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Mark & Trina Hankins

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ANNOUNCER: How Mark and Trina Hankins's radical faith carried them through, next.

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RANDY ROBISON: Welcome to Life Today. I'm Randy Robison. Blynda Lane joins me, and I'm excited to have Mark and Trina Hankins back on today.

BLYNDA LANE: Their first time with us was so impactful, we had to have them back.

RANDY: We could just--I could be here all week. But I'm really excited because Trina has a story that I want people to hear. And out of it she has this book, "God's Healing Word." But this is a tough subject for a lot of people I know, and so I appreciate you being here, and we'll ask you some good questions.

But take us back to a time where healing was something that you really needed for yourself.

TRINA: Yes, as a child, I had asthma. I was allergic to everything, and I had terrible asthma. So, you know, it was nothing to try to struggle to breathe, you know, that kind of thing. And also I was raised in a Full Gospel church. We believed in divine healing. And I always went out for prayer, and it seemed like, where is my healing, you know.

And then the light turned on. I always like to turn the light on. Then somebody brought us some books, Brother Hagin's books, on the authority of the believer and how to take the Word like medicine. I learned. So it was like, "Ah! There's hope," you know? I'm not getting

a miracle, but I can take the Word like medicine. And Psalm 107:20 says, "He sent his Word and it healed them." So from that point, I was 17, and I began to find Scriptures in the Bible on healing, and I collected them in my notebook, you know, and I began to go over them and go over them, sing songs about them. Then I met Mr. Faith here, and he wasn't gonna put up with sick.

BLYNDA: I love it, not putting up with sick.

MARK: That's not your future, that's your past.

TRINA: So I just continued on my journey, and along the way, you know, he talked about the authority of the believer, and that's so important, you know. One of the Scriptures I meditated on was, "I give you power or authority in my name, I give you power." So I realized, I have the authority. And then of course, Mark 11:23, that we can speak. So that's the authority that the believer has. But there's another verse that really is key in that book, is Proverbs 4:20-22. "My son, attend to my words, incline thine ear to my saying. Let them not depart from before thine eyes. Keep them in the midst of thine heart, for they are life to those that find them, and health or medicine to all their flesh." So I began to consume the Word of God just like that. That's a prescription that God gives us.

"Attend, pay attention to the Word of God. Incline your ear to my saying." How do you hear the Word of God? You say it, then you hear it. It's good to hear others say it, but when you speak the Word of God into truth, you get more benefit, amen? "Incline your ear to my saying. Let them not to depart from before your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart." So I found that as I looked at the Word, I dug it out, found that Word, it was life to me. And as I spoke the Word, looked at that Word, then my imagination--there's something about not only hearing it, but looking at the Word of God, it's so full of life, right? It's full of power. It changes things. It came off the page. I would meditate, it was like it was alive. It started coming into my eyes. And faith came. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

So what I felt was that the Word of God was growing in volume inside of me, and that the sound and the loudness of sickness and defeat and impossible, you know, was being diminished. And there came a day, while Mark was out of town, he was preaching somewhere, and I was home with the kids, and I'd been meditating on the Word, and I woke up with an asthma attack. Ugh, I was so mad, you know? Something happens when you get mad. And that night I got really angry. I thought, "Agh!" And it was like the Holy Spirit--not every sickness is a spirit of infirmity, no. But the Holy Spirit said, "That is a spirit of infirmity. Use your authority." So I did. You know, in 1 Peter 5, it says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

BLYNDA: In the book you call it "faith having an attitude." Yeah, I like it.

TRINA: Yeah, well, you stand up. Instead of being afraid, you stand up in who you are in Christ. You've got the armor of God on, got the Word of God in your mouth. It's not just

something somebody else says, but you got it, you know it. You become one with the Word, the Word's within you. So I said it, and I said, "You spirit of infirmity, get out of here. Get off of my body, asthma. You will not control my life, in Jesus's name." I began to quote the Scriptures. You know, it's not the Scriptures somebody else said, but that Jesus said, "It is written." And then he said, "It is said," you know, and the devil left.

So I said. And that really was the beginning of my foundation on healing. So those Scriptures were already in my heart. I cannot emphasize the benefit of feeding on the Word of God so that when the enemy comes, you're ready. You've got your armor on. And that night, I was in church. Mark and I pastored at church, and we had Sunday night church. And I'd been having a tremendous headache that night in church. I had to leave the service, it was so painful. And when I went out, I had a seizure, and I was back there alone. Somebody came and found me, and I ended up in the hospital.

The next thing I remember, and you'll fill in the other gap, was that I started coming awake. Before I opened my eyes, it was like a fountain of living water, the Word flowing out of my spirit. "Himself took your infirmities, bore your sickness, with his stripes you are healed. The strong spirit of a man will sustain your infirmity," and that was just like flowing.

