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Week seven: WFL

James and Betty Robison

"Be the Light"

Studio Discussion:

JAMES: Well, we are excited to be with you as we always are. I think in a way I'm more excited today. I'm James Robison and this is Betty. We welcome you to *Life Today*.

We're on a new journey in the sense that it is the first time since we've had our journey up in our 80s. We're both 81. We have a few weeks from our 62nd wedding anniversary. Let me just say to you, I never dreamed anything could be so wonderful. I knew you were really cute, really pretty, but you're just drop-dead beautiful. You are the most amazing person, apart from Jesus himself, I've ever known. So I want to thank you for staying by my side through all these years. Has it been a challenging but exciting journey?

BETTY: It's been an interesting journey. No, it's been a wonderful journey. Not to say that we haven't had our ups and downs, and we haven't had our challenges, everyone does. But God has blessed us so much. He's done above and beyond what we ever thought we would be able to do in ministry, in our families, and just for one another, growing together. We literally did, we started pretty young, growing up together. God has gone before us and he says he's always with us so that makes the big difference.

JAMES: Well, he gave us a relationship that was very captivating to people to see that we so genuinely love each other. We were very different and yet, the compatibility and love were apparent. Then the fact that our children became so magnificently beautiful in their relationships with God, with one another, and with friends. But to know that we have over 30 grandchildren, when you take grandchildren and great-grandchildren and more coming, that it is just the most beautiful family to most people. It is to us! Because they love God, they love one another, they love their cousins, they love every family member, and they love being together. They all have

their various interests and they don't try to make somebody behave in and go the direction they go. They honor and respect one another. It is a beautiful thing!

Especially when you've got a boy that didn't have a father, and never had a stable home, and was moved around and lived in total poverty. And you've got a girl whose family went to church but the father was not what you'd call spiritually healthy, or the marriage. But she and her sisters and her brother were just a marvelous family. The fact that we have family in very challenging times, and they are an example of the fact that we can just rejoice over them is so beautiful.

Let me tell you something else. To be able to rejoice over our viewers, and the people that have watched *Life Today*, and who have stood with us at *LIFE Outreach*, as I've said many times, to put God's arms around the world he gave his Son to redeem. You, the viewers of *Life Today*, and the supporters of *LIFE Outreach* and all the outreaches, whether it is drilling water wells, which we are going to be doing with your help now, and to think of over 8,000 of them, drilled and millions of people's lives saved, when you think about all that we've been feeding and their lives saved where we know that years ago they told us we had saved, this is African countries, 18 million of their children with our feeding programs. That's amazing! And it's gone way, way beyond that now. That was 15 years ago or so they told us that. So it was exploding. And you've done that. You've done the Rescue LIFE.

Betty, when we've come into the homes or wherever people are watching us and we think about those of you who have seen through the eyes of Jesus the will of the Father, and you have helped accomplish his will on his earth, and really and truly, to be honest with you, Betty and I are going to spend the rest of our life -- and listen to what I'm saying -- seeking to inspire his family to look like him. The family of the Father reveals to the world what that Father's family looks like; reveal his heart, do his will, fulfill his kingdom purpose.

Does that sound like a seriously challenging problem or a very exciting opportunity to you?

BETTY: It is exciting to me because I feel like we're hearing, and God is showing us, his purpose for all of us, not just James and I sitting here on TV, but for you. What does God want

you to do? What's his purpose for you? Well, he wants us to love him with our whole hearts, first of all. Then he wants us to love others and to reach out as best we can to show them the way of the Father. How can we do that? Through His Word, from living His Word, not just reading His Word. Let it come alive in you. Let it become the norm for you. We think we're behind the scenes. People don't notice. Oh, they do. Everyone is watching. They know. Maybe your neighbor. Maybe a member of your family. They're all watching. So let your light shine that God may shine in their hearts too and know the difference in having a God that walks with them and before them, never leaves them or forsakes them. He is truly there for you.

We just want you to realize that and get inspired. I don't care what age you are. James, as you said, we're 81 years old now. We feel like we're in the best season of our lives. We have an opportunity to go out and what do they say? Go out in a blaze, so to speak? But just to know that we can have our best years ahead of us, to serve the Lord with our whole hearts. I want him, with my whole heart, to say, "You've run the race, you've fought the fight. You've run the race, you've done well." I want that to be said of me, that I've done all I could to reach out to others to show them God's love.

