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Week 42: *Mission Rescue LIFE*

James and Betty Robison

Lisa Bevere #2

**In the studio**

**JAMES:** I'm James Robison. Betty and I welcome you to *Life Today*. Our friend, Lisa Bevere is back. She is talking about *The Fight for Female*. Let me just say, Lisa, I don't know if you've ever heard me tell this but my life was wrecked. Psychiatrists say that the most damaging years in a child's life are from 5 to 15, and in those 10 years, I lived in hell because my mother took me away from home, the foster home, and took me to where we moved 17 times in 10 years. We didn't live on streets. We lived on dumps and back alleys and side streets that weren't even a street. I was exposed to all manner of evil.

My father that raped her and got her pregnant when she was 40, and the doctor wouldn't abort me is the only reason why I was born, anyway, I ended up being taken from a foster home by the mother that put me in the foster home. I lived there in that situation for those ten years. I was exposed to everything that destroys life.

One thing, I really felt sorry for my mother because her parents had died when she was 10 years old and 11 years old, lost her father and then her mother. She's very pretty and evidently, she was chased. I think she probably married as a pretty young teenager but it wasn't a good marriage. So she went through a lot of heartache. And then she ends up getting raped, getting a baby, doesn't get the baby aborted. Gives me a home but then she takes me.

And so when she had me, I began to see how badly she was hurt and I began to care very

deeply. I've always thought women are the most beautiful creation God ever made. But also, I just had a tremendous sense of compassion and desire for them to be blessed.

When I left home, which I did because my father came and tried to kill my mother and I ended up nearly killing him in self-defense. But the first place I went, I went back to the foster home which was a pastor's home, I met this girl on the front steps of the church. I was impressed. She was pretty and sweet and smiled. And that night though, I was standing behind her and she turned and looked at me and she had on kind of a fit dress that was—

**BETTY:** It is called a sheath.

**JAMES:** Well, what was in that sheath was magnificent. And this beautiful smile, I said, now that right there, that right there, that's—buddy. I wanted to meet her. Here's the thing I need you to know. She changed my life. I saw the beauty and the purity of Jesus. And God, you sure—I was very shy. Betty felt like she was the left-out middle child of a very brilliant sister and an athlete brother, and she was just the child that nobody noticed. She felt like she couldn't do much. She changed my life. I think you can see why. She's a life changer.

When you fight for female—and by the way, women know I'll fight for them because I know what it is to see you hurt and used. That's what the sexual activity and all that's on the internet now that the kids are being exposed to, it just makes women look like such a thing to be used and abused. It just breaks my heart.

I want to know, when you got this stir to fight for females, would you agree that women have been misdirected, misguided, misused, abused, overlooked, and not appreciated as they should be?

**LISA:** Absolutely. I feel like even in the church women haven't been able to find where is my value, where is my voice? What is my role? What is my contribution? I know for

me, coming from a family that said you can do anything you want as a woman until I became a Christian. Once I became a Christian then it was like you have to have a head covering. You can only talk if you're married or only if you're not talking with authority. It got so confusing, all the loops.

This is not a time period for women to not have a voice—women and men together. There are things for the women to fight and there are things for the men to fight. But instead, we have settled for fighting with one another. Yes, women have been oppressed. Yes, women have been abused. I don't believe feminism would have gained as much traction if women were loved the way they were told to be loved. The Bible is so clear. It gives way more instruction on how a man is to love and nurture and wash his wife with the water of the word. There is so much care given to the woman. She is protected. She is a co-heir, joint heir with a grace of life. But we have not honored that. We have not done it well. We have acted like the woman was an afterthought, that she was an add-on. But the woman was not an add-on.

As a matter of fact, in the beginning, it was Ish and Ishah. Their names were so closely related. But after the fall, the woman was named Eve. She became what she did instead of how she was related. Right now we have male and female, and they are two sides of the same coin. I'm not a coin collector but I have heard that if you have one side that is perfect and the other side is defaced, the whole coin loses its value. Right now we need both men and we need women and we need both to be valued for their unique presentation and strength.