RANDY: All those Scriptures you put in there.

TRINA: Yes! So when you plant a crop of the Word in, it'll be there, it'll grow, and be there when you can't.

BLYNDA: The crisis is too late. If you haven't done it beforehand, the crisis, when the crisis comes, is too late. You need to have it--you did that. You already had it in you. So you're in the hospital, and what happened then?

TRINA: I opened my eyes and there was a doctor at the end of the bed, you know, with that clipboard, looking real official. And he said, and Mark was there at the end of the bed, and he said, the doctor said, "It appears that you have an inoperable brain tumor." And I always say it was like those words came like a fiery dart.

But I had my shield up. Thank God, the sword of the Lord and the shield of faith, it was there, and it just--it didn't hit me. It didn't penetrate my consciousness. I did not receive that report. Then Mark was in the room.

MARK: Yeah, so the doctor, a neurosurgeon says, "Your wife has a brain tumor. It's inoperable, because it's so deep in her brain that we would only do some sort of experimental surgery which would leave her paralyzed for the rest of her life." Basically what happened is, thank God for the doctor, he's doing the best he can, but I told him, I said, "You know, we have another doctor working on the case. We call him the Great Physician, Jesus Christ." And so, I just did, I went in the hospital, she was there, and I stood at the end of the bed and I said, "Mr. Tumor, I would like to talk to you."

Jesus Christ said, 'Whosoever shall say to this mountain.' Mr. Tumor, I'm talking to you. I'm not talking about you, I'm talking to you. You must be removed, cast into the sea, which means you're not coming back. It also means there'll be no evidence you were ever there. I command you to leave her brain and never come back, in the name of Jesus." Whoo, I didn't have no choir, I didn't have no feeling. I was just standing there in front of a tumor, you know, and everybody's staring at you like, "What are you gonna do now, preacher?" And I said, "Well, I'm just gonna act like the Bible's true." Simplest definition of faith.

So I just said no great feelings. And we had eight days in the hospital, and I only let certain people in the room. We had eight days of praise, speaking the Word in praise.

TRINA: Because after you speak the Word of faith, that's our part, and then the rest is God's part. But our part is to stay in position.

So this is a good position to stay in. Praise God, praise and sing. And Mark put this larger lady outside the door of my room.

MARK: With a list of who could get in.

TRINA: She had a list of people who could come in. If you were not on that list, uh-uh, you can't get in that room.

BLYNDA: Only those coming in.

TRINA: Yes, you need an atmosphere of faith, and protect your--because at that time your emotions can be up and down. So it's really important to have words of faith and people of faith around you.

MARK: Or you could say God is not really gonna resist the devil for you. In other words, you say Jesus already did everything he's gonna do about it. Now, he said, "You have the authority." So he said to me, "The authority of the believer is not just available, it is necessary." In other words, it's not just some little thing that's interesting. It's necessary that you and I have to resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

And so I said, "Well, this is where I take my place," and Dad Hagin would say, "The door of the supernatural opens by believing and speaking." So I realized, I really don't have to move the tumor. My faith is in God. All I have to do is believe and speak and say, "Mr. Tumor, I'd like to introduce you to God." God has more experience to get rid of tumors than I do, so no pressure on me.

Let's just give God praise. He is faithful. So we spent eight days, and then the doctor said, "Well, we want to do surgery to determine what kind of tumor it is." And I said, "Well, if that's what you wanna do." So he put the gizmo on her head.

TRINA: Yeah, they prepped me up for this brain operation. That's interesting. So I got, yeah, a gizmo on my head, and I'm on this gurney going down the hallway into surgery on my

brain. But guess what? Psalm 107:20 happened again. Always look for Psalm 107:20, "He sent his Word." Every moment that we need help, I'd say, "Okay, Lord, what do you say?"

What do you say?" Because when you hear what he says and then you put it in your mouth, it comes alive, and that's your sword of the Spirit. Well, he sent Romans 8:11.

MARK: He gave you Romans 8:11.

TRINA: Yes, he sent that to me, and I knew that. It was in my heart, that if the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwell in you, he will quicken your mortal body by that same Spirit. And so I started laughing, you know.

MARK: So we're going to surgery, and we're laughing.

BLYNDA: And she's laughing, wow.

TRINA: Because David said, "I will rejoice over your Word like I've found the spoils." So I got happy. I said, "Oh, good, good." I could just imagine in my mind the Spirit that lifted Jesus out of the grave and raised him up, and he was perfectly fine.

I saw that working in me. That Spirit's working in me. So to activate that, I didn't just cry. I didn't just "ugh," you know. No, I'm grabbing that Word and I'm laughing with it. And I got victory right here. That's all I remembered.

