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Week 49: Fall Mission Feeding

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Studio Discussion:

JAMES: I'm so glad you joined us. Sammy Rodriguez who is one of the most anointed people God has on this planet and he's trying to help us all experience the powerful anointing that the New Testament Christians and the great Christians that have impacted the world had controlling them. He has written a book called *Fresh Oil, Holy Fire, New Wine*.

Sammy, you're here to talk about this. I really do believe that this is the moment for the church to be caught by the fire, carried by the power of the Holy Spirit that carried the New Testament Christians to higher levels of power in the anointing. I believe this is the day for the greatest outpouring of his spirit in the history of the world and the greatest impact. Because the only way the gospel of the kingdom can be preached in every nation is by kingdom overcomers who have been overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit and carried by it. Now is that basically, what you're trying to get through?

SAMUEL: That is! That's exactly what we're trying to convey. Imagine a life without the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, we are weak, we are broken, we are perpetual victims. There is no hope.

JAMES: And we have been deceived by the deceiver and defeated by the deceiver because we're not carried by the power that is available to carry us which you have presented as clearly as I have ever seen it.

SAMUEL: Without the Holy Spirit, the enemy robs, kills, and destroys. But through the finished work of Jesus Christ, he came to give us life, a life abundantly. And one of the things that people

take out of context, they limit that to some sort of material external wealth metric of some sort. I do believe God wants to give us abundant life in every regard for his glory, but do you know what an abundant life from a theological continuum for John chapter 10 goes all the way to John chapter 20 when he breathes into them the Holy Spirit. Remember? Behind closed doors, he breathed into them the Holy Spirit.

Abundant life means a life filled with the Holy Spirit. I'll repeat that: Abundant life equals a life filled with the Holy Spirit. You can't live abundantly without the Holy Spirit. So, this is not about some external experiential moment at a conference. It is about living a life every single day where you renew your mind daily, where your spirit is refreshed. That's the Holy Spirit. That's why we wrote the book, *Fresh Oil, Holy Fire, New Wine* because we are anointed afresh with the Holy Spirit. Those who seek Him every single day, Lord, be you show up.

And now James, I want to be honest, the Holy Spirit doesn't make you weird as we referenced in the last episode, he makes you wired. He connects you to everything Jesus paid for on the cross. But there are some supernatural things taking place. There really are. There's a spiritual reality out there. Even a former FOX News anchor, whose name I will not mention, has just talked about how there is a spiritual reality. And a lot of these even UFO sightings and things that we're seeing is the convergence of the spiritual world, the spirit world into the physical world. So, whatever you want to land on that point, Holy Spirit is powerful, he is alive, and he takes you from perpetual victim to more than a conquer -- that's Holy Spirit.

That holy fire part to me is intriguing because when I say fire and the Holy Spirit people think it is punitive. Even in the church they think, oh that means he's punishing us. Holy fire is not punitive to the believer. Holy fire, which is a metaphor for the Holy Spirit, holy fire prepares you, prunes you, and preserves you. Holy fire is when God sanctifies and purifies you. Of course, instantaneous when we're born again, but progressive throughout the course of our lives. Hence, he will finish the work he has started, Philippians 1:6.

But I love this because holy fire does what? He takes away actions, words, deeds, and thoughts. He addresses things inside of us. And on occasion, he will remove people from around us that

would have held back the fulfillment of his purpose in our respective lives. That's holy fire. Matthew 3:11, "He who comes after me he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire," John the Baptist said. In certain circles of Christianity, "Lord, send your fire!" Be careful for what you're asking for. Because holy fire doesn't necessarily make you first and foremost dance and shout. It may be inevitable expression of praise but it is not the deliverable primarily. Holy fire makes you get on your knees in repentance. Holy fire makes you confess before the throne room of grace. Holy fire is beautiful, but it is uncomfortable. It is so anti-flesh. Ha! It is that season of our lives where we go like, how long is this going to last?