So when I wrote this book, I found myself angry about the misogyny but also the hisogyny. I don't like seeing men emasculated. I'm the mother of four boys. I don't like to see that men are being mocked or stripped. They don't even know how to behave in culture and society. I don't like that women are being told if they want to be powerful, they need to go into the man's world. I want the woman to know that she is valuable in her world. I feel like we have that modeled in Proverbs 31. She has fields, she has investments, she has enterprise, but she has family and she has a husband who is honored.

So all of that can be part of the package.

But when I was writing this book, I saw how systematically the enemy has stripped the women of their value. He tells us our bodies are never pretty enough, never thin enough, never—what Betty was, in the sheath. It's always outside of your reach. I don't know that guys feel that.

And then, not only is that up for grabs but there is a shame on the woman where they're being sexualized. The beauty isn't celebrated. It is demeaned like she needs to be covered; she's immodest. She's this. So there is this constant messaging of sexualized and silenced. We have shame. We have oppression. But Jesus is the one who liberates women.

You have always been a voice of encouragement and strength to me. You have always told me that I can have a voice. You have always told me to be loving but to be truthful. You've always encouraged me, Betty, that I can see James as a father. You've never felt threatened by that relationship. You've always honored me and honored my husband. I will forever be thankful for that but this is rare. This is rare. And we need to flourish. I believe we fight by flourishing. I don't believe we fight by protesting. I don't believe we fight with anger. I don't believe we fight with social media. I believe as women we fight by flourishing.

I've started a podcast with one of my daughters-in-law. We have this opportunity to interview brilliant people. And I had done this cultural summit with this gentleman, he's from Belgium, and he is a brilliant expert on totalitarianism, which is really what we're on the verge of right now. He began to talk to his nation about what was going on. He said, "Listen. This is the stats. This is what I'm picking up on." He's also a psychoanalyst.

I listened to him talk and I thought, wow! We're on the verge of what he's already experienced. So Kris and I are interviewing him, we're talking to him, and I said, "What do we do? What do we do? We're mothers, we're grandmothers, what do we do?"

And he said, "Consistent, clear, courageous conversations."

There are people sitting at home right now that you and I, we're talking and they're hearing, wait a minute, they're saying out loud consistent, clear conversations. Because when the pandemic happened, I believe there was a second epidemic. I believe there was an epidemic of cowardice. I believe that people stopped using their voices. That they began to cancel themselves. When people said, "You need to be quiet," they were so scared. But people follow courage. So I wanted to give an infusion of courage back and say, you're not wrong. You need to stop doubting yourself. Female is a sacred entrustment. Male is a sacred entrustment.

Then I began to think, when did this attack begin? So I went back to the origins of feminism. I began to look at who was the beginning of this thought. Well, it started during the French Revolution and it was a woman named Mary Wollstonecraft. She actually died in childbirth with Mary Shelley. Mary Shelley wrote Frankenstein. This is a very scary, very twisted root of feminism. It was a "We believe the serpent was the wise counselor, and that God was a prohibitive, restrictive. Men and women shouldn't be married."

It was always about a breakdown of the family. When I started to study about more of the modern, I discovered that in 1969, 12 women—12 women, that's it, got together and they said, "Why are we here today?"

And the leader said—they asked the question. They said, "To make a cultural revolution."

And they said, "Okay. How do we make this cultural revolution?"

They said, "By destroying the American family."

How do we destroy the American family?

By destroying the American patriarch.

How do we destroy the American patriarch?

By taking away his power.

How do we take away his power?

By destroying monogamy—you just talked about Betty and you, you're the power union—by destroying monogamy.

They said, "How do we destroy monogamy?"

"By promoting prostitution, promiscuity, eroticism, which is pornography, and homosexuality."

And then they laid out the plans for the National Organization of Women, and how this was going to infiltrate all the government branches all the way down to the school libraries. I don't know if you're aware of what is happening in the school libraries. Things that are so obscene that the school board will not listen to but they're allowing children to read these things.

And I have had so many people, when I say, hey, I'm doing the fight. They're like where are the feminists' voices? Why aren't they upset about female athletes being displaced? Why aren't they upset about young girls getting injured? Well, this has always been the plan.

