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James and Betty Robison

"God's Almighty Army"

In the studio

JAMES: I want to spend this time sharing with you what Betty and I are doing at this point in our lives after being married for over 60 years and being over 60 years in public ministry. We've just had, during this taping, we've had another great-grandbaby. So we will have 30 grandchildren by the next few months: that's 11 grands and 19 greats. That's a lot of them.

BETTY: It is a lot!

JAMES: And they're beautiful! We just thank God. It is so amazing, Betty, to think that a fatherless boy, the product of a forced, sexual relationship imposed on a 40-year-old home nurse, the doctor refused to abort me and would give a boy who never had a chance, never had a house that faced a street, lived in shacks, lived on dumps, totally poor. So shy, hard for people to believe that, but for God to have worked in my life and changed my life to where I come to the sweetest little church girl and you tell me my testimony and my relationship with Jesus did what to you?

BETTY: It changed my life. I was in church all of my life. Mother saw to that with her four children. She did her best to guide us in God's way, and I'm so thankful for that. But I missed something, and that was a personal relationship with Jesus. When God sent James into my life as you said, you were the most unlikely person anybody would have thought God would choose to do what he called you to do, and that was to minister and to tell God's love and his truth, and to tell them about Jesus. But God can do some wonderful things.

I feel like just as much as what he's done for you, he did so much for me. I came to know him in

a personal way because of your personal relationship with him. And it changed my life forever, and I walk in a different way full of his love, full of His grace, I hope, every day. Full of forgiveness knowing that he loves me so deeply. He blessed us with such a beautiful family, three children, 11 grandchildren, and like James has already said, so many great-grandchildren. God has been so good!

You know, James, that doesn't mean we avoided the trials in life. We've had some heartaches. We've had some challenges. But every day if we allow him to go before us, he will pick us up when we fall. He will stand us up strong again. Even though we feel like God, I've done so many bad things but God forgives us because he created us. He made us all in his image. And he wants us to walk in his light, his truth, his love, and his forgiveness.

JAMES: Well, what we're doing now with this beautiful family we have, we could sort of sit down and say we've done what God wanted us to do all over the world. And we have. But what we're doing right now is I'm focusing my time in much prayer, as is Betty. And I'm speaking to leaders in all the communities in this nation, one-on-one, many times conference calls, on the phone, primarily. I'm not becoming the center of attention in the speaking situation. I'm pointing to the center of attention, Jesus. And I'm pointing at him through many different people who are so gifted; gifted in ways far beyond any of the ways I'm gifted. And I'm pointing at him in them so you'll listen to them. Because a lot of times, people don't pay attention to certain people unless certain things bring attention to them. So I'm trying to do that.

When Jay Richards and I wrote *Fight the Good Fight*, we wrote this to show you the principles that are essential to us preserving freedom here in this country and around the world. If we don't restore the principles that are covered in this book, the principles that moved our founders—now I'm not exaggerating when I tell you that these men laid everything down, period. Everything! To birth this nation built on principles that are unshakeable. Definitely biblical, definitely God's will. They are proven irrefutable in history. If they're in place, benefit. Not in place, catastrophic consequences.

We have them cast aside. We have given education to the enemy, the deceiver. We have given

entertainment to him. We've given much of business to him. We've given much of politics to him, of government. We have turned it over to the deceiver who destroys, he divides—he defeats, divides, and destroys. That's what's happening to us.

The only hope is to return to God. When you return to God you return to God's principles. You return to the principles that Jesus showed us how effectively they work. And history has revealed it, and this nation proved that when those principles are in play and in place the benefits are indescribable. In fact, they are so great, they are so amazing that it is very easy to fall in love with them and make an idol out of them. That's why God warned continually, that even when the people went into the Promised Land, you have to be very, very careful. You have to keep him first.

Well, Betty and I are spending a tremendous amount of time asking God to give us the opportunity and to help us show people how all people of different races, of different denominations, and of different parties can come together in a supernatural unity that was essential to birth this nation. And we're going to have to have a return to it to save the nation and to save the future of freedom. There is simply no substitute for that.

