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Week 28: WFL

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"Return to God"

In the studio

JAMES: Well, I want to welcome you to *Life Today*. Betty and I are honored to spend this time with you. I've got to be very honest with you right up front. Betty and I are both 80 years old. She says you don't have to tell them I'm the same as you. They can't tell.

BETTY: It's okay.

JAMES: I'm on an 80-year journey; a miracle start because my mother was raped and tried to have me aborted. Okay, you know that. But here I am. But I've never had such a heavy heart, and yet, at the same time, a very hopeful heart. Because I'm seeing the darkest acts and practices and moves against light in all these 80 years on this earth. But I'm also, and for many of you it is hidden, because I'm in the midst of lifting Jesus up to so many different people who are high-impact leaders, pastors, business, national, and every area, I'm seeing a change in these people, Betty. You've seen it in a lot of people you wouldn't expect. It is a miracle. But the horrors of what we see. I can't be gone for a while and come back into the house and you not comment on something else that has broken your heart.

BETTY: It is just constant, James, what's happening. You'll hear small, good reports, but you hear mostly the bad on television. You have to say, God, what is going on here? It is kind of like you said, a hopeless feeling but also hopeful at the same time. Because we know who can correct all this.

JAMES: We know he is anxious to correct it. Here's what I want you to know. I want you to hang with me all this week. I'm going to start with one of my favorite prophets, a minor prophet, Joel. I love these guys just like I love Jeremiah, I love Isaiah. I look at Joel because he faced a situation a little bit like a major COVID. But it had to do with the infection of insects, of locusts, and other critters that destroyed. They were hit hard.

It is amazing what God communicated with this prophet that he went ahead and communicated with the people. You can see that in the midst of what was destruction and death and the loss of everything that mattered, the very essence of even the ability to stay alive, to be nourished, to eat, to feed. Even wildlife, a sheep, or any person that you cared about, was just all threatened. Everything was threatened with a total wipeout.

And yet, God offers hope. I want you to just listen and look and see the similarities of what we're facing. The thing that I want people to hear all this week is that there is a hope set before us in the Lord to where his vision and his dream that he desires to be fulfilled, and think about this now, think about what I'm saying, can only be fulfilled through his family. If you want to say the church, then you say the body of the Christ who revealed the Father's will being done on earth in undeniable manifestation and power and demonstration—transforming power.

So that's what's available but it has to flow through the body of Christ. It has to, Betty, comes through the family of the perfect Father. So the real hope for the future rests on the shoulders of those of us who have been born from above in the spirit and have a relationship with God as a member of his body, as a member of his family to reveal to the world the Father's will. And that's what we're here to do.

Now here's the wipeout and Joel starts talking about it. I want you to see how similar it is. Listen to what he says in Joel chapter one: *The nation has invaded my land, mighty and without number; the teeth are the teeth of a lion, the fangs of a lioness. It has made my vine a waste, my fig tree splinters, it has stripped them bare and cast them away; the*

branches have become white like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the bridegroom of her youth. The grain offering and libation are cut off from the house of the Lord. The priests mourn, the ministers of the Lord, the field is ruined, the land mourns, for the grain is ruined, the new wine dries up, and fresh oil fails. Everything is gone!

Gird yourselves, God says, with sackcloth, and lament, priests. Weep! Wail, ministers of the altar! Come, spend the night in sackcloth, ministers of my God for the grain offering and the libation are withheld from the house of your God. Everything is lost. It is dismal.

Consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the Lord and cry out for the day—for the day of the Lord is near and it will come as construction from the Almighty.

This is judgment. This is judgment because people have walked away from God and they made the land and their lives vulnerable to the enemy. And it is prevailing in our land. You can see it. It is real. You don't have to try to put a name or a label on it. It is demonic activity and we are paying a price for it. And those who believe truth, those who believe in the principles of God, those who believe anything principled and strong and sound enough to be a foundation to hold the future of freedom and life, it is under assault. It is being continually, without ceasing attacked. So here we are.

The seeds shrivel under their clods; the storehouses are desolate, the barns are torn down, the grain is dried up. The beasts groan! The cattle wander aimlessly because there is no pasture.

