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James and Betty Robison

Ben and Candy Carson #1

JAMES: Oh, boy! There's no way to tell you how excited I am. And I'm pretty exuberant and pretty good at expressing my excitement. We don't have anybody on this show that we don't believe will bless you because we love you. I've told you this 100 times if you watched *Life Today*, you are as important to us, every one of you are, as any hungry child, thirsty child, or person because we want to bless you with the water of life and the love of God and the comfort that only God can give. But we have guests that pour out God's love and life on you.

Well, today, there is there are no two people on the planet I'm more excited about having on *Life Today* than Ben Carson, Dr. Ben Carson, and his wife Candy. You're going to get to know Candy a little bit. Do you think Ben's strong? Wait until you get to know Candy. I want to tell you something, this is a gift from God. Do you agree, Betty?

BETTY: Absolutely!

JAMES: To you—to everybody who loves life, who loves freedom, who loves truth. Well, Ben, this normally would be packed. You've been here before. Everybody's going crazy. We have found, however, during the pandemic that when we only look at that audience and they know our full attention is on them, they seem to zero in more like they're in the room with us. Because when they see us, I've got to interact with people I see. But when I'm talking to them, they feel like they're right here with us. Ben, we love you. We love Candy. Thank you for being our guests.

BEN: Thank you. We would never miss it. I want to ask you this now. Here's the book *Created Equal*. It's more than just gender, it's more than race. What do you want people to grasp in *Created Equal*?

BEN: Well, I want people to understand the real history of our nation. You know your history gives you your identity, and your identity gives you your beliefs. If you go back and you distort your history or you try to delete your history, it has an impact on who you are as a person and how easily you can be fooled and manipulated. And there is a lot of fooling and manipulation in our nation right now.

A friend of mine told me his eight-year-old granddaughter came home crying. And she said, "Grandpa, am I evil because I'm white?" A lot of the minorities, particularly African Americans have been told that the system is stacked against them; that they can't possibly achieve. Well, we give lie to all of that in this book by just going through the real history.

But also, talking about my own life experience. I mean when I was a kid growing up in Detroit and Boston, and a black person came on television and they were not in a servile role, it was a big deal. You called everybody into the living room, "Hey! Come see this! This is great!" Now you have black admirals and generals and CEOs of Fortune 500 companies and heads of foundations and university presidents, including Ivy League. We have elected a President of the United States twice. People are saying don't believe your eyes, don't believe your ears, don't believe your heart, just listen to what we're telling you.

We have got to get away from that. There was a reason that God made human beings in his own image. That means we have a sophisticated brain. You look at the frontal lobes of a human being, they're far superior to the frontal lobes of any creature.

JAMES: Sometimes it's hard to believe. [Laughing]—have to be yours.

BEN: Well, some of them. [Laughing] But we have these frontal lobes because that's where you engage in rational thought processing. We can extract information from the

past, mix it with information from the present, and project it into the future. We can plan a year ahead, five years, 10 years, or 20 years ahead. Animals don't do that. But animals do have big mid-brains. The mid-brain is what allows you to react. That's why animals react so quickly with cat-like reflexes. They look at something, and they react. But we have people who are trying to teach our children to act like animals. Just look at their face and react.

JAMES: And foolishly react.

BEN: Foolishly! When we have these frontal lobes which allow you to judge somebody by the content of their character. That's what Dr. King was talking about.

JAMES: I just love listening to you. Candy, I've gotten close to y'all. We are real family. You're his best cheerleader. You also challenge him. You and I went through some things and said, we've got to understand why is Ben doing this? Because sometimes he can challenge all of us.

Are you amazed at what you've been watching God do with your husband? Even starting at the prayer breakfast, when it was like he started a move of God that leads to a lot of what he's talking about, and what he's talking about with the American Cornerstone Institute where you're trying to show people the principles and foundation stones which made us great. But what happened at that prayer breakfast, Candy is he launched a movement of a return to those principles. It was like people suddenly got excited. He had spoken at prayer breakfasts before. Were you kind of amazed at the response he got when he spoke at that prayer breakfast?

CANDY: Yeah! We were shocked. But you know, God's been working in his life in so many ways. One, and to go just a little bit before that because when I was writing my book and when we do books together, I do research mostly, and here I was supposed to generate 60,000 words and I only had four weeks to do it because the campaign was going on and so on. I had to even edit the last book by myself which was just—well

anyway. So I only had four weeks. But in interviewing some of his hospital families because I got permission to interview them, found out some things and some miracles that happened, and there was no explanation for it.