I'm asking you, please, get the book *Fight the Good Fight*. The principles in here must be restored, absolutely. And you can't check out of choosing leaders and leave it up to people who don't understand the importance of the principles shared here; the principles that our founders understood, the principles that made us great throughout history, the principles that when we go away from them, everything falls apart in almost every area. When we return to them, we can rebuild the stability and the security and the peace that we're longing for.

Now the stage is set for that return. We're going to have to make a great decision this year. I made a decision four years ago to help someone I didn't even want to meet, much less help. But Mike Huckabee, his wife Janet, stronger even than Mike—you need to know Janet. Maybe you see the two of them really clearly in their daughter Sara. Wow! What a beautiful, beautiful example of strength in leadership. Maybe someday she will be our national leader. But Ben Carson also. He got me to spend time with Mr. Trump. I didn't want to. I wasn't excited at all

about his lifestyle.

I heard that he was open to some things changing. Well, Ben Carson talked him into talking to me. I know it shocked everybody, Betty, when I flew to New York, sat down to what I thought would be a ten-minute meeting, because he told Ben, he didn't—Ben said, "You've got to meet with James at least an hour or I won't endorse you." But I figured it would be 10 or 15 minutes; it was an hour and a half, and it was amazing.

Now let me just say this to you. I still think Mr. Trump has many areas of adjustment to make. Many things that are unnecessary and set him back; are just kind of his New York way. But he's been very teachable. Let me say this to you. For six years I was able to talk to him at any time. I could call him, and he would answer. If we weren't speaking, he would answer. He would have me address the cabinet, transition team, business leaders, political leaders, and whoever was in the room or he would just talk to me. He never pushed back. He never treated me with disrespect. He always listened. Did he always agree with me? Not necessarily. He would say, "I don't know about that." And I would say, "I understand. But I want you to consider it heavily." He always did. I watched him make decisions that amazed everybody and the benefit of those decisions were very positive.

Now I'm just telling you that because I will talk to any person about the wisdom of God, the truth of God, the word of God, the greatness of the principles of our founders that made the nation great and gave us a foundation to build on. I will talk about the things that must be restored, that must be in place. I've always done that. Betty, I was doing this in the late '70s when God led me to meet with Ronald Reagan. That was a situation where Billy Graham prayed that meeting into place, along with Bill Bright, another man named Adrian Rogers, and another man named Charles Stanley. And Pat Robertson, up in Virginia. All of them convinced me that I needed to get with Reagan. Well, that miracle occurred. And it occurred because one of my staff member's mother, well, my vice-president is named Bruce Jacobson. His mother Pat Jacobson was the one who basically got me the opportunity to share with Reagan the concern for the nation and what could happen.

We put a meeting together called the National Affairs Briefing where he came into the meeting and said, "I know you can't endorse me but I'm just telling you that because I endorse you." He endorsed the conservative Christians and leaders and business people who came to fill the coliseum. It just blew everybody's mind. But the fact was Mr. Reagan wanted to learn and we were able to put him together with some people.

I'm simply telling you that as a result of prayer, now think about all those great preachers I just mentioned who prayed the possibility of a California governor who had been an actor, who wasn't even going to run and he did, and then he said, "I endorse you," think about the miracle of all that. It was a miracle that we were a part of. It was God who did this.

If we hadn't had Mr. Reagan, the Soviet Union would not have collapsed. And God allowed us to have the privilege of putting with General Daniel Graham who knew what was happening militarily and knew how to deal with the Soviet Union and did it supernaturally and miraculously. All of this happened as a result of prayer.

Here's the thing I'm saying to you right now. We have got to go back to the principles of our founders that made us great. That is what this book is about. That is why I launched a website called *The Stream* so you could hear the brightest, smartest, highest educated people on the planet every day online. You can read—you can read it, STREAM.org. Make it your home page. Listen to these brilliant people from all diverse areas, theologically, denominationally, sectarian, partisanship, educationally, all of it, but principled. Rock-solid unshakeable principles, sharing the wisdom of God, not the brilliance of man. That's what we're seeking to do. And we want everybody to hear him, to hear his mind, his will, his word, his truth, his principles.

