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James and Betty Robison

Jordan Rubin and Diego Mesa

JAMES: Well, we want to welcome you to miracles. I'm James Robison, and this is *Life Today*. And this is Betty, and that's a miracle that I have a beautiful girl like this and have been married for nearly 60 years.

Life is precious. Health is precious. You can't take it for granted. But you can enhance it, you can strengthen it, you can improve it even miraculously. *Natural Remedies* is written by Jordan Rubin who came here 17 years ago with *The Maker's Diet*. And then he began to teach things that actually are here. And so much, if not all of *The Maker's Diet's* concepts are here. But *Natural Remedies*, things that other people did, things that are clearly in the Bible, that if you understand them, they are even miraculous in their effect.

And Jordan was miraculously cured of cancer, and he began to share truth. And now he has a guest he's going to introduce who was amazingly cured of cancer when it couldn't be. You're going to hear the story. He is sitting right here with us. So you're going to hear two miracles.

Here is a way to enhance life to improve life, and even many times, see miracles occur in the area of your health. So Jordan, we're glad that you're here -- Jordan Rubin. You have a guest; I'm going to let you introduce the guest in a moment but he had a miracle. So you just take it however you want to.

Thank you for the book. Thank you for your life.

JORDAN: This is Pastor Diego Mesa of Abundant Family Living Church in Rancho Cucamonga, California. Diego and I were introduced by a mutual good friend, John Bevere. I had just overcome cancer miraculously and John was visiting me and I told him about my healing. Weeks later he was preaching in Pastor Diego's church. And he called me, and he said, "I am preaching at a church where the pastor was just diagnosed with cancer." You were late 40s, I think; correct?

DIEGO: I was 47.

JORDAN: That's my age right now. This was someone who ran marathons. And you had renal cell carcinoma diagnosis, kidney cancer, metastatic to the bones I think on the spinal column. And Diego and I spoke and at the time he was on a conventional medical course and not ready to follow a natural approach, which was fine. I certainly never push anybody.

And about a year later, Pastor Diego called me back and he and his wife Cindy visited me where I was living in Florida. My wife Nicki and I shared with them how to eat and how to prepare different meals that would be part of Pastor Diego's healing journey. We prayed for him as a church and laid hands on him, which was amazing. And over the course of, I would say the next ten-plus years he's been the most amazing and compliant miraculous testimonial ever.

And what I will say about this man is that he was cursed, not by intention but told by a doctor that the longest-lived person in history, recorded history with his diagnosis was six years. And he is -- we're past 14 years right now. So you're not in the record books for the fastest marathon time but you're in the record books for healing.

And I will say this. As great as God's creation is and as amazing as what he has given us by ways of *Natural Remedies*, the supernatural is so critical. So what I and Diego both did that I would say is the universal answer to bring healing is a prayer that was quoting

scripture; we said it out loud. We alluded to it on a previous program where Kenny Phillips talked about that. But we tell heaven and we warn hell that we're healed by his stripes. And we quote that out loud three times a day. And that is the best medicine. We have amazing prayers in the *Natural Remedies* book. We have an essential oil massage; that was a big part, a massage, of what both Pastor Diego and I did.

And I remember like it was yesterday getting a call from Diego. And I do have faith and I try to adopt Hebrews 11:1 faith but the truth of the matter is that there are times when we can walk on water and times when we fall. So when I got the phone call from you, my hand was shaking because I knew he was going to get a follow-up scan. And coaching someone with a serious health challenge is very emotionally challenging. And so I remember getting that call and I seemed to lose faith but it was truly a great moment in my life. And I can say that if everything that I've gone through and all the challenges personally, just watching my wife suffer when I was diagnosed, but to hear that message from this man and just know that his children and his grandchildren and his church could be impacted, I try to tell people that you just have to have faith because the challenge you're going through is not just about today, about you, it's about that person you're going to meet that needs to hear the testimony, the good news that you can share.

JAMES: Diego, I want you to share your heart from your point of view, the journey. Tell us about it.

DIEGO: Well, I say if you would have seen me as a 47-year-old man in 2008, I would have looked like the perfect specimen of being in shape, but I wasn't healthy. There are a lot of people who look like me, like they're in shape; outwardly, they look wonderful but inwardly, they're not healthy. With a lot of imbalances that were going on in my life, I wasn't drinking a lot of water, just drinking a lot of juices. Hardly ate any vegetables if anything, and no fruits in my diet. Didn't have the education about the benefits of that. Too much stress in my life building a \$47 million church, traveling all the time, working out, and doing marathons all the time; just ran my immune system down to zero. To me, violated the laws of God when it comes to health. And in 2008 of June, I was diagnosed

with terminal cancer, Stage 4 kidney cancer, and given a 50 percent chance to live one year. And like Jordan says, the longest-living patient was six years. Fourteen years later, here I am but I've not seen a doctor, had any medication, or had a CAT scan in 12 years. The first two years I did conventionally; I didn't know any better, like everybody else. Had my right kidney removed because that was the origin of it; take it out of me and then make me well. Until the doctor said, "You're never going to get well." I said, "What if I come in and feel great and tell you I want to run marathons again?" He said, "You will be committing suicide if you come off of this chemo treatment."