One of those was when there was a tumor in this child's brainstem, that is considered inoperable, way back here. It's like a coaxial cable. You can't do anything to try to manipulate and get it out. But when he first went in it was like the consistency of cheese grits. Everybody's familiar with cheese grits. But after he took some of it out because they were going to do a frozen section to check and see if it was really what they thought it was, a high-grade carcinoma, and it was. But he took out as much as he dared and then they expected him to just deteriorate and die, this poor young man.

But his parents were insistent that God is going to heal our son and he's going to use you to do it. He's going to use a Christian neurosurgeon because nobody else would touch it because it is considered inoperable by the whole medical community.

After a day or two, this young man's eyes became conjugate, looking in the same direction. They weren't going in different directions and were able to handle his secretions and so on. So they did an M.R.I. and when they saw this, the tumor turned out to be compressing the brainstem. At least that's what it looked like, they weren't sure but that's what it looked like instead of invading the brainstem. So he goes back in because of the parents, of course, their permission to go back in and he could peel it away layer by layer. Now it was grits, and now it's like one of those pastries you just peel layer by layer. Hello! So that's another one of those miracles.

So when this is happening and he didn't know what he was going to say that morning until that morning because usually, he can put down his bullet points and so on and so forth, and he wasn't getting it. And then finally that morning, it was as clear as a bell, that's what I've heard him say, and he says what he has to say.

BEN: Tell them what happened to the young man.

CANDY: Oh, the young man! Oh yeah, he was fine. He became a preacher.

[Laughter]

JAMES: You know what Betty tells me? I don't have to help you catch a rabbit, I have to help you, James, catch a herd of rabbits.

CANDY: Thank you for bringing that up, sweetie, because yeah, once you start telling a story then you go down this rabbit hole and that rabbit hole. You're—with the rabbits. But yes, that young man is perfectly fine now, and he is a preacher.

BETTY: Isn't that amazing!

CANDY: Yeah. Getting on to the prayer breakfast and running for president wasn't on either of our bucket lists. It was just a lot of—

JAMES: And being in the cabinet wasn't on your bucket list for heaven's sake.

BEN: No, it wasn't.

CANDY: But that gave him an opportunity to do what he's been doing all of his life, which is trying to make things better for those that he can. So having an opportunity to do that was great to see the things happening and how people were coming together. So you go ahead, sweetie!

JAMES: But you weren't surprised by miracles? Because even as you tracked his life you saw miracles of God. God had given him gifting. More than gifted hands, a gifted mind, just like he has you, but you saw the miracles of God. Those miracles have continued in everything associated with him. That's why, now please listen to me, now you're going to tell them how to get there. I want you to support American Cornerstone

Institute. How do they go to the American Cornerstone and see what you've got? Where do they go, Ben?

BEN: AmericanCornerstone.org. Very easy. The Cornerstone principles are faith. You think about it, it is our faith, our Judeo-Christian values that teach us how to relate to our neighbor—love your neighbor. Not cancel your neighbor, that's completely antithetical to our principles and it is pure evil.

And then liberty; this has been a beacon of liberty for the world. Community, our ability to work together from lots of different vantage points, lots of different talents and skills. It was that ability that allowed this nation to grow and become very, very successful. And then life; from the womb to the tomb, valuing life. And as we've moved away from valuing life, we've become coarser in our relationships with each other.

We're in the process of seeing America change to something else and we don't want that to happen. And that's what American Cornerstone is all about. We also have a children's component called "Little Patriots" where we go in and begin to teach the children at a very early age, K through 5, lessons about who we are, about those very principles that I just talked about, and helping them to understand that we're not each other's enemy.

JAMES: And it is pretty simple if we would be the community that's actually the family of God. Candy, that we'd just love like we love one another. Betty, you love this couple. We've gotten to be their friends, but we watched this guy literally shake and shape history. Tell me what is in your heart for people to know about this couple so that they not only pray for them fervently but also support them? What's in your heart?

BETTY: I think they're a beautiful representative of what God wants for people to see. As Christians, we don't have to be intimidated, we don't have to back down. We can be strong in our faith yet loving at the same time. We don't have to be mean, we don't have to be angry. But at the same time, I loved what you said when we first started the show talking about not trying to cancel the history that we have. I look back on my life and I

wish I would have done this a little bit better. But I can't go back and change it but I can learn from it.