But it is not the plan of the feminists, it is the plan of the enemy. It is the plan because he hates women. He hates women. He hates what we carry. He hates our divine imagery. He hates male and female. And he hates the next generation. We have a generation that is going on the highways and the byways trying to find out who they are. They're being

constantly sent imagery that says they are wrong, they're not good enough. Their minds are actually changing the way they think. I believe it is time to begin to prophesy to that generation that they are not victims, that they are threats.

**JAMES:** I think that's exactly what you did in this book. Betty, you respond to what you heard.

**BETTY:** Well, let me say first of all, I'm thankful that God allowed me to meet this man and for us to have a marriage and make a home and a family. My heart's desire has always been to be a wife and a mother, a carer of our precious children, to be a guide for them. I haven't felt like I've missed out on anything. I haven't felt incomplete because I was where God put me. That's not to say that women can't work, go out.

**LISA:** You've been all over the world.

**BETTY:** Yeah, we have. But at the same time, God will show you the balance there, to not leave your family out because you have a job. But he'll show you how if it is the right job, he'll show you how to work it together. But for me, home was my castle. Home was my place. And it still is. I cherish home. I cherish our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren. What a beautiful life we have had thus far. God has blessed us so much. I haven't missed anything by not being out in the work world. That was not for me. I have felt very complete. I feel like God has a place for women in the home. It's an important job we have rearing our children. The man is trying to make a living, trying to provide. He has always been such a supporter of mine. He's never belittled me for what I did. He always backed me in the correcting of the children. We're a team and I believe that's what God wants. He wants us to be a team. We're one together.

**JAMES:** You know what? We've been 30 years at your side together, God brought us together. We've watched you and John, powerful personalities, both of you. It takes the power of God to give you the kind of respect level you ought to have for one another, which you do have because you could be almost competitive in your own strengths but

you've blended. We've been able to help inspire some of that.

But the four of us are very unique examples of what God wants us to be with our unique design. We do it together and we've grown together. I want to say that I've met lots of people and we've had lots of families and children on this show. I don't know any four children I admire more than I do your four sons. I'm amazed at them. They are a gift from God.

But they have been gifted by God through a powerful mom and a powerful dad, and a powerful couple that showed them clearly, strong people can live together. They can disagree appropriately. They can get to the right place correctly and they can be a good example without indicating they're a perfect example. They can point to the one that is perfect and that deals with all our challenges. They see it and it's come out as the fruit in their life.

Your children are beautiful. We think ours are, too. We now have got 30 children including the grandchildren and great-grandchildren and our three children. You've got a family that is growing and you're going to have lots of grandbabies too, I'm convinced, before it is all over. I don't know if you'll get 30 grandchildren including greats.

**LISA:** I'm having a hard time keeping track of the birthdays right now. So I'm feeling like I need a spreadsheet. [Laughing]

**JAMES:** Anyway, we really love you. I'm so excited that you wrote this book because I know God put it on your heart, he put it in your heart, and I know it is going to be highly effective when you read it.

Lisa, the last word you want to say to women as we just kind of shared about the attack on the family, the attack on women, the attack on relationships, the attack on everything sacred and precious. What is your last word to the viewers today?

**LISA:** You have no idea how powerful your conversations are. People want to have conversations. When I heard this man say that to me, I realized that is how the early church started. They were from house to house. They worshipped God but they had conversation and they had dinner. They ate meals together. I don't want women sitting at home to ever doubt how powerful those meals are, those conversations, the clarity. If you were a coward last year, if you were a coward yesterday, you get mercy new every single morning. You can recover your voice. You have the right to change your mind. You can walk in clarity. You can walk in courage. I hope that this book—I wrote this book hoping that a generation of women would wake up and realize what was at risk.

**JAMES:** Father, I pray that for this book, that it will be a wake-up call with instruction and inspiration. I believe it is; in Jesus' name.

You can get it online, go to the bookstore, or we'll gladly send it to you if you'll simply help us set some captives free from sexual predation, which Lisa's been many times to help rescue them. She's seen them where they are. She's seen them when they've been rescued. She's seen the Destiny House, which is where thousands and thousands of children have been taken out of total prison, enslaved, and set free with a magnificent life, praising God.

You enabled that to happen. Thank you for those who will be moved by your spirit to put your arms around the suffering that can be set free; in Jesus' name.