JAMES: You've kept the faith.

BETTY: I've kept the faith. Yes!

JAMES: And you've demonstrated the faith as clearly as anyone I've ever known.

BETTY: That's what I want.

JAMES: Well, you do it and it is beautiful. I know you already see it.

You said something there a moment ago that just jumped at me. You referenced John eight and you were talking about really the light of the world without necessarily referencing it. I had on my heart that I wanted to start there. I want to talk to you about what God wants to do with his family to reveal him as the Father that he desires to be. He also wants his will to be done, and his

kingdom purpose to be fulfilled on his earth.

Betty, you've watched this capture my heart so fully and there have been many things that have captured my heart, sometimes distractions, sometimes unhealthy attractions, sometimes exciting attractions, and many times just the will of God. But never as fully as it is right now. I know that what God wants me to do for the rest of my life is to help his family understand the importance of looking like the Father. And that it is possible, not just important, but possible to look like the Father for the family to reveal his will to a world groping in darkness because we can walk in light. The light of the world can be shining through us in the radiance of his glory and reveal his kingdom's purpose.

Listen to what Jesus was saying to his disciples and understand that in the last chapters of all the gospels, and the gospel of John, it seems in many ways it is almost like you could pull it out and say these are the last thoughts, the last days, the last weeks and months that Jesus was with the disciples, right up until he left. So these are very important words. They would be very important words because based on age, we're living in our last days. If we live to be 100, we have 80% of our life behind us. But all of us are living in the last days or the final last days.

This is one of the things I want to start showing you in the weeks to come. His will can be done only the way he left us here for it to be done if it is done before he comes back because there is nothing to overcome, there is nothing to conquer, there is nothing to put armor on to resist in the next kingdom! No enemy! Nothing to overcome -- period! It's his will done. If it is done, it's done now in this kingdom, which is what the disciples did. It is what they caused to happen to shake and shape the world. That's what at this moment more powerfully and effectively than at any time in history, the church, the family of the Father should begin to shape the future of the world by overcoming the kingdom of evil and deception and revealing the kingdom of light and life and truth and freedom and fullness. That's what we do.

Listen to Jesus talking in the eighth chapter of John. I love this chapter, it is fabulous: *Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them saying, "I'm the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life."*

Now think about that. You will have direction for your life if you will walk in his will and not allow the darkness to prevail but you will have the light of life. *Jesus says, "Even if I bear witness of myself my witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I'm going but you don't know where I came from or where I'm going. You people judge according to the flesh. I'm not judging anyone. But even if I do judge, my judgment is true for I am not alone in it but I and he who sent me, (that's the Father), even in your law it's been written that the testimony of two men is true. I am he who bears witness of myself and the Father who sent me bears witness of me. He reveals himself through me to you."*

Now, I want to jump down here to a passage where Jesus starts talking about the importance of the light. Jesus said, *"When you lift up the Son of Man,"* this is the 28th verse in the eighth chapter, *"When you lift up the Son of Man you will know that I am he. I do nothing in my own initiative. But I speak these things as the Father taught me. And he who sent me is with me, and he's not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."*

Now, Betty, with all my heart, I want to do only those things that are pleasing to You (God). Boy, I mean that. I want to live every moment of my life to see his dream, his desire, and his goals come true through the only source and force they can come through and that is his family, his body, the body of Christ; the family of the perfect Father.

Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know I am he and I do nothing on my own initiative but I speak these things as the Father taught me. He who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone." -- or you or me or Betty -- he has not left us alone. "We do those things also which are pleasing to him." That's his desire for us and through us.

"As he spoke these things many came to believe him. Jesus, therefore, was saying to the Jews who believed, *'If you abide in my word'* -- you abide in my word, seek to live in my word, my truth, my teachings, fulfill my desires, allow me to shape your heart, shape your desires, shape your ways. *"If you will abide in my word then you're truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."* And the truth that makes us free is the light of the

world.

This is what Jesus wants for us. He wants us to know the truth that sets us free -- free from the manipulating power and the controlling power of Satan. He is the only force and the only source that can enable us to overcome the deception, the dissension, the division, and the destruction of the deceiver. Can't you see in our world all the destruction that's been going on because of the deception? Can't you see the defeat? Can't you see the pain that it brought?

