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Week 11: Rescue LIFE

James and Betty Robison

Jay Richards #1

In the studio

JAMES: Betty and I welcome you to *Life Today*. I'm James Robison. We have a guest that became my friend about 12 years ago—maybe 14 years ago. We wrote a book together as a very strong evangelical Christian with a Baptist heritage, and a Catholic with a Catholic heritage, and one of the most academically trained minds in the country in Jay Richards.

We wrote a book called *Indivisible*. We wrote it at a time when the future of freedom was questioned, and it looked like we were taking a turn toward what would be Marxist control that was already ingrained into education; had to hit education very hard, had to hit higher education, academics all the way up through college, had even seemingly taken over. Had impacted too much in the once free market world in the entertainment community, the morality; and marriage had been attacked, prayer had been attacked, and faith had been attacked.

And we wrote a book that was very, very, very popular, a New York Times bestseller immediately. But many people said it's academically above a lot of folks, even though it is just great. But we need people to write where it would be like junior high school starts with it and everybody can read it through college age and love it.

And Jay, we went back in prayer and came up with a book, *Fight the Good Fight*: That there can be an alliance of faith and reason and it can win the culture war. The culture war seems to be lost to what I would call the powers of deception. We're not fighting

political parties or candidates or individuals or other religious groups. We are fighting principalities and powers from the realm of darkness and deception. That's who we are fighting. That's what Paul said, that's what the Bible says. So we're in a spiritual conflict.

And Jay, it appears today that the powers of deception, dissension, division, anger, and even murder, it is just hideous what's happening, is beginning to prevail. It looks like freedom is going over the cliff. It looks like we're in the process of losing it. And it looks like people have forsaken the sound principles upon which you build a sound life, marriage, business, school, whatever. It looks like we're about to lose that. Would you agree?

JAY: It does! It looks that way. I think that's why a lot of people are in despair and feel like they should throw up their hands and think there is nothing that can be done. But as we say in the book, it is precisely in those times in history when people suddenly wake up to the things around them. When we were writing *Indivisible*, for instance, we didn't realize we needed to write a chapter to explain that boys cannot become girls, and girls can't become boys. It didn't occur to us. Way back in the olden days, in 2011, that that would be the burning issue—that is the burning issue! That's the bad news.

JAMES: And boys and girls competing against each other.

JAY: Absolutely. This is a basic reality. That's the bad news. Here's the good news. Is that the culture has gotten so insane that lots of people that aren't believers, people that might think of themselves as politically liberal and secular are almost sensing, okay, we took a wrong turn here somewhere. Maybe they were on the train of the sexual revolution from the 60s up until 2015 and then men started competing in girls' sports and we started subjecting children to gender reassignment surgery. And a lot of people—

JAMES: Which can't be corrected once you do it.

JAY: Once you remove a body part you don't get to just stick it back on. That's just the

reality of the situation that we're dealing with. But what this does is, the forces of darkness have suddenly manifested themselves visibly, including the people that maybe have no belief in God at all. That's why I'm absolutely convinced this is a moment of opportunity because God is giving us sort of one last chance to see where we're going on this train. To see the fact that the track has gone off, down the ravine, in time to stop and turn things around. So I'm strangely optimistic that we could do that.

JAMES: We worked very hard and you put most of the work in. Because frankly, you knew the sources, you knew how to do it, you know how to prove it. So you took the time to go in and organize it.

Now Betty is not someone who loves to sit around and read. Well, Betty started reading the book. She gets through the first chapter and the second, she said, "James, you don't understand. Everybody has to read this book. Everybody can read this book. This book is not too hard to read. And this book, I can already tell, I can tell by the chapters, I can tell by having listened to you and Jay talk, this answers all the questions."

And it settles it, it does. There are about 8 to 10 chapters, there may be 19, which is about 20, but they're not too long. But we made sure they were like seventh-grade level up. If you can read in junior high you can read this book. And you're going to understand this book; it is not that complicated. But it is not simplistic in the sense that it is trite. It is not. It is very, very sound.

Listen to the titles: "Come let us reason together." We don't reason any more. "The law is written on the heart, stone, and parchment." Significance of that title.

JAY: Well, so the heart is, of course, from Romans. Paul says the Gentiles, the Romans, and the Greeks, though they knew not the law, God had not revealed himself directly to them, had the law written on their hearts. This idea is that there is a natural law. In fact, atheists know murder is wrong. You don't have to be a Christian to know murder is wrong.

JAMES: Our founders talked about nature's law.