Now, I want you to watch a father who loves people, our mission director, John Yeatts. Just listen to him as he walks with a broken heart that God's love through you can heal.

### **On the mission field**

**JOHN:** You look behind me and it sounds like a big party but all I see is brokenness, pain, sorrow, regret, and shame. I can tell you right now there are 1,000 girls right behind

me who did not wake up at seven years old and think, I want to do this for the rest of my life. And as a dad, I'm just broken.

Beyond all the lights and everything you see, and as Americans you think people choose this life. No little girl woke up thinking they wanted to be a go-go dancer or a prostitute or a massage bar worker. I'm a dad. Don't tell me that. I know better. Nobody chooses this life. It's chosen because there seems to be no other hope.

If I can grab them all up in my arms and say there is a better way, there is a hope. But this is what I know, Jesus is the better way. It is not this.

Some amazing mission partners are giving their lives, sacrificing everything to help young girls, young boys find a better way. I want to do and I'm asking you to do everything you can to keep them here so that young people can have a better life.

Thank you for helping us. God bless you. We love you. We need you. We need you more now than probably ever before. We need your help.

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**In the studio**

**JAMES:** I'm praying for the greatest outpouring of love I've ever seen. \$128 will rescue one. You saw that beautiful home, love built that. We started with renting houses, and that is the most incredible outreach center on the planet. But in the other areas, in Asia, everywhere, all the third world countries, we've rescued thousands of people. I say we, that's you. That's us—not me and Betty. By the way, we do our part. I mean big time. Not just give our lives but we give our support.

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always ask you to give much bigger than you would think. If you could help rescue ten by giving \$1280, you wouldn't rescue 10, you'd rescue 20. It would be doubled.

Would you please go get your bank card and use it like a check right now? Please do it. Always use those cards like a check. If you write a check, make it to *LIFE*. Be sure you let us know by calling that number and saying here's what I've given today. We need to know and we'll get it matched.

Father, please help everyone watching to go get that bank card and use it for as great a purpose as possible, to redeem life, to save life, to give life, to set people free; in Jesus' name.

Would you please do it? We have some beautiful gifts to send you. We're going to send you the book, *Worship, Wisdom, and Wonder*. The beautiful, beautiful picture really references the stream and the water of life that's pouring out. We have the bronze. Please, make that special gift that gives life, and sets people free. Betty, I'm believing everybody watching is going to help us.

**BETTY:** I know you will. I know your heart was touched as you listened to our missionary and how we walked through those corridors of sin, basically, people that have trapped these young women, these little girls basically, and taken their lives from them. But we can give them back to them. We can give them hope. Please join with us.

**JAMES:** I thought John Yeatts did a great job as a father. And as a mission director right now. Thank you, John. Thank you, God! Please put God's arms around them. Lift them out of the pit of defeat. Set them free. Thank you so much!

**Begin video clip**

**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.*

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### **On the mission field**

**JOHN:** If a child goes across this border illegally in the hands of a human trafficker, the chances of finding them becomes nearly impossible. We have mission partners at this border crossing that are trained to intervene. They are trained to recognize and know

what to look for when it comes to potential children being victimized.

I have confidence in you, our mission partners, that we can work together to make sure that a mom and dad never have to wake up with the fear and the tragedy and the pain of knowing their child is gone. We desperately need to tell our mission partners, listen, there is more oil coming for your lamp. More resources are coming. You can hire more staff. You can stay longer. You don't have to be afraid of running out because *LIFE Outreach* and the partners of *LIFE* are promising you that we're going to be there to help for the long haul.

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**In the studio**

**JAMES:** Well, I know you were moved by what you heard. I know by what you heard John saying about those precious children. Thank you for helping us.

Ask for the book if you'd like to have it. You help us set somebody free, you want the book, along with the other gifts, we'll send them to you.

Pray for Lisa and John. What an example they are. Lisa, give my love to John, our love to John. Tell those boys what I said about them. Okay?

**LISA:** It will make their day.

**JAMES:** They've been a blessing here. We're praying for you. You keep praying for us. Okay? We need to get together sometime. We haven't been together in a while.

**LISA:** You need to make that happen.

**JAMES:** We do, and we will. Thank you. Thank you for making *Life Today* happen, and all the outreaches of life happen. Thank you very much!