Betty, do you realize that in the last years, we have seen one of the greatest manifestations of demonic deception in history? We have watched our nation make decisions to literally invite Satan, demonic control, death and deception, dissension and division into our country, and fund demonic, devilish, deadly, damaging, destructive activity. We've done that! Can you believe what we've brought in? Can you believe what we've invited in? Can you believe the mindset that has been running this country?

Then can you believe the miracle of prayer where God can take somebody who was mightily gifted, very smart, very tireless, very self-centered, not-godly, and yet, suddenly grab his attention to see what's happening in a nation that has been so blessed that it blessed him even with his brilliance, but his selfishness and foolishness, to where he needed to change? It was an amazing thing.

And now, Betty, what would you call that? Would you call that a spiritual miracle?

BETTY: Absolutely! Absolutely! It is a great opportunity for Christians. We have a responsibility to be strong, to stand up, and to put the armor on that he provided for us. He would not have given us armor if he didn't expect us to go to battle. Battle in love and peace and joy, but God wins. We know that.

But we have our part to do, too, James. That's what we want to inspire you to know. That you're not finished yet. God is not finished with you. He has a job for you to do. He has a purpose for you. I hope you can seek him with your whole heart and ask him, God, what is my purpose?

What do you want me to do? It's not well, one purpose is bigger than the other. The purpose God has for you is the greatest purpose he would give you and he knows you can do it. You've just got to believe that you can do it through him and through his power and through his love.

We have a choice. We can step back and say, oh, well, we can take a deep breath now. We may take a deep breath but boy, we've got to go forward in God's love. This is an opportunity to show the world how much God truly loves them.

JAMES: You're going to see, and already are seeing so rapidly all over the world, eyes of the world are turning here. The light that they're seeing and the hope they're seeing and the opportunity they're seeing, the possibility, all that they see is him being revealed in manifestations of who he is and his glory in the character of Jesus in the lives of Christians who are sold out to look like the Father, revealing the Father's will, fulfilling the Father's will, and fulfilling his kingdom purpose, his dream, his desire.

That's what the stage is set to do. I will spend the rest of my life until Jesus comes and he's not coming until he comes for a bride that looks like him, adorned and dressed up in his glory. He's not just coming for a bunch of religious church folks divided. He's coming for people who have been different and disagreed, coming together in supernatural unity that we're going to talk about. We're going to see the family of the perfect Father begin to look like him. And we're going to see his kingdom will accomplished on his earth. And we're going to see, I believe, the greatest awakening in history.

Don't miss any of our programs. Don't miss any opportunity to go to The Stream, go to my Facebook, go anywhere that you know that we're posting because we're going to be trying to share the Father's heart and the Father's will and the Father's guidance and direction. So please pray for us. Please don't miss it. We're going to behold the glory of the Lord before he comes in glory.

I want to say to all of you that one of the greatest things we have been able to do as a family of the Father, those of you who watch *Life Today* and share life, is Water for LIFE. Right now, we

are committed to drilling another 350 water wells. It's going to take a lot of help. I want you to watch and listen to Tammy. She lost her husband when they were not married very long, and that's been a long time ago. But boy, has she lived with *that* husband, and is she a beautiful witness. And on the mission fields, Jesus shares through her. Watch Tammy.

Transition Roll-in:

TAMMY: So I'm sitting here next to another water source that I've discovered today in this beautiful country here in Burundi, Africa. It's one of those things that makes me so emotional still. It doesn't matter where I go, the story changes and yet, it seems still the same.

When I come into a place like this and I see this kind of water -- this is their only source. This entire village is about a thousand people or more and this is their only source of water and right now there's very little of it. The water is still dirty, contaminated, filthy, filled with disease and it is all they have, it is all they know. So they grab as much as they can until it's almost gone, and they'll start again tomorrow. That's their routine every single day.

I have traveled all over the world with *LIFE Outreach* and I have had the privilege of going into places like this and standing in front of a rig that's drilling a well. I have stood there and I have watched the water fly up around me. We've danced in it. We've sung in it. We've cried in that fresh, clean water because we know that it produces life, new life. It changes everything for people.