At that moment I realized that was not going to be the answer. I was going to have to seek God for something a little bit different. One year into the diagnosis though, being unconventional treatment, not knowing about a naturopathic healthy diet, the doctor said, "What I'm about ready to tell you is, you equal to you winning the lottery, I've told very few patients but you're in remission. I don't know how you're in remission. But we have four CAT scans that could verify there are tumors shrinking and there are tumors no longer there."

That's when I knew that God was manifesting my healing power because like Jordan said, every day, and I could count it for four years, less than five times, did I miss speaking over my body ten minutes from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet calling out every organ tissue, blood vessel in my body, my liver, my colon, my bladder my spleen, and reading 175 scriptures of health and healing over me.

And I just tell people, you've just got to be ornery. You've just got to be ornery. Don't act like you've never been ornery. I can follow you around and I'll see some orneriness within you. Why aren't you like that? I have as much faith as everybody else but let's just say I'm believing God but not having the actions and the manifestations of believing God. If a doctor told you to take this pill three times a day, you would never miss that. You don't miss your appointments and I'm not here to judge people, be that way when it comes to the things of God. You're in the toughest battle of your life so you've got to match it with that same intensity. The enemy is trying to take you out with everything

he's got. You've got to fight the good fight of faith to stay in it, the battle. So that's kind of the nutshell of what happened.

JAMES: Have you watched people respond to what you're saying in your church and take things like this seriously?

DIEGO: I think it is. Because if anything what -- yes, Jordan detoxified my mind because I think the greatest battle is not the physical battle, it is not the cancer, it is right here, what you heard. The pictures and images that the devil showed you of you being in hospice, your family over you at the funeral, all those -- so you've got to cancel those thoughts, reprogram, get into the Word of God, speak hope.

And that's what he gave. He gave me a regimen to follow. He gave me some ways of thinking, but he gave me hope! And that's what a lot of people just need, they need hope. And sometimes you can be so wearied down in the battle you just start accepting it, you just start succumbing to it, you just start saying this is I guess going to be that way.

To me, there are two common traits of survivors, the will to live, and the will to do whatever it takes to live. And that's kind of what he told me to do. He told me, "This isn't going to be easy. It's going to be the greatest fight of your life but you've got to be willing to do this, Diego." I couldn't say that I was willing when I first talked to him, it took me a year to do that, until I said, "I think I'm ready now." And that's what we did.

JAMES: Did you find yourself going through some of the things he learned to do in your journey?

JORDAN: Oh, absolutely. Yeah. And it was a little bit, I'm not going to say flying blind but I felt like I was pioneering this a little bit. I didn't understand it. I had already written a book on overcoming cancer before I was diagnosed and my situation was very unique in terms of how it manifested. But I knew that despite growing up with more of a Baptist upbringing where we used to pray, God, if it is your will to heal. When it came to my

family and my future legacy, that wasn't enough. It was by your stripes I am healed.

I love the fire that Diego has in sharing this. When I do write a book about cancer again, and I'm planning on it, whenever God opens the door, it is going to be called *To Hell with Cancer* because you can't sit back and allow somebody no matter how many credentials, degrees, or what kind of a lab coat they're wearing tell you how long you're going to live, what your life is going to be about. And you absolutely have to storm the gates of hell and you have to have the power of heaven behind you. And that's what's so important.

I think both of us have learned over the years, when we meet people that have been diagnosed not just with cancer, maybe it is A.L.S. or Multiple Sclerosis or a so-called incurable illness, I can usually tell within 20 minutes what the outcome is going to be because you are what you believe. As a man thinks in his heart so is he. And we're told to listen to our doctors, we're told to look up websites that tell us what percentage chance we have to live, and we immediately believe that as truth.

So what both Diego and I chose and what all of you need to choose is life. That's why Moses said, choose life or death, blessing or cursing. We chose life. But it wasn't just a verbalization, we followed principles. And what's great is God laid them all out beforehand. And a lot of what we talked about on a previous program, you want to talk about eating healthy fats? Nobody ate more fat than we did but it was the right fats, the right fruits and vegetables, and herbs and spices. And that's what *Natural Remedies* is filled with.

BETTY: Have you found a way that you maintain what you learned from it, a way of life?

