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"Kingdom Truth"

In the studio

JAMES: Well, we welcome you to *Life Today*. This is probably, in my opinion, Betty, maybe the most important program we've ever done. Now think about this. I've been preaching 62 years, married 61, on the way to 62. Betty and I are both 80. So to say that we're living in our last days is no exaggeration. There is no question we are. If we live to be 100, we've lived 80 percent of our lives over the—20 years is last days. But I don't want you to get hung up on the last days as though we are waiting for some kind of escape. The thing I want everybody to hear, Betty, very clearly, and I'll never say anything more important, we want the Father's will to be done on the Father's earth for his glory and to fulfill his desire, his kingdom purpose, which is why we're here. Which is what Jesus taught us, what he brought us, and what he left us here to fulfill.

Now, please hear me. The stage is set for the greatest move of God in the history of the world. The greatest move came when Jesus left his disciples here to do what he left them here to do. And they made a kingdom impact on God's planet, bringing down the greatest, most powerful force in power on the planet. And basically, released the possibility of the gospel of the kingdom being taken not just in word, written by those anointed by God that Jesus had taught and the Holy Spirit had filled and directed from Old Testament through New, and made the way for the miracles of God to occur anywhere on this planet.

Now here, Betty, we're in the latter part of our life. I'm a fatherless child, a product of a rape. You know that. A miracle that the doctor refused to abort me. But God has used my life with many challenges that I experienced to bless people all over this world. You were

the greatest instrument in my life to help redirect my life as the beautiful innocence that God had just put in you. And you didn't even know the Lord but you had been exposed to his principles.

Now then, here we are, after over 60 years in marriage and ministry, and millions of people coming to Christ, and millions of people's lives saved because of you. Because of people who watch what God does with a couple that love one another, that love our family. Our family now, right at 30 total members, when you count the three children, one in heaven, she left three here, beautiful now has five grandchildren, I'm sure more on the way, and we have now nineteen greats, which gives us 30 grandchildren, including the greats. But we have a family that loves each other, and we have a family that has blessed us. The sad thing is that God is still waiting for his family to love one another like our family loves one another, to bless one another like they do, to follow principles like they do and they experience the benefit and blessings of it. And God is waiting for his family to fulfill his kingdom's purpose.

And Betty, the rest of our life we're going to spend our lives doing what we have been doing but with greater clarity, showing you how you can at this point in your life fulfill God's kingdom purpose on his earth, which is his will being done on his earth according to kingdom principles. Do you believe that's possible? Do you believe God's will can be done on this earth with all we see going on?

BETTY: Absolutely! That's our hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. James, you talked about us, we're both 80 years old now, and you say the last days of our lives, the last years of our lives. Yes, that's true. But I feel like God is saying, "Now, you're grown up." Eighty is grown up. Did you know that?

JAMES: It is!

BETTY: "But here is the moment, here's the journey I've brought you through." All the ups and downs, all the blessings that God has bestowed upon us as a couple and a family,

and through ministry and everything, yes, it's been wonderful. But I feel like he's saying, "The best days are yet to come." You cannot retire from serving the Lord, whatever capacity that is. He's saying, "I have a journey ahead of you. I want you to be prepared for it. I want you to draw from me, from your word, your truth, the things you've grown to love and enjoy. I want you to use those to glorify my name. I want you to use those to reach others for Jesus Christ." And so that makes it exciting for me.

JAMES: Well, certainly Satan's deception and the division that he brings and the defeat and destruction that he brings is beyond doubt. He is in control of the highest places in the land. There is no doubt about that. And you can see the manifest ugliness of it. You can see the horrible effect of it. And right now, people are getting fed up with it.

But what do we do to overcome it? We do God's will on his earth for his purpose—kingdom purpose. We were left here to fulfill his kingdom's purpose. Now think about this. Jesus who came to let us know the king is here, the king has come, he's standing here and he is going to put his kingdom in you. And later, he said, after the resurrection, "My kingdom is not only in you because I'm in you, but it's in you now in resurrection power."