So I'm coming before you today asking you if you would please consider partnering with us. If you've never had a chance to do it, I'm telling you, it is life-giving for you too. I think about sacrificing a little something from me every day that could give them life. And it changes everything.

I know that my life has been blessed so that I can turn around and bless somebody else. So if that's you on the other side and you've never had an opportunity, I'm asking you today to make that change and partner with me, partner with us, *LIFE Outreach*. Let's change this village for

them for the rest of their lives!

Studio Appeal:

JAMES: Wow, Betty! Just like Tammy said, when that well explodes it is like an oasis of life has suddenly come to them, to their village, to their needs.

God, thank you so much for over 8,000 times that our viewers have paid for a well somewhere. Thank you, God.

I'm praying with all my heart that we'll have the greatest response right now to Water for LIFE. Would you please plan to go get your bank card or plan to write a check and call the number or go online and make the greatest gift you can? The wells cost \$4800 and that changes everything for an entire village, basically for life. Think about it. \$48 will give ten people water for the rest of their lives, basically. There is a gift area level that you can give at.

We're sending this beautiful bronze, and I just want to say this is my favorite bronze that I've ever seen. We've had "The Lion of Judah" before. This one is "The Lion of Judah" with the cross which is really what makes the lion so powerful, Betty. But this is absolutely beautiful. And it will be a conversation piece. People will ask you where you got it. And you can tell them, I got it by drilling a water well for a village that never had clean water. And the children were just dying continuously. That's where I got it, at *LIFE Outreach, Life Today*.

Would you drill a well? Could you possibly do that? Call the number, put it on your bank card, tell us you're sending a check in, and make it out for that amount? Please, if you can give a well do it. But remember for \$48 we can give people water -- can you imagine that you can make a gift like that that just keeps on giving? Please, there is a level at which you can help.

Would you please get your bank card? Would you get your checkbook? Would you go online or dial that number? And with God's leadership, you make the gift he leads you to make, and he enables you to make. I think you will appreciate the gifts we are sending to say thank you. But I

want you to consider getting that beautiful "Lion of Judah" bronze. It is my favorite we've given away because of the power of the Lion of Judah. And it is the cross that makes all the difference. Thank you for getting that checkbook or getting that bank card. Thank you for your gift.

2025 WFL Cause spot:

Announcer: Every day, thousands of lives are lost to waterborne disease, and nearly half of those are children under the age of five. Through Mission: Water for LIFE you can give mothers hope and children a future as we provide clean, life-giving water for thousands of children and their families before it's 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 Dr. Don Colbert's new book Spiritual Health Zone. Discover the key to living in divine health as you find a roadmap to adding joy, peace, and years to your life.

With your gift of \$100 or more, you may request the "He Restores My Soul" candle set. This decorative candle and match set will inspire you to remember the restoring presence of Jesus, the true light of the world.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1200 to help provide water for 250 people for a gift of \$4800 to help sponsor a complete well, and request our new bronze sculpture, "Lion of Judah" inspired by Revelation 5:5.

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

Field appeal:

ISAK: I want you to come with me and I want you to see the reality of what African children face, the hardship that these families face, and the tragedy that results from us not being able to get Mission: Water for LIFE to villages like this in time.

They're going to come down here now into the water and you'll see they'll come and collect water from this water source. But before they start picking up that water, just take a look at this water. I mean the water here is just so dirty. There is no way that I would ever be able to give my children this water knowing full well that this water may steal their lives. It's stolen other children in this village's lives but the reality is they have no option. There is no option here because they don't have a water well.

Please, help us today. Help us save this child, his family's lives, and all the other families in this village by drilling a water well here, by giving the best gift we can give, by giving the gift of water, giving the gift of life.

Studio goodbye:

JAMES: Lord, I'm praying that we might have the greatest response ever just because your spirit moves on your family to do your will, in Jesus' name.

You're giving the greatest gift. You're giving the gift of life. In this instance, because it is in Jesus' name and for Jesus' glory, you're giving the eternal gift, eternal life, because that's what is going to happen to these people. You save their life and then he gives them life. Betty, we have a beautiful audience, don't we?

BETTY: Wonderful! We love you so, so much.

JAMES: We do love you. Thank you!