DIEGO: I was a typical Latino Mexican who grew up with his frijoles and his burritos and his tostadas. And for him to introduce things to my diet, I went achh! This is like eating a horse or a cow. How am I going to eat this? But it is mind over matter. And when you educate yourself about the benefits of what it's doing to your body, then that's

when the victory comes. I've learned that for everything that may have toxins in it, there is a counter to it. So you can't have refined sugar, you just have some honey or maple, or something like that. So it's a lot of education that we aren't often aware of that is found in the Bible and out there for us to learn.

JAMES: You know, you started 17 years ago trying to help us all understand the Maker had some suggestions with *The Maker's Diet*. Let me just say this to you, I'm sitting here, and you're looking at a miracle. I have rheumatoid arthritis in every joint in my body. My mother couldn't make a fist when she was 50, rheumatoid arthritis. Did you hear what I said? It is in every joint in my body. I'm 100 percent pain-free -- not kind of pain-free.

Interestingly, I began to take natural remedies. My friend, Michael Ellison started TriVita, which has all these natural remedies. I've been told by everybody, Betty knows, I'm the number one natural vitamin taker on the planet, supplements. Good ones! The best. I don't miss. And Michael said God told me and I researched the nopal cactus, an anti-inflammatory. And I took nopal cactus and cured all inflammation in my body in two months. That's 12 years. Did you hear what I said? It is a nopal cactus.

Now you know, you teach all these different natural remedies. I'm saying, would you say for a guy that has rheumatoid arthritis in every joint in his body, I couldn't make a fist when I was in my mid-50s. Look at it. I would drive down the road talking to my hands that could hardly hold the steering wheel. Just like you said, talking to them, telling them exactly where that stuff is to go. I took God very seriously. I still take him very seriously but I also take natural remedies very seriously. Betty took it very seriously. People would say, y'all look like a miracle. You can't be married 60 years! She doesn't even look like she is 50 years old or 40 years old. Okay. We're trying to do what God shows us to do through people like this and through people like you who pray for us. I'm saying to you we're trying to help you.

How about you start this year in a way that changes every year for the rest of your life and you can live for the kingdom that's here now, not the one to come, there is no disease

there. How about we become overcomers and storm the gates of hell on this planet? Because the king is here and he's in us and his will can be done on his earth in our bodies. Do you believe that? Well, believe it because it is the truth and you're seeing it. Don't you Diego? His kingdom because the kingdom is here, he's got power here right now. This is his earth, it is not the devil's earth. Don't give any more of it to him.

Father, help everybody here to say I'm going to live as though the king has come because the redeemer has come to Zion, the king is here, the kingdom of God is in me and we can overcome the gates of hell right now; in Jesus' name.

Do it! Start doing it. Okay? We'd love to send you *Natural Remedies*. You know we ask everybody watching us to not overlook the overlooked, to not overlook the least of these. Do you know what Jesus said? Do you want to know who the sheep are? Do you want to know who really are my sheep? They're the ones who notice the least of these. They feed them, they give them to drink, they get them out of prison, they love them and they're doing it to me. That's sheep. Most of our viewers seem to be sheep because they don't overlook the overlooked.

We're going to ask you, I want you to listen to Tammy Trent, she is now part of our team. She's been part of our team for many, many years all over the world. Listen to God talk through her. I want you to give somebody some non-contaminated, non-diseased water. If you do it, and you want us to send you *Natural Remedies* to help you get into them, you make the gift God puts on your heart, we're going to make a gift to you that could be a gift of life to you because you're definitely a gift of life to people you give clean water to. So I want you to listen to Tammy, listen to God, but know we want to bless you. And I promise you, this book and the truth in it will bless you beyond measure. Watch closely. Watch prayerfully.

On the mission field

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>> How old is she?

>> 68.

TAMMY: We're out in the middle of absolutely nowhere. I was amazed when we came to this water source to find this precious older lady washing her clothes. But then to also find out that this is also their source of water. This is also what they drink.

In the 6th chapter of Galatians, we are advised not to grow weary in well-doing. In my years of travel with *Life Today*, I've witnessed firsthand the well-doing of compassionate followers of Christ. Like this well in eastern Europe. Or this well is south Asia. Or this well in east Africa.

James and Betty, the legacy you started have impacted the lives of millions around the world. I know because I've seen the wells of life-giving water in communities that had been plagued with death. And you've been their advocate, even in the midst of your own pain and grief. Contaminated water continues to be a dangerous reality for some of the most vulnerable people on earth.

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>> The sickness starts with runny noses then a bad flew disease with diarrhea and vomiting. Even us old people get stomach pains.

TAMMY: Grandmothers like Patrona must either give their grandchildren filthy drinking water or watch them die from dehydration. So I appeal to you James, to you, Betty, and to your viewers, please do not grow weary in well-doing because clean water changes everything. But only if we choose to give it.