MARK: Well, you know, our faith man, Smith Wigglesworth, he said, "Faith laughs at impossibilities." And so, what you did is you took that Word, "The same Spirit lives in me," not just in heaven somewhere, he lives in me, "and he will give life to my body." And so you went into surgery laughing.

TRINA: So our part is to believe the Bible, and his part is to perform miracles, do the impossible. You know, I can't explain everything, but I can believe God. I can believe his Word. So I came out--I was in that surgery-- Mark: You were in surgery, so you have nothing else to say right now.

You were in surgery for six hours, and we're in the room and speaking and praising. So after six hours, the neurosurgeon comes out and he says, "Pastor, I don't know what to tell you." He said, "The tumor that was on every test, it has disappeared. We cannot find it in her brain at all." And I just laughed, I said, "I told you we have another doctor working on the case." And so, it was like a miracle.

The tumor disappeared. But we still had--because he went in her brain, so we still had another year of challenges, of her feelings and stuff.

TRINA: Yeah, I was paralyzed on this side of my body, because of the surgery. And then--but we went home and stayed in the Word, and the Lord sent me another Word. He said,

"Now, Mark 5 and verse 34." This is the story about the woman who heard that people could touch Jesus's clothes and they would be well.

And she said, "I'm gonna touch Jesus's clothes. I'm gonna get well." And her faith and her confession, she said it-- Mark: "Daughter, your faith has made you whole." Then, what's the rest of it?

TRINA: So she did it-- Mark: "Go in peace."

TRINA: And so, yeah, the Lord told me, this Scripture, "Go into peace. Your faith has made you whole. "Go into peace," the Amplified says, "and be made completely whole." So in that time, I just got Scriptures on peace. I did it. And Philippians 4 verse 6 says, "Don't have anxiety about anything, pray about everything, and the peace of God that passes under-- guard your heart." The Amplified says, "It will mount a garrison over your heart," and in that, I believe it's really a part of receiving from God.

Enter into peace, because God's working, and don't get all anxious and upset, but just continually praise the Lord. And I'm whole, I'm well. I have no reoccurrences or anything. I'm so thankful, and give God the glory.

MARK: So what we saw in Mark 5:34, Dad Hagin said when he was healed of seven incurable diseases, he said the preachers would say, "Miracles are done away with, healing is done away with," and he said the Lord said to him, "Have you ever heard any preacher say faith has been done away with?" He said, "No." And he said, "You never will, because if faith has been done away with, nobody can be saved." So he said, "If her faith made her whole, your faith will make you whole." And so her faith, and you can see the progression of her faith, speaking and acting and receiving and telling.

And Jesus said, "Daughter, your faith has made you whole." So the Lord said to us, "The same faith that made you whole will keep you whole, the same steps of faith." So we spent another serious year of going over those healing Scriptures for perfect soundness from the top of your head to the soles of your feet. And when we would get together, we would just go over the Word, the Scriptures, over the Word.

That's the source of our faith. And then we would just speak the Word and agree with the Word.

RANDY: Sounds like you had to march around Jericho quite a few times before those walls all the way fell, and I think that's where a lot of people stumble.

TRINA: You're right, you're right.

MARK: Yeah, and when he said, "Hold fast your confession of faith," it's like, there's a reason for your persistence, because everything don't change by Friday.

RANDY: Holding fast takes effort.

BLYNDA: Or even when you talked about it being medicine. You have to take medicine ongoing.

MARK: Three times a day. If it says to take it internally, you can't rub it on your head. In other words, you gotta take it, put it in your mouth.

RANDY: All right, all right. I feel like we're kind of just scratching the surface here a little bit, so I would point people to the book, "God's Healing Word" by Trina Hankins. And I will say this, I would love to send that book to you today, if you would help us. I believe that giving water to people who need it is a form of healing, it's a form of medicine, because if you've got tainted water, you just get sick.

And so, our effort to fight sickness is through Water for Life, and we're gonna invite you into that. So if you'll take a look at this, I really hope you'll say, "You know what? I wanna receive healing from God in every way I can," because I always ask for it when I'm sick, "but I wanna give healing." And when it's in your power to do some good, don't hold back. Watch this and you'll see how.

ANNOUNCER: The Nile River, the longest river in the world, long associated with the Biblical stories of Moses. For millions of people who live in Africa, it is still considered a primary source of life.

But for decades now, it has also delivered illness and even death due to contamination. Yet in countries like South Sudan, it remains the main water source for its people.

ISAK PRETORIUS: I'm here with this mother, her name is Keke and her little baby called Alon, and she's just been explaining to us how she travels down to the river here, her only source of water. She collects this water that's in the bottle here. I mean, you can see just how dirty that water is. I can only imagine how contaminated it is. But what I can tell you is that I can feel the effects of the contamination of this water just by touching this child. The child is burning up with fever, it probably has some form of a waterborne disease as a result of this dirty water that the mother is having to give to its child. And maybe you don't understand what's going on here.