He had to explain to them when he left, "You do what I've left you here to do." They didn't understand it until the Holy Spirit overtook them in the prayer room at Pentecost and carried them out and carried them throughout their life to make a kingdom impact on planet Earth. That impact is continuing and it is supposed to reach the highest level ever now. Because the enemy's attack and his deception and his effectiveness are at the highest possible level.

And if God's people, and Betty, I'm trying to show everybody here, please, understand what we know. We absolutely know he didn't mislead us, misdirect us, or give us false hope when he said we're to pray, "Thy kingdom come." He made it clear it has come and it's in you.

So what thy will be done where? In heaven? No, on earth. The kingdom of heaven, the power of that kingdom manifests in overwhelming power on planet earth so that my will is done through my family on my earth. And my son is coming back to get that bride that looks like him. That's the truth. That's kingdom truth. It is that kingdom message that must be preached in every nation before he comes. The gospel of the kingdom, his kingdom in us right now overcoming, making us more than conquerors, walking over the intentions of the enemy, destroying his purpose, not him, his purpose, his effect, and showing the whole world what the glory and grace and power of God can do. That's why we're here.

Betty, I believe God has given us the blessing of not just having a beautiful family that was affected and transformed by the gospel of the kingdom but he's given us an opportunity to see the church leaders to begin to wake up. To see national leaders, business leaders, family leaders, and community leaders begin to wake up and say, we do not have to give God's earth, God's planet, to the destroyer. We can see his will done on his earth.

So when Jesus said, "I want you to pray this way, thy kingdom come, it has. Thy will be done. Where? On earth. It can be. It's going to be. So Betty, what I'm trying to show all of our viewers, and I believe this. I guess I could preach to every Christian in America if they would all tune in or go online, go to *Life Today*, go to *The Stream*, go to any of the social media posts, and go wherever what we share is posted. But if you would just listen, if the family of God will come together right now and pray, "Thy kingdom come" and then pronounce the truth, it has. It's in us. And thy will be done on your earth. That glorious process and transformation can begin right now.

If you will spend the rest of your life, however young you are, however old you are, seeing his will done on his earth through his family, it will shape and reshape the direction of the world. It will not change the enemy, it will not change the devastation and deadliness and destruction of everything he convinces people to do, but it will transform so many people, so distinctly that millions, even billions will run to Jesus and

to that Father.

Now here's what I want you to know. Betty and I are going to live every moment of our lives to leave behind something for others that we were blessed to experience. We experienced freedom. Somebody paid for that freedom. Many people died and gave their lives to protect and preserve that freedom. They're still willing to do it.

Let me just read something very important right now that you must hear. And if every viewer of *Life Today*, if every one of you who ever watch what we do, and you see that we're touching the least of these and the overlooked all over the world, and the reason people help us is because the love you express through *LIFE Outreach* transforms lives. It works, and changes everything! That's the reason you support it.

Now listen to me, if you will do what we're about to look at and commit to doing it the rest of your life, we're going to see the greatest miracle, literally, since the resurrection of Jesus. And we're going to see the resurrected Jesus revealed through his body. One of the scribes heard Jesus talking, this is Mark 12, and he asked the question because Jesus had answered a question they just asked correctly, and wisely. He said, "What commandment is foremost of all?" That's verse 29, Mark 12.

Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear this, the Lord is our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'" You love God with everything you are. That's it! That's foremost, the first command. "And the second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment greater than these."

Betty, God gave us a love for our neighbor, and that meant—think about this, it starts with how much we love our family. You and I want to show our children the best way to live, to receive the greatest blessings life has to offer and to be the greatest blessing they can be. You and I want to leave behind for our 30 grandchildren the same opportunities that freedom gave us, don't we?

BETTY: Absolutely!