But once that holy fire is completed in that season, it has always been done going forward until the coming of the Lord. But that is the most powerful outcome you can experience because when that sanctifying fire takes care of you and your family, all things are possible.

JAMES: You don't have to see fire as a destructive process but a refining process. Silver is refined in the fire, and it reflects then the glory of the light. When you look, you behold the glory of the lamb. That's what refining fire does. That's what holy fire does. It puts us in a place that he has revealed to us and revealed through us for all eyes to behold his glory.

SAMUEL: Acts 2:3, "Descended upon them tongues as fire." Why the fire metaphor again? Immediately, what did Peter do, filled with the Holy Spirit? What did he do? Did he go on Instagram and Facebook and take a selfie? Did he start a social media account going, Please follow me, let's monetize it? What did Peter do?

The Bible says Acts 2:14, filled with that holy fire that he stood up and he raised his voice -- because there is no such thing as private Christianity. There is no such thing as comfortable Christianity. There is no such animal as silent Christianity, complacent Christianity, kumbaya Christianity. By its very definition when you are filled with holy fire you will speak up, with truth and love but you will speak up. Silence is not an option. You will address the issues that are taking place in our culture, in our society. The rubric of righteousness, justice, truth and love laid out in Psalm 89:14.

But you can't be a silent Christian when you're full of holy fire. You can't. It is impossible. By its very nature our Christian faith demands public confession. "I'm a private Christian, Pastor Sam. I keep my faith to myself." That's counterintuitive to Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." When you're born again, you can't keep it. This is not another religious narrative. You can't keep Holy Spirit inside of you and put a lid on it.

JAMES: You can't hide that light. It has to be put on a lampstand. I'm telling you, just like, I'm the shyest kid on the planet and God calls me to preach. I walk down and gave my hand to the pastor and said, "God has called me to be an evangelist." He's just in shock. Said to the church, and the church in shock says, "Not James." I asked a deacon that night that came and shook my hand. I said, "Do you think God can use me?" He said, "No. You're too shy."

But I was the boldest most expressive, explosive communicator immediately that even within a year Billy Graham heard me preaching and said, "He's got to preach to the world." He basically helped me even start.

What happened to me? That fire came on me. I could not contain it. Here's the thing people need to realize. We go through processes in our life, oftentimes, that we need a fresh encounter. See, I was filled with the Holy Spirit, and I was a Baptist who had never been taught about the Holy Spirit. But I was filled with the Holy Spirit because I yielded completely and fully my life, as best I understood it, to make an impact -- a kingdom impact. In other words, I'd heard and read that verse, "You lose your life for my sake, and you'll find it. I'll give you your desires because I will reshape your desires." He did that. Because I meant it.

But that infilling was not the end of a need for fresh oil and new wine, and those experiences which we go through in our life. That's what happened to the believers throughout the ages. That's what happened to the believers that were walking with Jesus. They didn't just get the upper room, they continued to have these incredible fresh encounters with God.

This is what you, I believe, are showing very clearly, every way that you can be filled with the spirit and flow in the spirit, his spirit through you and then be refreshed in the spirit. Do you feel

like God gave you a very special touch to present this to the church at this time in history?

SAMUEL: Indeed! And from the fresh oil part, I used David's life as a biblical framework. The holy fire part in the new on, because we're living in very difficult times. What the church does today will determine what our children will occupy in the next season. So it is not even about you and I, it is about our children and our children's children if we permit the church to turn off the fire, to do away with the oil, if all we become is a programmatic social institution for the purpose of generational growth, engagement, and assimilation but rather than advancing the kingdom of heaven and being light in the midst of darkness and --

JAMES: You can produce like kind and religious expressions and not be doing anything like Christ intends. The Holy Spirit produces that life, the life of Christ in us. Given for us to live in us and to carry us and flow through us like a mighty transforming river of truth, love, and life.