So what I'm doing, with the help of people like you, who want us to return to principles, return to what the founders understood is imperatively important; that you cannot take these foundation stones away and expect family to stand, marriage to stand, business to stand, entertainment to stand, sports to stand. Nothing stands with these principles not in place. So read them and support them.

We have got to put in leadership people who understand the importance, and the imperative of putting leaders back in place who will stand on, build on, and defend those principles. We've got to do it.

Betty, you are in touch. You watch what happens. You pray. I've never seen anybody more focused. Why are you so consumed with what has to happen this year? And I know you see it as basically a massive change that must take place.

BETTY: James, I'm sitting here listening to you and I thought, some people are maybe sitting out there saying, uh-oh! You're getting into politics. No! It is not politics. It is about caring what's going on in this world. Did God say—you hear a lot about influencers now. I think God wants us to be influencers for him. And he says go tell, James. That's what you have been doing when you meet with these different people. You're going to tell about God's love, God's truth, and God's word, to be a representation of what is truth and life through God's Word.

So no, it is not politics. It is caring about what is going on. We live in this world. It is an imperfect world, and we must be an influence for the better. I feel like that's what you were sharing about, being an influencer for the better of what God wants.

JAMES: Well, it is involved in the political process of choosing leaders wisely, and those leaders need to be principled. And that's why we're trying to share the principles very clearly. That's what *The Stream* will be seeking to do every day from very diverse individuals. It is not pro-partisan, not pro-party, it is not pro-individual, it is pro-principles to all individuals, to all parties, to all people.

The church of all people needs to be in play choosing and selecting leaders. We have been commissioned by God to choose the best leaders. God calls and chooses the best leaders. He points them out. He points out who to follow by the principles that guide their lives. And we've got to put those kinds of people in place or we're going to lose freedom. The deceiver divides and destroys. He is the father of lies and murder; that's what he is. He is controlling much—too much and the majority of leadership in place right now, sadly, in Washington in our government. It is

heartbreaking. Every one of us who knows there is truth that sets us free needs to return to that truth and those principles.

Father, our nation needs to repent and return to you and your principles and your truth, and what our founders magnificently understood and gave us. Now, Lord, please restore our land, heal our land, and give us a miracle, a transformation of our nation and our national leadership. Get the church to come out from under cover, to put the light of their love and their principled lives and their beliefs up on the lampstand. Lord, help them to be strong and courageous, to drive the wolves away from the sheepfolds and away from the sheep; to drive the briars and the thorns away from the fertile fields of opportunity. God, in heaven, please, please raise up your people to take a stand for your truth, fearlessly, faithfully; in Jesus' name, I pray.

It is not too late. We could see freedom saved. We can see peace secured but we have to come out from under cover. We have to get the light on the lampstand. We have to stand like a family, like a mighty army—a mighty army of overcomers, more than conquerors. Please do it! Please do it! God, raise them up, in Jesus' name.

I know all of you know we notice the least of these. We notice the overlooked. We give water and food to those who need it. We rescue the perishing, care for the dying, and share Jesus with them. But we share it not only in word, we share it in action. Water for LIFE is one of the most beautiful outreaches of our entire ministry.

Would you help us complete drilling 350 more water wells and be the miracle in someone's home area, their village, their community? Please, watch right now and listen and respond as God directs you to be the miracle many people desperately need. Please do it!

On the mission field

RANDY: When we come into a place like this our first reaction as a television crew is to say, "Don't drink that!" But they drank it yesterday. They're going to drink it tomorrow. They'll drink it for the rest of their lives if they have no other choice.

It is contaminated. There are bacteria in there you can't even see. There are creatures that we can see. Moss, oily kind of look, and this water is death. There is no other way to say it. This water is death. We know that because we've talked to so many mothers who have lost children.

