me and he said, "I don't know." He said, "I've seen all the felony accounts." He goes, "I know what happened to you, and you're going to be messed up." He goes, "I know what happened to me, and I'm going to be messed up."

And something came over me. I shook my finger in his face and I said, "Andrew Haar, you will never meet another woman like me." And four weeks later, we were engaged. Four months later, we were married and we have now been married eight of the most wonderful years. We've blended two families and we're kind of like the Waltons. God has just been so faithful to us.

**JAMES:** Okay. You have written the book, *Healing from Life's Deepest Hurts*. What are some of those hurts that you want people who are watching us right now to know. God's loving arms, God's presence, His power, His spirit can heal every area.

**KIMBERLY:** That's right. You know, it doesn't matter what the hurt is. Hurt doesn't have to be dramatic in order for it to be trauma. It's just something that impacts us. I like to say pain is pain is pain. In the beginning, it's normal for us to want to pull away when something hard has happened. That's exactly where the enemy wants us to be, because he wants to isolate us where

he can tell us his lies that say, God doesn't love you, life is over. It's not going to get better. We partner with the devil's lies.

So one of the tools I talk about in the book is the importance of getting wise counsel or getting good, godly community around you because we heal in community. There's tools in there about forgiveness because, you know, we all go through opportunities when we don't want to forgive. Because when we've been hurt, we don't want to forgive. But unforgiveness, I like to say, is like an umbilical cord of anger between you and the event that's happened, the past, and it holds us and it keeps us connected. And to really be whole, we've got to cut that cord.

So some of those things that I tell people is bring your pain to Jesus. Don't run from him, run to him. When you do that healing -- it's not necessarily just linear where every day is better, every day is better because sometimes, I'd have a better day, and then there was a bad day. It's just making sure you do the next right step, and just keep doing that, and the healing does come.

**BETTY:** Well, the wonderful thing about it is God knows exactly what we need at the moment we need it. Just like you talked about, his arms around you, his gentleness, he knows when to give his gentleness through his love and his care. He knows what the pain's like that we're going through. So He never misses, does he?

**KIMBERLY:** People will ask me, a lot of my -- I'm a therapist. A lot of my clients will say, Where's God when bad things happen? I say, "He's there. He's there." When I was -- it was in between the time I'd been assaulted and kidnapped, and I sensed God's presence in the room. It was a sad presence, but it was like he was saying, Hold my hand, I am not going anywhere. I am staying right beside you. And in that moment, all fear left because Psalm 23 came alive: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. But you're with me.

**JAMES:** When you forgive someone, the healing begins in us, and that's the great part that the enemy can't in any way hinder. But it may not be a change that you see in the person you're forgiving. But were you able to forgive your husband that shot your new love up?

**KIMBERLY:** I was. You know, the last words I spoke to my ex-husband? It was before he kidnapped me. My face was unrecognizable, and he looked down at me as the intoxication wore off, and he said, “Tell me the truth. I've gone too far. There's no going back. You could never forgive me.” And I looked up in his eyes and I said, “You're right. You've gone too far. There's no going back.” I said, “But I will forgive you.” Those were the last words I've ever spoken to him. It doesn't mean I forgave him that day, but I was declaring over myself that day, I will be a forgiver. I will be healed. I will be whole. I will do the work. And yes, I absolutely have been able to walk that journey and say, Lord, I forgive.

**JAMES:** And the two of you are having a truly supernatural, amazing journey in a relationship.

**KIMBERLY:** My new husband and I, yes!

**JAMES:** And I saw him out here, and he had scars. You can tell he was all shot up. Boy, but God miraculously worked in him. But he miraculously worked in the two of you.

Now, as a therapist and as someone who experienced things people would never, ever, even though they may have had some really challenged lives, they know that you've been through it. Do you believe that if people would read the book, that you walk through those steps of pain and the things that they need to lay at the feet of Jesus, let him put his healing arms around them. Do you believe that if they'll go through this, they're going to get hope and healing even in the wisdom that they get?