In other words, everything is in trouble. And he's talking about it being a judgment army that's come. And it is the day of the Lord meaning the day of judgment. There's going to be the day of the Lord when his power and manifestation are poured out on the last day when all evil is totally destroyed and only righteousness prevails. But we do not, as the righteous and the children of God, we do not have to allow the enemy to prevail. We don't have to do that. We can absolutely say no to what he wills to do and what he is

attempting to do. We can put a stop to it by putting our foot down and taking a stand.

But here is the way the enemy operates. *There is a great and mighty people; there has never been anything like it, nor will there be anything like it again.* But that has repeated, that cycle has repeated. *A fire consumes before them, and behind them, a flame burns, just like in the Garden of Eden in front of them but it is a desolate wilderness behind them.*

It is terrible. *They come like war horses. Before them the people are in anguish and all faces turn pale. They run like mighty men. They climb on the wall like soldiers.* This is the enemy. And look how they come! *They march in line. They don't deviate from their paths.*

The enemy works together in a unity that is supernatural, demonically supernatural. And God is asking us to move in that unity. Jesus prayed for us to have supernatural unity. He wants the family to be one with one another and with the Father.

So what does God say through his prophet to us, Betty? He says, "Return to me." Return to me is a very simple phrase for repent. Turn from the way you've been going. Turn from what you're submitting to. Turn away from what you're being deceived by.

Listen to God's invitation very directly to his family. *"Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping and mourning, and rend your heart not your garments."* Don't just look like you're repenting, "rend your heart." *Return to the Lord for he is gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in loving kindness, relenting of evil. Who knows whether or not he will turn and relent and leave a blessing behind him, even a grain offering for the Lord your God? Blow a trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and the nursing infants. Let the bridegroom come out of the room and the bride out of her bridal chamber.* Let everybody come whoever they are, wherever they are.

Let the priests and the Lord's ministers weep between the porch and the altar. Let them say, "Spare the people, Lord, do not make thine inheritance a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they among the people say, "Where is their God?" Let's show them God. And God says, "I'm going to have pity. I'm going to answer, and I'm going to send you a grain and new wine and oil and you will be satisfied in full. I will remove the northern army from you. I will drive it to a parched land." I will drive out the enemy and his effects.

Do not fear, O land, rejoice, and be glad for God has done great things. Do not fear, the beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness have turned green, for the tree has born its fruit, and the fig tree and the vine have yielded in full. So rejoice, sons of Zion, be glad in the Lord your God for he has given you an early rain for your vindication. He has poured down for you the rain, the early and latter rain as before. And the threshing floors will be full of grain and the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil. I will make up to you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten and the creeping locust and the stripping locust, all of them, the gnawing locust. My great army which I sent as judgment.

I allowed it to come. But I'm driving it out and I'm going to pour out the former and latter rain. I'm going to give you a blessing that is beyond description.

Betty, that is what God wants to do. We have been talking to leaders from every field, from the national and political field, from the business field, from the church field. God has given me access to Protestants, evangelicals, Catholics, to people everywhere, to talk to them about coming together as a family in the presence of the Father and submitting to his will.

And Betty, you and I have seen leaders in all these fields come together and love God and love one another in an undeniable fashion. It's just been miraculous. Would you agree with that?

BETTY: Absolutely, James! You know, I'm sitting here thinking as you're listening and I hope you are listening closely to the message that God has put on James' heart because it is from God. He didn't think all this up. God's Word is truth and through his truth comes love and direction and wholeness. We must fall on our faces. He just read it in God's Word, we must cry out. We must weep.

James, I found myself in recent days just getting up in the morning and I weep before the Lord when I see what's happening in our world. I weep for the people that can't conceive but they're blind. I weep for people that don't know him. I weep for people who are proud of the lawlessness, who are proud of the sin that they've committed. Their pride is killing their souls. And I pray God, deliver them, make them whole. Let them see your truth and your love through your children.

That's what we need God to do. Prepare our hearts. That's what I ask God to do every day, prepare my heart for what you want to do through this vessel, through all your children. God hasn't put us here for this appointed time, and he doesn't waste time, and this is it. We must follow through with God's truth and his love and show people they can have life eternal.

JAMES: You see what God has blessed me to live with. It is his presence and his spirit in this precious girl. She's still a girl to me. I've been married to her for 61 years; been in love with her 65. And she so seeks God. And together we seek God.