BEN: We have a wonderful history as a nation, as we point out in the book. Now, there are those who want to make America seem uniquely evil because we had slavery. Well, we point out in the book that every civilization has had to deal with slavery from the beginning of time. And there are more slaves in the world today than there have ever been when you look at human trafficking. And who is the number one consumer of that? The United States of America. We have a real problem going on today. We don't have to go back 200 years and dig something up. But if there is something unique about us and slavery is that we had so many people who were vehemently against it that we fought a bloody Civil War to get rid of it.

And see, it's how you tell the story. You can always look at the glass as half empty or half full, and ours is more than half full. We've got a lot of good things and this nation has created opportunities for all kinds of people. What we should do is look at the mistakes we've made and learn from them. Don't try to bury them, cover them up, because you're not going to learn anything by doing that. Learn from them and move forward. Do you want to tell them about Liberty Eagle?

CANDY: Yeah, Liberty Eagle leads you through the lessons as well as there is a book that was put out—

BEN: *Why America Matters.*

CANDY: Yes! That was the first one published. It's so cute because do you remember *Where's Waldo?* Remember that? Well, Liberty Eagle is on each one of the pages. So when you get there, you have to find her so you know she's still there and she's still leading. She even has eyelashes. At first, they didn't even have eyelashes on her. You know, how can you tell? So they put the eyelashes on her. But yes, Liberty Eagle does lead you through the lessons. And isn't there something else coming up, Star-spangled?

BEN: One other thing about Liberty Eagle. Liberty Eagle has a left wing and a right wing. [Laughing] Can't fly with two left wings, can't fly with two right wings.

JAMES: You've got to have both. And we can get along!

BEN: We can! We absolutely can.

JAMES: Here we are, you and I, neither one had a father. But we met the Father that everybody can have. We have experienced a miracle of that Father that everybody can experience. But we don't need to make excuses. I want to give everybody watching, you can get it online, *Created Equal*. Get the depth of this. Get the corrections that are here, it is all in love.

By the way, our viewers have saved the lives, we're doing water wells right now but they've saved the lives of 18 million African children with feeding. Now that's the report of the different African nations back to us; that's not just missionary talk. This is what their love did. This is the way love is supposed to work. It doesn't know color barriers, it doesn't know sectarian divides. We're the family of God who will differ, will disagree and still stay married, still stay family.

BEN: Wasn't God nice to give us variety? Can you imagine what the world would be like if everybody looked exactly like you?

JAMES: It would be a field of the same flower and God likes bouquets. He likes diversity, he likes beauty. I want to send you this book. Here's what we did.

Ben, we're going to ask everybody, and Candy, we're going to ask everybody watching to help us drill water wells. Betty and I make it our goal every time our missionaries say, well, we need to drill these wells, we drill a well. We started with \$3600. Now they're \$4800, they've stayed that way a long time. And we're believing we're going to drill all of

them.

Could you give one of them or part of them? Everyone that helps drill a well, whatever you do, whatever gift, we're going to send you this incredible book. It is basically by Ben and Candy, both of them and it's going to bless you. But you know what you're going to do? You're going to become a miracle somebody prayed for and longs for. You're going to become the answer to mothers' prayers. You are going to be the miracle someone desperately longs for and desperately needs. Watch closely.

On the mission field

ANNOUNCER: How can she forget the loss of a child? Then another? A third? And a fourth?

OPEN CAPTIONS

>> When my kids were born, they were healthy. But then our bad water caused vomiting, weakness, and diarrhea. And even though we took them to the hospital, my children died. Our village gets water from here, but it's making us all sick. Because of this water, my children died. I have felt so bad over the loss of my children, that I have at times spent a month without eating. Can you imagine losing one child, then another, then another, and another?

ANNOUNCER: Day after day, she is haunted by her loss. Her time with her four children was cut tragically short. Reflections of them are all she has left.

OPEN CAPTIONS

>> It's hard to cope with this life.

In the studio

JAMES: Can you imagine? Betty, we lost one child. What goes on inside of your heart when you look at that mother and realize she's lost four children and she didn't need to lose a single one of them?

BETTY: I do know what a mother feels like when she loses a child—one child. I know the pain that they go through. I still feel that pain sometimes. But I know where our daughter is, she is with Jesus rejoicing. But this mother has lost her whole family, all four of her precious little ones. And after losing one, to face the loss of three more! I can't even imagine how that precious woman holds her head up every day. Without Jesus, she couldn't. And without the hope we bring to her and her village, she couldn't.

So please join with us and let's drill the wells. Let's make a difference. Let's give life to these children.