**KIMBERLY:** Absolutely! You know, I pulled -- the reason I wrote this story was to pull back the curtain and say, life hurts all of us -- and God heals. And so it was to say, you know what? I share my journey in the first part of the book so that they can see, hey, I've gone through this stuff too. But that last half, it walks people through things like grieving and forgiving and community and getting back to a place of joy.

**BETTY:** That's wonderful.

**JAMES:** I want to ask you to just take note. *Healing from Life's Deepest Hurts*. You may think you've got the deepest. Well, there's healing from life's deepest, truly deepest. And there's one healer that can handle it. And it's unbelievable. The life that I went through as a child, being given away through an ad in the paper, no home. Living on alleys and dumps as a 5 to 10, 15-year-old. I mean, just the things God could take us through -- and the joy and the peace, Betty and I, every day we're together, we're each other's helper. We hold on to one another. We're each other's caretaker, so to speak. And we love it. We just can't even imagine having greater joy. I mean, we've been together, we've been married 62 years, nearly, and we've gone together in love 65 because we dated all those years.

Here's the deal. We've seen such joy. We find such peace, and we know it's for you. And that's the reason we're here every day. We're not looking for a place to go. I've preached more times than perhaps anybody in history, to more people than anybody, and I've been all over the world, but I'm here for you. Betty's here for you. We're not looking for a place, we're looking for people to help get God's arms around them. I believe if you read the book, I believe it'll bless you. So let me just say this to you. We're giving you *Power, Provision, and Peace*, and that's for any gift to help us set people who've been trapped in sexual trafficking, set them free. We're going to send that to you. We have other gifts to send you when you put God's arms around the trafficked and help us set them free.

If you'd like to have, Kimberly's book, will you just say, I'd like you to send it to me? You make a gift to help us set people free, and we'll gladly send it to you, along with the other gifts.

I want you right now, I want you to look and listen in prayer and say, God, speak to me. Flow your miraculous healing love through me like a river, and he will. Watch closely, and then you release the river.

**Transition roll-in: [Children are the Targets]**



### **Open captions**

>> The old lady, she fix the small girl to have sex with the foreigner. They pay a lot of money for the virgin.

**ANNOUNCER:** Human traffickers target innocent children but then become enslaved in a multi-billion-a-year industry called, "The Sex Slave Trade."

**RANDY:** A human trafficker came through here many months ago and promised this young lady's sister a better life, luring her away. They haven't heard from her. She's gone.

**CAROL:** We're fighting for children that can't fight for themselves. Children who would otherwise be used in the sex trade or bought and sold like animals for monetary gain. It's not right!

**LISA:** It's kids just like these that right now they're begging but they are also bait for predators. If we don't get them off the street, they will be the next trafficked victims.

**ANNOUNCER:** When these children become enslaved, if they comply horrible things are done to them by the human traffickers.

### **Open Captions**

>> When I was a child, I saw a lot of things in front of my eyes. There are cages somewhere. They are keeping a child as an animal. Just tie the hand, both hands like that, and the customer will have sex with the child.

**CAROL:** It is tragic what is happening to children, innocent children. And it is not right! Our hearts are burdened by all the children that are crying out for help today, this moment, that need intervention, that need help, and that are waiting for someone to hear their cries. And we can only do it with your help.

**Studio appeal:**

**JAMES:** Boy, I tell you what. I was just looking at those little children, I love them. I can help get God's arms around them. I've had my arms around them. And all over the world, we've set free thousands and thousands of children and precious girls that are trafficked, held captive. They not only hold them as a prisoner, they try to get them hooked on drugs so they have that much more control of them. I'm telling you, only the miracle and the love of God can get them free.

That's why we ask you to help us set these prisoners free. Betty, we know it works. The love of God never fails. These people have been so mistreated. We watch them be set free to a whole new life because of the love of God flowing through people who watch us and decide to become the miracle that the mothers of those children are praying for, that the families are praying for, that those girls and boys are hoping for, and we see that miracle.