But here's what you need to know. We're going to spend every day for the rest of our lives seeking to get his arms around the world that he gave his son to redeem, getting his church to put their arms around one another because they've fallen in love with him with their whole heart. And they not only love him with their whole heart but they're learning to love their neighbor as they love themselves. They want the best for others just like God does. He wants the best for us but he wants the best for others. And we must want that. And we're able to do it well.

So Betty and I are going to spend every moment trying to get the church to come together to look like the family of the perfect Father. That's what we're going to do, and we're seeing it happen, miraculously before our eyes. I'm watching people be changed and love people that they were taught to never even talk to. So let that happen in your area.

Father, I don't know what's going on in the area where people are that I'm talking to in their particular area that they live but there needs to be a move that you can see of your love and your power. Help them to pray it down, pray it in. Help them to do exactly what Joel has challenged us to do, and what you've called us to do so that we can see the greatest awakening in history.

With all my heart I believe the stage is set. I've said this many times lately, you can see the awfulness of the fruit of the deceiver, the divider, the destroyer. Let's show them the beauty of the fruit of the perfect Father and his love. The whole world is waiting to see that. And when they see it, I believe by the millions and the billions they will run to that Father. The last time I talked to you I said that. I'm going to say it basically every day for the rest of my life. The world is waiting to see him in his family. He is waiting to reveal himself to and through the family, his body the church, and the family of the perfect Father.

God, help every person listening to me to say right now I yield my part totally to you. I want you to express your heart through me. I want to put your hands around those you gave Jesus to save and to change; in Jesus' name.

We can ask him to heal our land. He said he wants to make up for the years the locust have eaten. Betty, we're in a year of choice this year. We need to choose people who understand the principles that freedom must be built on, established on, and stand on. I wrote a book with Jay Richards called *Fight the Good Fight*. It explains those principles clearly. Please, please, do get a copy of it. Any time you help us do what God has put before us, and you say, James, would you send me that? I'm helping you fulfill what God

put on your heart in mission outreach, you just ask. But above all, look at those principles and pray them back in place. And put leaders in place that will help put them in place.

Betty, you and I have traveled the world putting God's arms around the overlooked and the least of these. One of the things that our viewers have been more excited about than anything we've ever done and boy, we've done a lot of exciting things, and we've seen millions of lives saved and we've seen millions of people come to Jesus, but I don't think people have ever been as excited about anything as just giving a cup of water in Jesus' name. We're not just giving cups of water. Betty, the love of God through our viewers is giving wells of water that change everything.

I want you to listen to the Lord speaking through Randy as he is literally observing the pain of what unclean water brings forth, and the potential hope for clean water, and what it will do for everyone. It is a great, indescribable, healing, life-giving miracle. Not only listen to Randy but listen to the Father that is speaking to you about being the answer to the prayers and the needs that you see. And you can be.

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.

Open captions

>> 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.

Video begins

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.

End of video

On the mission field

ISAK: These ladies have told us this is their only water source, this river that flows next to their village here. It's the only place they can get water from.

And I think, you might be watching this as a mother and you're saying, how can those mothers give their children that water? I would never give my child water like that. Yeah, you wouldn't unless that water was the only water your child could have. Because without water that child is definitely going to die.

And so mothers come down here, they collect contaminated water in the hopes that it will give them the hydration they need but not take their lives. Yet all too often that's exactly what happens.

But it is so easy for us to change that. You see, if we put a water well here if we bring Mission: Water for LIFE to this village and we drill a water well, we've got drilling rigs in the area, we have the ability to put water wells in, what we can do is instantly change the condition in this village and save the lives of children that will be contracting waterborne diseases, stop mothers from having to come down and take dirty, diseased-

filled water back to their families.

So please, go to the phone right now. Dial that number on your screen and give the best gift that you can give. You give the gift of life, give the gift of water.

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In the studio

JAMES: Betty, I'm believing for a miracle.

BETTY: I am too.

JAMES: I sure do love you.

BETTY: I love you.

JAMES: Thank you for the way you shared his heart. I know you can see in her him. Did you know that people can see him in you?

Father, let it happen. Let every person listening become a light revealing you that cannot be hidden; in Jesus' name. Heal our land. Raise up your family to look like you. Thank you for doing it. Thanks for your help.