JAMES: Betty, she didn't need to lose one child, much less four. I want to ask you if I could—I wish I could sit right in front of you. I guess, if I was close enough, I'd reach out and say, would you mind just taking my hands a minute? And I would just try to get really close to you. I wish I could somehow feel that I have that with you right now. Could we take these hands and make them the hands of Jesus? And could we extend a cup of water to a thirsty child that's clean water?

You know evil and our sin gave Jesus when he said, "I thirst," they gave him vinegar and gall and mocked him. I remember when I heard that as a little teenage boy, I said I would love to give you water, Jesus.

And I'm so grateful. We've been giving water because of you. We've been giving it to millions of people and saving their lives. Because thousands of children die every day from contaminated water.

The United Nations, I can remember the statements made: The greatest catastrophe in

the world is a lack of clean water—to escape contaminated water. We're running out of water. God is going to, I believe, provide a miracle where we can give water, and this is the miracle we give. We know the water is there. They have boreholes. The missionaries say "it's here" but when they get to the borehole it is contaminated just like all the other water. But we can change that. We're asking you, would you please, would you save someone's children? You could have been the answer to that mother's need and her prayer.

Would you right now please give a cup of water? Could you give a well of water? At \$4800, some of you are blessed by God enough to do that. We have people who give several wells. Praise God! Could you give \$1200 or \$2400 and pray three people join, or another joins and we've got a well? Or could you do what most people do, \$48? Listen to what I'm saying, \$48 gives ten people water the rest of their life. What an investment! Think about this, \$144 gives 30 people water the rest of their life.

This is our last week. We need a miracle this week. Would you be a part of that miracle? Would you go get your bank card—by the way, if you want to write a check, make it to LIFE but call us and tell us you're mailing it. We've got to know! The decisions are made this week. We tell the missionaries, the drilling teams, hit all those other places. We're going to drill the 350 wells that the missionaries targeted. Get your bank card and use it like a check. Please, do it right now. Go get it. Don't wait. It is so easy to put it off and then not do it. And use it like a check, that's how you should use your bank cards. And you make the gift God puts on your heart. Knowing this, you're giving the greatest gift, you're giving the gift of life.

To say thank you, we have many gifts, including Ben Carson's book, and Candy's book. You're going to love the gifts that we send you to say thank you. But you're giving the greatest gift, you're giving life!

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ANNOUNCER: *Every day thousands of lives are lost to waterborne diseases, 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 *The Birthright*. This book is a liberating and life-changing celebration of your birthright as a child of the King. Discover the joy of coming home to your Father's warm embrace.*

With your gift of \$100 or more, we'll also send you the "Moments With Him" mug set. These two beautifully crafted coffee mugs feature scripture on the side, the perfect way to start your day and reflect on the goodness of God.

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.

This is the last week! Please call, write, or make your gift online.

End of video**On the mission field**

RANDY: This is one of the coolest things ever! This well right here can go up to 300 feet. It can get down to where the water is pure and clean. Because in villages around

here and places all around the world just like this, sometimes their only source of water at times in the year is dirty, it is contaminated. And when people only have contaminated water, they have no choice but to drink it.

There is no substitute for clean drinking water. That's why the Water for LIFE outreach is so critical, so important! We need to put these in more places. They work. This is success. Will you help us extend the Water for LIFE program? Will you help us drill even more wells so that we can give life around the world? And remember, when you give to Water for LIFE, you give water and life!

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In the studio

JAMES: The gifts we're offering are seasonal devotionals: Winter, spring, summer, and fall. There are four of them. These are some of the prettiest gifts I've ever seen, the coasters: Faith, hope, and love. Wow! The greatest of these is love. We're going to send this to you because we want to bless you. You know about the beautiful bronze. Jesus says, "Let them come unto me." It is a beautiful bronze. And then also, Dr. Ben Carson's book.

God sent this man, in so many ways, as a source of inspiration to lift us out of the pit of defeat and despair and division and bring us together like a healthy family of the perfect Father.

Ben Carson, Betty and I say thank you. And Candy, you're two of the most beautiful people we'll ever know. Thank you for loving us.

BEN: Well, thank you! Thank you for being such an incredible soldier for the Lord in all these years, all the lives that have been saved because of what you've done. Not just the physical lives but their spiritual lives too. Thank you!

JAMES: We're going to talk in the next program tomorrow a little bit about your testimony. And Candy, we want to hear about yours.

Don't miss tomorrow. Tell your friends, Ben and Candy Carson are on Life Today. Everybody needs to watch it and get their friends to watch it all over the world! Thanks so much for sharing life!