JAY: That's exactly right. So you have natural law that's written into things because God's built it that way. And then you have positive law written on the heart. On stone, which is God revealing the law to Moses; so we have special revelation. And then parchment is what scholars call positive law. So in other words, the constitution, the laws that ideally are based upon the natural law and divine law that reflect that.

JAMES: And they recorded it. When it is in nature, it is written in what is created. There it is. It is. You can't deny it.

Then the next chapter is "God in public," "Bearing the sword." Let's pause there for just a minute. Is there a right time to bear the sword?

JAY: There absolutely is. That's a big debate that a lot of Christians have. They say well, Jesus allowed himself to be crucified so doesn't that mean that we should be passivists? Where Jesus never said that. He didn't tell us, okay, go put away your sword. No, that's not what happened. The reality is, say the early Christians, and they weren't in charge of anything, what they would do to witness to their culture is going to be different from what we do in a Republic where we can vote and we can influence others.

Christians have a responsibility to the world of politics, that's part of what this book is about. And politics sometimes involves the use of violence. Let's just call it that way. But that doesn't mean that okay, when we go to war and we fight and kill we can just do anything we want. There are still laws of war. There is this long tradition called the "Just War Tradition" that is not just uniquely Christian but something that I think Christians need to take more seriously.

JAMES: Well, you're fighting to protect innocence and innocent life. No question about that. Look at what's happening. We've got people bombing innocent people everywhere.

What happened in Israel is despicable. It is unacceptable. What Iran is doing continually to us and others and funding it, and sadly then we are also funding it because we fund what they do, somewhere you put your foot down. If there is anybody that wants you to put your foot down to protect the innocent it would be God.

All right, don't you believe that government right now is becoming one of our greatest enemies because it is beginning to take over? And one of the takeover plots is to tell them they're going to take care of us. That is the biggest lie that came out of a Marxist mouth, and people bought the lie. And right now it is being perpetuated. What makes government bad?

JAY: What makes government bad is when it gets involved in things that it doesn't have jurisdiction over. So basically, when it doesn't focus on its core competencies, defending the borders and protecting the innocent, that's the core competence of government. Supporting everyone from cradle to grave and providing jobs for everyone, not only should the government not do that, it can't do it. And when it tries to do it, it messes up the system.

The war on poverty is a perfect example. It started in the 1960s. It was supposedly going to end poverty. Instead, what it did was create cycles, generational cycles of poverty by making people dependent.

JAMES: And trillions supporting it, and it is our money, and it is totally ineffective. It is actually damaging.

Now what we've done on the border is we have invited illegals—not just immigrants but illegals to come across; criminals to come across. And they're being cared for when they get here. It is like we're bringing them over and now then we are arming them. Can you believe such insanity is prevailing in Washington? How did you let that happen?

JAY: I know! I'm sorry! I've been there for ten years and I've got to stop this. But it is

just absolute insanity. Because this was not originally a part of—I don't think in the 1990s, no matter who was in the White House would not have just been opening the border this way. Of course, if I'm a poor Costa Rican and the door is open, I'm going to make my way up here. That makes perfect sense. What doesn't make sense is that we're doing this to ourselves. There is just something—

JAMES: We're inviting with no way of protecting us from disease and from pedophiles coming in, sex traffickers, the drug peddlers, all the fentanyl, everything coming across. Am I too worked up about it?

JAY: Not too worked up. You're worked up but you're justly worked up. Because you said something I think is absolutely crucial for everyone to understand. The United States is the number one consumer of sex trafficking—number one. And Mexico is the number one provider on our southern border. So it is not just people wanting to come over looking for jobs. As you said, it is the traffickers. It's the trafficking itself. It is the drug dealers. It is the cartels.

JAMES: Our leaders opened that border. They opened that door. It would be like someone going into your subdivision and opening the door and inviting every criminal to come in and live there and plop there and stalk your children. It's that—

I'm sorry! Excuse me. It is worse than that. This is absolute—not suicide, this is in my opinion murder. You're opening the door to murder. Thousands have already died of diseases coming across; hurt since they've come across. And all of the drugs that have come into our children have killed thousands of our children of all ages.

Do you care? If you care, I beg you, will you agree this is appropriate? Read this book. When my assistant walks in and says everybody—now you've got to understand, she reads every famous author. We have them here, the popular authors, the greatest authors, she reads them all. She reads those books, she loves those people. She's worked for some of them; been with me nearly 30 years. She says this has to be read. Read it twice in short

order.

Betty, does everybody listening to us need to read this book?

BETTY: Absolutely! James, I began the book and from the introduction even, I thought, wow! You could just let people read that and that would get their hearts where God wants them to be, to be able to see truth for what it is. We've tried to turn, in this day, truth into lies. We have tried to turn everything backward. Government is trying to tell you how to think, what to wear, how to cook, what to drive, and how to parent your children. We have just—it has just gone all out of control.