JAMES: So we want to protect and preserve. You and I have no idea what we have accumulated or built by wise decisions that God got us to start making at 19 when we wouldn't buy anything we couldn't pay cash for, except a house and a car. We wouldn't buy any appliances, anything, no TV, nothing if we couldn't pay for it. God showed us how to manage our resources. We don't know how much we have but we know we're going to leave a tremendous amount of whatever our estate is to *LIFE Outreach* because the outreaches of LIFE touch the overlooked, the least of these, which Jesus said, "If you do that, you're my family, you're my sheep, and you're doing it for me." That's kingdom impact.

All right, you see that. But I'll tell you what else we do, Betty. We're making a kingdom impact on this planet. We're trying to turn leaders in every area of life, the community of faith, the church, across all denominational lines, Protestant, Catholic, doesn't matter. We differ. We're mistaken about things. We disagree. We disagree seriously. But we don't have to try to destroy one another. We don't have to amputate one another. We don't have to kill. We give life and love and forgiveness. And we learn together.

And we hit the enemy head-on. We attack him where he is attacking us and truth and freedom effectively, and we turn the tide. That's what we're doing. We get business leaders to come together, we get national leaders to come together. We get political leaders to come together, and they have to come together on principles. Which is why we wrote the book, *Fight the Good Fight*.

So what we're encouraging you to do, everyone who watches *LIFE*, God recently showed me if you could just get a thousand people, when we were facing some tech challenges, if you could just get a thousand people who helped you over all the years to just right now give a \$1,000 gift you will be able to pay the tech expenses. God, what an idea! Betty

showed me we've got viewers watching us right now out of their own personal estate if they would just make a large gift to say we're going to help you take the gospel of the kingdom to all the nations of the world, we can do it. Through the social and tech potential today, you can speak to every person on this planet.

Father, I believe that you're speaking to our viewers right now. Many of them are 60, 70, and 80 years old, and they have accumulated, through wise decisions and through good fortune, the ability to impact the world to make a kingdom impact. I pray with all my heart they would do it; in Jesus' name.

You know what I'm believing? Just like I could believe God that there would be a thousand people who would say, James, we know people don't like to tech. They don't like to pay for this stuff. They want to pay for what you can see. But if we don't have the technology, we cannot even put this program where anybody can see it and see what love is doing. And you do that.

Right now, I'm believing thousands of you could say we're going to make a huge gift with what we've accumulated. We're going to make an estate gift. Do you know we've got people saying we're leaving our entire estate? That's something we've had to pray about. Our children have said what? There is not going to be a selfish bone in any of their bodies but we're going to do the will of God. And a whole lot of what we are going to do goes where we know it works, and that is right here. And not only does it work to touch the suffering and the thirsty and the hungry and the dying and the trafficked but it also goes to set people free.

Would you right now, would you just say God, if I'm going to love my neighbor as myself, which certainly includes my family and my neighbor's family, if I'm going to love my neighbor as myself, surely I want to leave behind the joys that freedom gave us, the opportunities that freedom gave us.

Would you right now just ask God what to do? And then you call us and say I'm going to

help you, James. We're going to take the gospel of the kingdom to every nation on this planet. Then Jesus comes. Would you do that?

If you need help, you could call here and say, could you get Vaughn, the wonderful man that loves Jesus, he can help people set up their estates with great wisdom to protect what God has given us to oversee, to bless our family and bless others? You just ask for help, we'll give it to you. But we can put God's arms around the world together. But we have to do it as a family. Would you just ask God? And would you do what he tells you to do? Please do. This is an invitation to you to fulfill his kingdom purpose on this earth so that his will may be done on his earth for his glory. Please do it.

Betty, we are right now involved in what our viewers have told us that excites them as much as anything they've ever done, and everything we do excites our viewers. But Water for LIFE, to give people a cup of water Jesus says, "You never lose your reward." But what if you gave them a well of water? And you change a whole village? That's what we will do together. Would you drill a well? Would you help give water? Listen to God speak through Tammy Trent and you be a miracle some mother longs for, a child needs, a family needs.