I want you to hear the story of Piscozi. One mother who has faced so much difficulty. Keep in mind it represents stories of many mothers across the world who face a similar situation. It means much for you to share your story with me today.

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>> I've been through really difficult times. My child became very sick and I rushed him to the hospital. They gave him pills but he became worse. His tummy became very swollen and he was vomiting and had diarrhea. Even his hair turned yellow. When we got back home, he got even worse until he died.

RANDY: My heart is broken, like I know yours is when you hear Piscozi's story. But I have to tell you that this isn't an isolated story. There are so many mothers who are hurting, and who are concerned for their children. We have a solution. The question is, what will we do?

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In the studio

JAMES: Father, I join Randy in prayer. We need a miracle. They need a miracle. We can provide it.

Would you please ask God what he wants you to do? We're going to drill the 350 wells and complete now that total opportunity where we found the locations where they need them, just like you were looking at. And we'll be able to say yes, the well is coming. But we need your help because each well averages \$4800. So we're asking you if you can give a well do it, please. Father, please help everyone who can do it. If you can give toward a well, and pray three people join you, we've got it. So if you can do that, do it. But please remember, \$48 gives ten people,

basically, water for the rest of their lives. \$144 gives 30 people.

Whatever you can do, it's life to the people you're giving water to. It is a miracle. And all of those people will come to know that it is because of the water of life. It is Jesus that that water is coming to them.

Would you please right now, would you just get up and go get your bank card and use it like a check? Please, call the number where people are calling always every day for prayer and for help, many to give their lives to Christ. But would you call that number? Take that bank card and make the best gift you can. Or go online and make the gift.

Could you give a well, part of a well? Could you give water to 10, to 30? We have some beautiful gifts and a beautiful devotional guide to send you. We have mugs that are so beautiful that I think you'll really, really enjoy them with the scriptures on them. I think that will be a blessing to you.

Please right now go to the phone, or go online and give the greatest gift, make a gift of life. Thank you so much for doing it.

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ANNOUNCER: Every day thousands of lives are lost to a waterborne disease, and nearly half of those are children under the age of five. Through Mission: Water for LIFE, now in its 25th year, you could give mothers hope and children a future as we provide clean life-giving water for thousands of children and their families before it is 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. 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 "God's Word for My Day" devotional set. These four seasonal devotionals each contain a daily reading, an encouraging verse, and a thought to ponder for each day of the year.

With your gift of \$100 or more, you may request the "His Word is Life" tumbler set. These two 20-ounce stainless steel tumblers each inscribed with a scripture will inspire you throughout the day and help keep your drinks well-insulated while at home or on the go.

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 beautiful bronze sculpture, "A Cup of Water."

Please call, write, or make your gift online.

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On the mission field

JOHN: I'm at a stream here in South Sudan where most of the day we have been talking to mothers, and watching mothers and children come to fill their water buckets to take back to their village. We've spoken to two women specifically about the loss of their children. Both of them had lost children; one of them had lost two.

The fact is that if you talk to them, in their mind this is good water. But we know it is not the clear water that you see, that you think you see. It is the poisons in the water that will kill somebody, it is the parasites, the bacteria. And this water is what's killed their children.

And we need your help in order to make a difference in their lives. Would you go right now? Whatever way you give, whether it be by phone or online or mail, would you make your very best gift right now to help us to bring Water for LIFE to a village like this so that we can assure that their children will not suffer from waterborne illness anymore?

In the studio

JAMES: Well, I pray to God that you helped us give life. I hope you won't go away saying well, James just went political. No, I went principled all the way to action which means you affect everything on the planet, including the political leadership and the political policies and practices. They must be principled, that's absolute. You build the house on a solid foundation or the house crumbles. It falls when it is built on sand. You've got to build it on the solid rock, the rock of God's truth and God's principles. Let's do it. Let's get active. Let's be a light that cannot and will not be hidden.

God bless you. Thanks for watching. Thanks for sharing life.