But as I started reading this book, I wanted to pause just for a few minutes after every chapter and say, okay, what did I just read? What got into my heart and my soul? What did I learn from that chapter? And then after I feel like God shows me what he wants me to see, I can go on to the next chapter. In other words, don't just read the book to get through the book and say, hey! I read it. Give me a checkmark. No, that's not the purpose of it. It is so it can get down into your heart and become truth and life to what God wants us to do. Because we can change this world. God wants it for his people and his children.

JAMES: We can correct the course faster than you ever imagined because in the clearest simplest fashion one of the most brilliant minds, two people from the most extreme backgrounds, very strong Catholic, very strong evangelical, Baptist, Bible Baptist leader, both of us leaders in our areas, came together as one. We're family. We have brought leaders together across all lines.

You cannot believe the correction that's being spoken to the Vatican, to the Pope, to the leaders, to the evangelicals, to every denomination, to every pastor. Do you know something? People with ears to hear are receiving because it's being delivered in unconditional redemptive love. And that's what this book does.

Jay is a brilliant man and a great writer. The next chapter is "Choose Life." I'm the

product of rape. I counted up, we have 60 in our immediate family. This fatherless child, the product of rape, never had a father, never had a home, didn't live on a street—but I met that Father. Our three children met that Father.

This woman changed my life. When I look at where I came from, of ten years of hell, and see how God used her, it is unbelievable. He can use the truth in this book like he used the truth in you to change me. And he's used me to encourage you. And I love you so much. We have shared something about how we save a life, protect life, strengthen life, enhance life, build life, and protect life.

"A man shall cling to his wife." What about marriage? You don't redefine marriage. You don't redefine marriage as what it is between, an animal and a person, two men, two women—several people. No, you can do those things. You can be gay. You can be transgender. God didn't say you couldn't be that. God said it is not the best. It doesn't line up with what is best. It is not best for you or those around you. He didn't say you couldn't do it. He didn't say you couldn't have ten wives. He didn't say you couldn't chase ten women. A lot of the people in the book that he used had problems with women. A lot of them, the problems they had brought them to trouble that went to the nation. Just because we can do things that are not best, you don't change it to say it is best when it is not. You keep telling people their principles.

That's what this book does. In really 19 chapters. "Male and female he created them." You don't regender them.

"Multiply and fill the earth." You can't multiply if you don't have a man and a woman. How are you going to obey that command? That's basically the first real plain commandment.

"Train up a child." You don't just tell them or teach them—you train them. We train dogs but we don't train children, we yell at them. We want to train them. You can train them. A coach has to train his athletes. You don't just tell them and scream at them, you train

them. Show them how to jump, how to run, how to block, how to play off a block. Does that make sense? "Train up a child." "All men are created equal."

Jay, we go through all of these chapters. Do you believe, if people will read this and just sit down and think and pray, they would understand how to win the good fight?

JAY: I do! That's absolutely what we wanted to do. The reality is we've been thinking about these issues for a long time. But we also knew that look, people don't have all the time in the world so how do we distill all of these issues, all the sort of background ideas so that people can grasp them, understand them, and then understand what to do with it? I'm really optimistic, I think we've done it.

JAMES: I believe we have too. Now listen. Betty and I are here every day not because we're—we're 80 years old, married over 60 years. We're not looking for something to do. And I'm not looking to be successful. I've had the most indescribably successful ministry from the moment we started. Millions and millions of people come to Christ and millions and millions of lives have been saved because of you, people like you. Evangelism, missions, all—you send the gospel, you send the message, you send the love, you send the help. We find the need, we proclaim the message, the truth, the way, the truth, the life but you make it possible. Yes, you do!

I want you to get this book. I want to tell you something. We have to correct the course by this fall. We go out of this year without a change of course and direction in leadership, listen to me, freedom is over as we've known it—it's over. It doesn't have to be. Basically, probably by the end of the year, I'll have 30 grandchildren—grandchildren and greats. I'm trying to leave freedom for them, for everybody you love. I promise you, the truth is here. And it is digestible and applicable. We'll do it. Yes, it will, I promise you. But we have to give it legs. Would you ask for the book today and get it?

Here's what we're asking you to do. Would you help us rescue children, especially girls from sexual trafficking? Many of them are right here, now, in our country. We've been

helping Tim Tebow do it. But all over the world we have saved thousands and thousands of girls and children, and we are beginning to restore them and give them a job and a future. You know that. You've been watching us do it. You make it happen. \$128 will rescue a child.