On the mission field

ANNOUNCER: The most precious thing for these mothers in Burundi is their families, particularly, the next generation of children. Tammy Trent spoke to several mothers whose children have died from waterborne diseases. The impact of their stories caused Tammy to reflect upon her own losses.

TAMMY: I lost my husband in a scuba diving accident. He was killed. I lost my grandmother to cancer, and I lost my niece in a bicycle accident. Never once have I ever thought of losing anybody that I love because of the water that they're drinking.

These precious children have just led me to their only water source right here in this

village. When I think about it, it represents generations. I think about their grandparents that drink this water. I think about their parents that are drinking this water. And I think about these little ones that are drinking from this water fighting for life with every sip that they take. And then I think about the generations to come. How many more will have to live -- try to live off of this only water source here? Many in this village have already died. We've heard the stories. My heart has been broken. And the beautiful thing is for me, I've traveled all over the world with *LIFE Outreach*, all over the world and I have seen a solution. I've been there when the water has come up from the ground from a well that we've drilled. So I know that it works. I know that we could come in here and we could drill them a well that will actually change then the generations to come.

I don't know about you but that's something I want to be part of, that kind of thing. I want to be a part of bringing life, I want to be a part of bringing hope, I want to be a part of planting seeds for generations to come. And we can do that today. We can do it together by coming in here and drilling them a well.

End of video

In the studio

JAMES: Four children were sitting around Tammy. You can guarantee one of them a future. All they need is clean water. Would you right now please, would you just say, God, what can I do to help those children, to be their mothers' and parents' prayer? Would you just ask him?

Now listen to what I'm saying. The wells cost \$4800. I know someone is hearing right now very clearly, "You can give a well." And it will be joy unspeakable. Would you give a well? If you can't give a well, could you give \$1280 and pray three join you? Many of you say, James, I would love to be able to do that. Some day I'm going to be able to. I believe you. But if you can do it, do it now. Just go get your bank card or get your checkbook and make the check. But call us and tell us you're spending it.

If you can't do that, don't you think this is small, \$48 gives ten people water for the rest of their life. \$144, 30; could you do that? \$144 is big for a lot of you. But it is really big for those kids and those family members. Whatever you can do is big enough to give life. Give somebody a miracle of life.

Let me tell you something. They're going to meet the miracle source of love that inspired you, that's Jesus! You can know that. So you're not only giving them life now you're giving them life for eternity. Get that bank card and use it like a check. Make the best gift you can. If you write a check, make it to *LIFE* but call us and tell us it is going in today.

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

RANDY: Hi! This is little Bella. What a beautiful name and a beautiful girl.

Hi, Bella!

Bella is here to get water because this is the only place you can get water here. And as you can see, it doesn't look too bad from a distance. But when you get up close you see underneath is death.

Unfortunately, in this village right here, children have died very recently. Children pretty close to Bella's age have died from the contaminated water. We need to make sure that little girls like this have hope; they have a chance. We can only do it when we come in, and we drill that water well and give them fresh, clean drinking water. We can only do it when you guys step up, and you say we want to participate. We want to give life. We want to give them hope. We can only give what you put in our hands. I will ask you today to put the best in our hands, and I will make you the promise that we will get it to the children in need, and we will do it in Jesus' name. So join me. Go online, go to the phone, make the best gift you can, and you'll be helping beautiful little girls just like Bella.

In the studio

JAMES: Well, we have some beautiful gifts for you. I hope you get the bronze, "A Cup of Water." And the Life Tumblers—beautiful! The *God's Word for Your Day* seasonal

devotionals every day. We want to bless you. But Betty, when people give life and share love, they're blessing God as well as those people.

BETTY: Absolutely!

JAMES: Thank you so much!