**BETTY:** Absolutely! Your help means so, so much. It means so much to these little girls that don't have a chance if we don't reach out and say, Hey! We want to take you to a safe place. Some of these children, James, they were taken from their parents being told they would have a job or a better life, or they would take care of them. And then when they get them away, separated from their family, they just mistreat them. They lock them up in a room and then use them and use them and use them. They don't realize what's going on. They drug them to keep them there.

And so, God, please help you to know how much you would be able to help us free these children and take them to that safe haven where they can have a first time good night sleep. Can you imagine what it would be like to just be trapped like that and think there was no hope? There's hope. Jesus is their hope, and we are part of serving him with our whole hearts. So let's reach out in Jesus' name and let's help these little children.

**JAMES:** We call this mission outreach: Rescue Life. That's precisely what we're doing. Can't do it without you. It takes an average of \$128 to reach, to rescue, and to restore those who are trapped -- \$128! Would you make that life-saving, life-giving gift? Think about this. Ten

children could be helped for \$1,280. Pray about that. Would you do that? We have gifts we're going to send you. One of the things we're going to send you is the most beautiful throw I've ever seen. This is just fabulous. And coming up in the cooler seasons, you're going to appreciate this.

Would you please make a gift of \$128? Could you give 1280? Could you give even more? Right now, we have a facility that would immediately take 50 girls, and it's a beautiful place. Couldn't get it anywhere around here like that. It's inexpensive because it's in Asia and it's easy to get and easy to fix. But we do need over \$1 million, and we have a half-million-dollar need to complete that. So if you could make a large gift toward that, in addition to the \$128 or whatever God leads you to do. Please call right now. Go online, take your bank card, use it like a check. If you write a check, make it to *LIFE* because that's exactly what you're giving. And we'll send these blessings to you, but you're giving the greatest blessing, you're giving life in Christ because of the love of God that you share freely with your gifts. Thank you so much.

### **RL Cause Spot – 2025 Fall**

**ANNOUNCER:** *Innocent children, longing to be loved and cared for, are being abducted and sold into the evil industry of human trafficking. Through Mission: Rescue Life, your gift today of only \$128 will help reach, rescue, or restore a child and change their destiny forever. Gifts of \$64 or \$32 will be combined with support from others to help rescue one more child from the shame and pain of sexual slavery.*

*Currently, our LIFE rescue centers in Southeast Asia are at maximum capacity. More space is urgently needed, and we must complete and renovate a new rescue home immediately. Please consider a very special extra gift as we urgently need \$1.25 million above our normal budget to complete and renovate this place of hope.*

*With a gift of any amount, we'll send you Power, Provision and Peace: Bringing together the life-changing truths of Acts, Romans, and First and Second Corinthians in the Passion Translation. These books come alive with fresh revelation and timeless power. With your gift of*

*\$128 or more, you'll receive the beautiful and soft "Perfect Peace Blanket," bearing the words of Isaiah 26:3 as a meaningful reminder that those who trust in the Lord are never alone. Finally, please consider a gift of \$1,280, which will help save ten children, and you may request our inspiring bronze sculpture, "Lion of Judah."*

*Please call, write, or make your gift online.*

**Studio goodbye:**

**JAMES:** Well, you've seen the gifts that we're going to send you. If you would like to have Kimberly's book, you just ask for it. But make the gift to help. Would you do that? And I sure would love for you to have this throw. Betty, is it indescribable?

**BETTY:** It's very nice. Very lightweight. Cuddles easy.

**JAMES:** It's the prettiest I've ever seen and the most comfortable. So help us give peace and life to those who've been trafficked.

Kimberly, thank you for sharing with us. Keep sharing Jesus, setting people free.

**KIMBERLY:** Thank you.

**JAMES:** Thank all of you for watching *Life Today* and for sharing life today. God bless you.