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In the studio

JAMES: Wow, Tammy, I love you. She's been all over the world with us and now she's on our staff and our team, and she will be teaming with Randy in hosting *Life Today*.

I've just got to hold this up. We're sending this bronze of these Cardinals. It's beautiful. It is a bronze. This was our daughter that we did lose to what we just talked about and yet she said, "I win!" And indeed she has. She has four little grandchildren. She's only seen them from heaven. But she decorated her whole house, she was a Cardinal fan, okay? St. Louis, Tulsa, a lot of folks in Oklahoma are. But she just loved cardinals. And an artist did this for us. And of course, we think of Robin. But these birds are beautiful. The scripture, "Consider the Birds." But we're sending it to those of you who will give \$1200 toward a \$4800 water well. You might be able to give the whole well. And then remember this, you make a gift to help us give water, we're going to send you *Natural Remedies*, and we're going to send you *The Blessing of Taking Communion* if you make a gift of \$48 or more.

Betty and I just thank God every day, how could I have enjoyed 60 incredible years married to her? And we went steady for four years. And yes, we totally behaved because this lady is an enforcer. Not because I was so perfectly strong, she was. Better than Chuck Norris at defense. But here's the deal, we wanted to live right. We wanted to live our lives for Jesus. We want to help you live life. We want to bless you in every way possible and health is a blessing from God. He is the healer. He is the comforter, he is the source of peace and of strength. We want to do everything we can to bless you, which is why we share him in so many beautiful guests with such diverse backgrounds. We love you and you're helping us share his love with the least of these and the unnoticed.

Make the best gift you can. Remember \$48 toward a water well gives ten people water for the rest of their life. Whatever level you can help, \$144 gives 30. Could you give \$1200 toward a well? We send that beautiful bronze that I just referenced for any gift like

that.

Could you drill a well? What a great way to start the year! Change everything for a whole community, a whole village. Please go get your bank card and use it like a check. You write a check and make it to *LIFE*. Dial that number and take your bank card like a check or go online and use that bank card like a check. Let's start the year off the best way possible, not only by experiencing greater health but by giving life itself through water. Thank you!

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ANNOUNCER: *Across the globe, hundreds of thousands of lives are lost each year to waterborne disease, and nearly half of those are children under the age of five. Through Mission: Water for LIFE you can give mothers hope and children a future as we provide clean, life-giving water for thousands of children and their families before it's too late.*

With your gift today, you can help drill and establish 350 water wells this year. Your gift of \$24 will help provide clean water for five children. A gift of \$48 will help provide for ten. \$72 will provide for 15. And \$144 will help provide life-giving water for 30 people for a lifetime!

With a gift of any amount, we'll send you Natural Remedies. This beautifully illustrated book explores ancient nutrition and the health benefits found in God's creation. A valuable reference with biblical insight to help you live your best life.

For your gift of \$48 or more, we'll also send you The Blessing of Taking Communion, a companion book to help feed your soul and remind you of the transformative power of receiving the Lord's supper.

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 new inspiring bronze sculpture, "Consider the Birds" inspired by Jesus' words in Matthew 6:26.

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

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On the mission field

>> Fourteen years ago God brought Jordan Rubin into my life. His principles are real, they are proven, I'm the evidence of it –

>> And within about a week I noticed huge inflammation reduction. I noticed I wasn't stiff after my morning hike. It was amazing.

>> Following Jordan Rubin's principles has transformed our health and our immune system.

>> His teaching and his guidance have made an incredible change in my life and my family's life.

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In the studio

JAMES: I do want to mention to you the importance of you helping people have water and food. I just want to say this to you that those of you who are like Betty and me, we're up in years, the people who are over 50, over 60, and primarily over 70, we're the ones that if we will utilize what God's entrusted to our watch care, we can leave freedom here for our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren and yours. And I promise you, life's going to be doing that. And life is going to be here until Jesus comes whether we are or not, we're going to be with him forever. But you think about us in your planned giving.

And then remember this, you make a gift to help us give water, we're going to send you *Natural Remedies* and we're going to send you *The Blessing of Taking Communion* if you make a gift of \$48 or more. And my goodness, that's ten people water the rest of their life. Surely you could do that.

And we've got the beautiful bronze of the cardinals. I'm looking over here at it. It sure makes us think of our precious daughter, Robin, and how she loved cardinals. "Consider the Birds," they'll teach you the importance of working; and teaching your children to work young. Birds go to work early, teach their kids early. We can learn that.

Jordan, you look more magnificent every time I see you -- more healthy, more radiant. Diego, you found a good thing and he found a good thing. You two are a pair. Y'all could hit it out of the park any time you get together. Come back any time you want to.

Thanks for watching *Life Today*! Thanks for sharing life with people all over the world.
Thank you!