Maybe you look at this and you say, "But how? How does that mother give her child that water? I would never give my child water that looked like that." Well, she feels the same as you. The only difference is she doesn't have any option. This is the only water in this area, it's the only water she can give to her child, and it might be the very thing that steals her child's life, but her child will die without water. So water that might make a child sick is better than no water at all. We say, "But what do we do about that? I mean, what can we do? How can we help that mother? How can we rescue this precious little life?" Well, it's so easy.

You see, this one life can be saved by one gift, and every time you make that gift, you are saving another life. As you say, "Yes, I can save three or maybe five or ten," what you are

really saying is, "I will save three little ones. I'll help three mothers like Keke to rescue their child, to give them the option of clean water, the option that I have." Please help us today. Help Keke. Don't do it for me, do it for this mother who loves her child as much as you love yours. And do it for this precious little life, a life that doesn't deserve to be stolen by a waterborne disease.

RANDY: You know, Blynda, it's hard to watch a child drink that dirty water.

BLYNDA: Randy, I don't even like to be this vulnerable, that I had to turn away. The first time that I was given this video to watch, I had to turn my eyes. I thought she's--like, they're letting the baby drink that water?

And then it dawned on me. That's the water this child drinks all the time. This is the water. It's really hard to watch.

RANDY: It is hard to watch, and a lot of viewers have asked us, "Why wouldn't you stop them?" And I've been there, and the reality is, you can hand your water bottle, because we carry them in, to a child who needs a clean drink of water, and in seconds it's gone, and what do they have left?

BLYNDA: They don't have anything left.

RANDY: Yeah, and so we don't--you know, we don't stage it, we're not out handing dirty water to people, but that's what they do every day.

BLYNDA: It shows the reality. This is their reality.

RANDY: This is what they do every day. And so, yeah, if I could, I would walk into a village and I would hand clean water to every child, and you'd do that at multiple times a day, every day, over and over, and you would stop what is one of the leading causes of death for children under five. I can't do it alone. You can't do it alone.

BLYNDA: What you would be doing there would be temporary, and we're looking for something permanent.

RANDY: That's it. I mean, in a sense, we're asking people to say, "Let's go hand clean drinking water to people, not just for a day, not just for a short period of time, but for life." I gotta tell you, if we didn't have the solution to the problem, it would be very, very difficult to visit those villages and walk away and just say, "Mm, that's too bad you don't have any clean drinking water." But I know that we go back into those villages, we drill a water well, we get deep enough to get clean drinking water, we construct a well that's gonna last for an average of 70 years.

It provides clean drinking water to people that desperately need it. It's a matter of life and death. And so it's an honor to be a part of an organization that does that, but this organization only exists because of your support. It's because so many of you that watch

"Life Today" have said, "You know what? I wanna give clean drinking water to ten people. Here's a gift of \$48." That's what that does, in effect. Many of you have said, "I would like to give clean drinking water to 30 people." That's what your gift of \$144 does. Many of you, like, I think I can say this, Blynda, Mark Hankins said, "I wanna give you a gift of \$4800 because I love what you do." He's been to Africa.

"I want to give a well." And what a blessing. That's how this works, everybody doing what part they can. We're asking you to do your part today, because it is urgent, the need is there, but we have the solution. You are the solution. Together, we can turn death into life. Will you go online, go to the phone? Make the best gift you can. Let's give them water for life.

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This collection includes "Prayers for My Spiritual Health," along with "Prayers for My Physical Health" and the "Life Prayer" journal, three companions to help strengthen your walk with Christ. Finally, please consider a gift of \$1200 to help provide water for 250 people, or a gift of \$4800 to help sponsor a complete well, and request our inspiring bronze sculpture, "The Good Shepherd." Please call, write, or make your gift online today.

RANDY: We really do need to hear from you today. Please go online, go to the phone, make the best gift you can. I know, I've been there, I've seen it. What you do today will make a difference in someone's life. And you know, if you request "God's Healing Word" by Trina Hankins, we'd love to send it to you, because they brought us a bunch of books, just so we could give them to you.

So I wanna say thank you guys for being here. Thank you for your gift in the books that you've given us and your support. Most of all, thanks for the encouragement.

BLYNDA: Yeah, it's gonna help so many people.

MARK: You know, we've been blessed by the ministry here for a long time, so we're blessed to be back here.

TRINA: Your parents have always spoken words of faith to me, and I've watched them, and I love them. I'm so excited to be here on the set with you.

RANDY: Well, it's great. You've been a real blessing. We appreciate you, and we appreciate all of you out there. Please do come back for more "Life Today."

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MARK MOORE: But when the Bible talks about sin, particularly under a kingdom, it's more social justice than personal morality.

ANNOUNCER: Tomorrow.

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