SAMUEL: Holy fire is the firewall against lukewarm Christianity. Holy fire is the firewall against lukewarm Christianity! And again, it is lukewarm Christianity that is impeding the fullness of us seeing in our generation the awakenings and revivals and people coming to Christ like never before. It is lukewarmness, it is complacency, it is acquiescence. That holy fire.

Remember when Isaiah in chapter six, "The year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord high and lifted up, seated on a lofty throne and the train of his robe filled the temple. And the angels would sing, holy, holy, holy, the earth is full of his glory! I found myself to be unworthy. I said who am I? I am a filthy man. I am a filthy person." And then the angel came along with a coal of fire and did what? Sanctified his mouth! Sanctified his life. That's holy fire. It is the Spirit of God that qualifies you through the finished work of Christ for you to stand up as a prophetic voice in your generation and say, here comes the Lamb!

Remember when Paul landed in the land of Malta and there was a snake? He took the brush, in the brush was a viper. Here he is trying to warm up and when the viper made contact, when the snake bit him and then he shook it off. And the snake did not survive the fire? Show me a family with holy fire and I will show you a snake-free zone. Show me a man and a woman with

holy fire and I will show you a snake-free zone. If you want to get rid of the vipers here, because this is the battlefield of our existence, if we want to get rid of the vipers that come in here, that want to suffocate and poison our God-ordained purpose and destiny, all you need is holy fire. Show me holy fire. Show me a church on fire, a house on fire, a family on fire, a marriage on fire, children on fire and I will show you a snake-free zone because snakes hate fire.

JAMES: You give your life fully to Christ, he will renew your mind. That's what he wants to do. Our minds have to be renewed more than once in our lifetime journey. You allow the Holy Spirit to do that renewing.

Father, many, many people are tired of the vipers, the snakes, the deceivers in their brain, the tormentors, the liar. God, I'm asking you to free everyone watching right now. I'm asking you to set your church free with the power and the fire, the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit, and the unconditional love that will overflow us like a transforming river of life, of love, of truth. Do it, Lord! In Jesus' name.

I believe you're watching today because God wants to purify you, cleanse you. Just admit, I need it. God, I need it. The enemy has defeated me. He has walked on me. He's trampled on me. I've been deceived and I don't want to be. I want to be filled with your truth. I want to be filled with your Holy Spirit and I'm asking you to do that now, in Jesus' name. And I agree.

Do you want somebody to pray with you? Call that number. They'll be glad to pray with you. I want to ask you to do something. I want you to get this book. I want you to get it. You can go online and get it. I'll tell you what, we're feeding 350,000 kids some missionaries have found that are dying right now. We're asking you to help do it. Everybody that helps us with any gift we'll send them your book and say thank you.

Sammy, what do you believe we're going to see happen in these, what many say are the Last Days. Too many people give more attention to the devil, the deceiver, and the liar than they do to the Lamb of God. I'm telling you, we're not here to wait for an escape. We're here to reveal Him to a world that is being controlled and trampled, deceived and defeated and destroyed by the

deceiver. We're here to set them free.

SAMUEL: We're about to see a church rise up with fresh oil, holy fire, and new wine. We really are. We're about to see globally a fresh move of God, an outpouring of the Holy Spirit like we have never seen in our respective generation. We will fill the earth with the glory of Jesus.

Now I'm not saying we're going to live in utopia. Things will get darker, morally, culturally, and so forth. But in the midst of that darkness, we're going to see the light of Christ shine through us like never before. You were once darkness, the Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:8, you were once darkness, you are no longer in the darkness, you're in the light. Then he says, live, with an exclamation point, as children of the light!

This is the clarion call. This is that season. And new wine -- we're about to see new wine. What does that mean? A new wineskin, Mark 2:22, you can't pour new wine into old wineskin. The wineskin will burst the Bible says explicitly. New wine is a new way of thinking. Adherence to biblical orthodoxy, never changing truth but it is new platforms, new ideas, innovation, ingenuity.