But we've got a group of people who gave \$320,000 to match what you give. Which means \$128 if you give it now, it will rescue two. I always ask, would you give \$1280 and rescue ten? It is 20. You've rescued 20! Don't tell me there are not a lot of you watching me right now that can't do that. Would you do it?

We're going to send you *Fight the Good Fight*. We want to send you a beautiful Bible. And we will send you "A Cup of Water," this beautiful bronze; Jesus offering a cup of water. We're offering life.

Please go to the phone or go online and take your bank card and use it like a check. Make the gift God leads you to make. Do it right now. And ask for the book.

On the mission field

ANNERIE: Human trafficking affects every country in the world. And in big cities like this, around major train stations and adult entertainment areas, runaway teenagers gather trying to escape their abusive family environments just longing for a community that will love and accept them. Traffickers target these children and offer them food and shelter in exchange for sex. And for a child that is desperate and vulnerable, this might seem like the only way out.

These children are part of almost 50 million men, women, and children around the world living in conditions of modern-day slavery. But to Jesus, they're not a number. He knows every single one of them by name and he has a plan and a purpose for their lives. That is why Zoe, together with our partners at *LIFE Outreach International*, works to end child trafficking through prevention, rescue, and restoration.

Because of your support, we are able to work with local authorities to rescue children from some of the most horrific situations imaginable and to offer them hope and a future. But there are still more than 10 million children that need to be rescued. And that's why we need your continued prayers and support. Because you empower us to be a voice for the voiceless and to be able to continue our work to reach every person and rescue every child.

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In the studio

JAMES: Boy, it is just easier for me to love that worker, all those people. Why would you not want to rescue when there are 10 million easily just waiting? Would you rescue ten? Ten of the ten million? To those ten, it means everything.

Here's what I want you to know because of people like you, we've got \$320,000, that's a lot, as a matching gift for whatever you give. Go ahead and give \$100,000, it will be matched, 10,000. But could you give like \$1280 for ten? It will be doubled immediately to 20.

Betty, many of our viewers can do it. And we always do it. We always do much more than we ask you to do, that includes the wells. And we started when they were \$3400, \$3600? And it was hard. And we prayed. It got where it wasn't hard.

I can't stop his blessings. I've never even gone after them. I go after him. He blesses me. I delight in his will. Betty does. Would you rescue ten? Now 20? Could you give \$128 to rescue one and now two?

Go right now and get your bank card or write a check. Would you do it? Or go online, call that number, and tell us what you're mailing with a check. Make it out to *LIFE* or put it on a card, and always use your bank card like a check. It is always the way you should

use it.

We will send you *Fight the Good Fight*. I hope you'll ask your friends to go online and order one and read it immediately. I hope everybody you know will read this book soon because we can start the turnaround in the next few weeks, not just months. And it has to happen by year-end—has to! There has to be an adjustment, a major adjustment, or freedom is over. I promise you, I'm not exaggerating, it is that serious. And this is a cure. Yes, I contributed big time but Jay Richards was the key through which God flowed the wisdom and truth that we just need—in simplicity. Ask for it. Go right now.

Rescue someone, save the future of freedom for an individual. For our nation. For the world.

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ANNOUNCER: *Innocent children and young people longing to be loved and cared for are being abducted and sold at the hands of violent predators, forced into the evil industry of human trafficking.*

Through Mission: Rescue Life you can reach out to warn children who are at risk for sex trafficking, rescue those already enslaved, and restore young lives and give them a future. With a generous \$320,000 matching gift, now your gift of \$128 to help rescue one child can be doubled to help two children. Your \$64 gift will be matched to help save one child from the horrors of human trafficking. And a \$32 mission rescue gift will be doubled to \$64.

*With your gift today, we'll send you the brand-new book from James Robison and Jay Richards, *Fight the Good Fight*. This book will open your eyes to what's at stake and the unwavering truth that God isn't finished with our nation. It's time to fight the good fight and return to unshakable biblical principles.*

With your gift of \$128 or more, you'll receive the NIV large print Thinline Bible. This easy-to-carry, easy-to-read NIV Bible with comfort print allows you to take in more of God's word each time you open your Bible.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1280 which will now help save 20 children. And you may request our inspiring bronze sculpture, "A Cup of Water."

Please call, write, or make your gift online.

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In the studio

JAMES: Tomorrow we're going to talk to you some more. You need to tell everybody to watch the program and you need to tell everybody you know to get this book. Get in it, get at it.

Jay, thank you. I'll be talking to you tomorrow.

Thank you. See you tomorrow. Get your friends to join.