I've seen the Holy Spirit work through technology and scientists! Like the Stanford University professor, the head of neurobiology who on his podcast just recently said, "I had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ that changed my life." That's the Holy Spirit! [Clapping] That's the Holy Spirit!

JAMES: We've got a football player die on the field and God raised him from the dead. And he tells the whole world about it.

SAMUEL: God is moving! That's why I don't drink the Kool-Aid of pessimism of let's just get out of here. We're about to fill the earth with the glory of Jesus. But it requires that new wine, that *Fresh Oil, Holy Fire, New Wine*. Hence, you said, "Renew your mind." Yeah, renew your mind daily. Make room -- make room for God showing up in your life like never before. Even in new ways!

There are miracles that take place today. You don't believe that. There's a man whose name you would recognize. A very famous doctor from television who is not a Christian. He's writing a book, so he calls me up and says, "Sammy, here it is, I'm writing a book." "On what?" "On miracles." He's the head of a certain hospital. America's top doctor is writing a book on miracles because he said there is too many unexplained phenomena that there is no way science can explain it. There must be divine intervention. He did say, "I don't understand why some of it happens and some of it does not. But I can't deny some of it does happen."

My point to you is God is showing up mightily. Make room. New wine! And experience that overflow in Jesus' name.

JAMES: In the least expected places, least expected people, in all walks of life. Listen. We don't have to give the deceiver power to control our children, our marriages, our families, our schools, our neighborhoods. We don't have to allow him to control God's planet, God's earth. We can literally live as overcomers. We can bring forth much fruit, beautiful fruit that looks like Jesus.

Sammy, thank you. Do you feel like God just put this on your heart right now for this moment in history?

SAMUEL: He did. He did! That message drove me. Here we are today. I love you, sir. I honor you. You're a spiritual father to me. Growing up I watched you preach. I saw a man full of fresh oil, holy fire, and new wine and here we are today.

JAMES: Yeah. And I pray that anything I had from him you got a double portion of it. And I believe I see it. I love you so much. I think this is one of the greatest preachers on the planet.

By the way, we're going to be putting his messages very steady on The Stream and trying to share with you His power in individuals that are yielded and speaking truth prophetically in a transforming way, as is Sammy.

We're right now in our Mission Feeding; 350,000 children, starving people that our missionaries have found. They know that we don't overlook the overlooked. We as a family of viewers, those of you who love *LIFE Outreach*, love *Life Today*, we share life today. And right now, today we're asking you to help us feed 35,000 people, most of them children, that will die if we don't reach out. We're going to save their lives and point them to the life of God. We will send you Sammy's book as a thank you, along with other gifts that we shared just to bless your life. But you're going to be giving life right now.

Please, I want you to listen to John Yeatts, our mission overseer. Please! But I want you to respond to Him, the Father's voice, even as you listen.

Field appeal:

JOHN: So, James, Betty, I'm here in South Sudan where we many, many years ago first began the work in South Sudan with our mission partners, the Pretorius family, Jesus Alive Ministries.

One of the lessons you have taught me over the years is to think big. You've inspired our people to think big. Well, James, the fact is this line represents big thinking, enormous thinking. From those first 5,000 children that you helped us feed back in 1989 to today, the African governments say that we've seen the lives of more than 18 million people saved.

And as we come together with our partners, I wanted to say to you how important it is, James, as much as we've done, there is still a very, very urgent need for more Mission Feeding all over the continent of Africa. Angola, the food crisis that's going on there with the drought and the continued struggles that the people there face. Here, South Sudan, other places that we're working, we need our partners.

So, I'm asking you, James, once again to inspire our partners to think big. Think bigger than what we've ever thought before so we can feed more children and that we can save more lives until Jesus comes.

Studio Appeal:

JAMES: Father, thank you that we've been able to save so many lives because of viewers who don't just watch, they help. They share your love, in Jesus' name.

Listen. People tell us that they watch *Life Today* because they know we don't overlook the overlooked. We always notice the least of these, and we've done it all over the world. You know I'm going to ask you to help. If you watch *Life Today*, I'm going to ask you to touch somebody today with God's love and give them life.

Mission Feeding right now, 350,000 children and their families need our help. Would you go and get your bank card and use it like a check? Would you give life to a child? Did you know that for \$30 you can feed three children for the next months? \$50 you can feed five. \$100 you can feed ten? \$1,000 you can feed 100.

Dear God, I wish everybody that could give \$1,000 will say I will! I want to save 100 children's lives. God, please show them the power of your love when it is released, in Jesus' name.

That's what we're asking you to do. We have some gifts to bless you. We're going to send every one of you who will help us today Sammy's book that I believe God had him write right now for this moment to shake the world and to bring light and expose the devil and the darkness and the deceit and the total defeat and destruction that he's bringing on us. We can expose him, and we can set people free. That's what I believe God's called Sammy to help us do even in this book.

We're going to send it to every one of you who will simply take your bank card, get your checkbook, write a check, but call us and tell us what you're putting in the mail. Go online today or call the number and use that bank card like a check. Make the best gift you can. You are, in fact, giving the greatest gift, you are giving the gift of life. Please do it. We're going to be so glad to bless you with what God has shared through Sammy right now. Thank you for giving someone life. When you're full of His life, His spirit, you want to release that life. Thank you for doing it right now.

Cause spot:

ANNOUNCER: Right now across the continent of Africa, children are suffering, facing severe malnutrition and even death. Extreme drought and famine putting at risk thousands of lives means we must replenish food supplies immediately to keep feeding the 350,000 children and help reach more people in desperate need.

Through *LIFE's* Mission Feeding outreach, your gift of love can be an answer to prayer for a hurting and hungry child in their time of need. Call now with your life-saving gift of \$30, \$50, or \$100 to help feed and care for three, five, or ten children for three full months.

With your gift of any amount, we'll send the Daily LIFE devotional calendar. This perpetual calendar has 365 days' worth of scriptures and inspirational thoughts to remind you of the rest you can find in God's loving arms.

With your gift of \$100 or more, you may request the "The Light of Life" desk lamp. Find comfort and encouragement from Jesus' words in John 8:12 displayed on this stand-alone acrylic gas lamp, perfect for home or office décor as a reminder that Jesus is the light of the world.

Finally, with your gift of \$1,000 or more to help feed and care for 100 children, be sure to request our inspiring bronze sculpture, "A Cup of Water."

Please call, write, or make your gift online today.

End of video**Field appeal:**

ISAK: I want you to experience what we're experiencing today. I want you to feel my joy, to understand the gratitude I have in my heart for the fact that we can hand out these bowls of food. Because they are not bowls of food, they're bowls of life. We're here, and we're able to fill these bowls on a daily basis as long as you continue to partner with us. As long as you do your part, we'll do ours, and we'll make sure that these bowls get filled, that they get handed out and that

these tummies get filled, and these lives get saved.

So please, continue to partner with us, continue to bring joy, happiness, and life to child after child.

End of video

Studio goodbye:

JAMES: I want to thank you for your help. If you get a busy, you call until you get through. Please help us share life.

I want to send you this book. Sammy, I believe God touched you and I believe God called you in a special way right now. If we allow the power of the Holy Spirit that filled those New Testament Christians in the upper room, they shook the world. They brought down the most powerful power of evil in history, Rome -- pow! And they launched the possibility of truth transforming the world and ultimately, even seeing the birth of a nation like this. And truth can preserve that. Holy Spirit power!

Please, get it online if you want to, or you help us save lives we'll send it to you to say thanks. Sammy, thank you for being here. You know I love you, buddy.

SAMUEL: Love you! Thank you! Thank you for making room for you. Love you very much.

JAMES: Love you, buddy. We love you. Thank you for helping us put arms, God's arms around the broken and overlooked. Thank you so much!