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Week seven: WFL

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"By Our Love"

Studio Discussion:

JAMES: Welcome to *LIFE Today*. James Robison here, Betty here. We're talking to the family of God about revealing to the world what the perfect Father is like, and what his family is like when they're in line with his heart, his will, his love. And we can be there.

I've been sharing that Betty and I are in that part of your life that most people say certainly have to be your last days, your last years, in our 80s. And yet, we feel like more than ever we're to focus the church, more clearly than ever in our lifetime, except for maybe a few times in history, more clearly on understanding the importance of fulfilling the Father's kingdom purpose. That's his dream. That's his vision. For his will to be done through his family on his earth in kingdom power fulfilling his kingdom purpose.

Now, that wasn't so profound that you couldn't track with that. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." In other words, what's done in heaven, in the midst of all the conflict, all the deception, dissension, death, and destruction, my will in the midst of that storm, that pressure, that deception can be done. Jesus did it. Many have done it. The disciples did it. Tough but they did it.

It shook and shaped the world leading ultimately to the greatest birth of any single nation, the birth of America where the founders understood that they needed the wisdom that comes only from nature's God. And they needed direction and guidance from divine providence. God's will, proven throughout all history, divine providence, kingdom purpose at work, shaping lives and the world, reshaping it. God's will being done today is the desire and dream of his heart. It can be done. He wouldn't have told us to pray that, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" if it couldn't be done on earth as it is in heaven. And it has been.

And it has been done in great times of spiritual awakening. I think the greatest time of spiritual awakening is to be right now. I think that's why all of us are here. To be inspired to reveal him to the world as his family fulfilling his will on his earth, kingdom purpose.

I'm excited about it. Do you think am I living in Lala Land? Have I just been getting too old? Have I just been meditating too much? What do you think about what is going on in me?

BETTY: I think it is wonderful because I feel some of the same things and touches in my heart from God. As I'm sitting here listening to you, I thought about if people could know how much God loves them. It says in Ephesians, "How great, how wide, how long, how deep, God's love is for us."

As a mother, as a grandmother, and now a great-grandmother, I get to see that every day from our children and our grandchildren, James. As I see pictures of them with their children. I see the smiles on their faces. I see what's going on. I stay up-to-date on what's going on in their lives. It puts a big smile on my face when I see them post a picture of our great-grandchildren. It just lights up my day! It lights up my heart.

Can you imagine if we spend time with God, if we let him know how much we love him? If we let him know that he is first in our lives? That he is there every moment of every day, James, can you just imagine the joy that can fill your heart just knowing that he is always there? And realizing how wide, how deep, how long, his love is for us, especially in those moments when your heart is broken, James. When your heart is crushed and you think you're all alone just remember, he gave his son, the greatest joy and love he had for us that we might have eternal life. And that love is eternal. Grab hold of it. Don't let go!

JAMES: It won't let go of us. And you're right, hold on. Father, thank you for Betty. Thank you for the joys that we have experienced together.

Lord, I pray that your will will be done and will be able to inspire the people that are listening to

realize that they are a part of fulfilling your will and your kingdom purpose. In Jesus' name.

I want you to listen to what really in many ways inspired me these days to -- if you've been watching us for 40 or 50 years on television, or 60 years of my total ministry preaching in the coliseums, stadiums, and churches all over the world, and going to the ends of the earth, you've seen the television programs. Betty has been with me now for 40 years, the two of us and all the other guests that we've brought in to be a blessing to you.

This is one of the most powerful passages where Jesus is talking in John 15 about how he's the true vine and we're the branches. He's the source that supplies everything on those branches. He says, *"If anyone doesn't abide in me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up, and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they're burned. But if you abide in me, and my words, I abide in you. You can ask whatever you wish and it will be done. By this is my Father glorified that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."*

He's spoken these things that your joy may be his joy in us and that joy be full. I want people to live with the joy of the Lord because some of the things you don't see as often as you want to are peace and joy. You don't see a lot of joy in people.

It makes me very sad, especially when you've been through the holiday season, that so many highly visible people and famous people and popular people and respected people talk so much about alcohol and drinks and the party scene. With all there is to have joy over, why do you add something that Mr. Ex redirects, stimulates, and has done so much damage? It makes me sad. I don't see joy. Some of them get drunk and look like they're finding joy. Please don't hear me as being critical because I know that we should be able to enjoy things that are enjoyable, tastier, exciting, some would say, stimulating, whatever that does. Because my father was a drunk and raped my mother, it hit me hard. So I don't have any problem saying I'm just not going there. I'm not being critical because I love everybody. But I don't like to see people trying to find joy when there is so much potential joy that God wants to give us.

One of the things that he's made very clear to me, related to joy and his joy, the joy of the Lord

which is our strength, but that doesn't just mean his joy in us. It means the Lord takes over where we are, where he is in us, and what he's accomplishing through us. That gives him joy. The Lord wants us to have joy but wouldn't it be wonderful if all of us together wanted to give him joy? Well, we can and I want to.

I want to inspire the whole family to give him joy. And we can. Our family has given us great joy. You know we lost a daughter, that's a great sorrow, about as heavy as you can ever get. It was 12 years ago right after Christmas that we said goodbye to our 40-year-old daughter. The six beautiful grandchildren she sees from heaven now, our great-grandchildren, we rejoice with you, Robin.

But I want people to have joy and I want them to have peace and comfort in the midst of all the heartbreaks that come our way. That's why we try to give comfort. That's why he offers comfort. That's why he's offering comfort and joy. But I want you to look at what he's saying in this passage that he made clear to me is so important for us to have joy, to give joy, to give him joy, and to experience and express his joy.

This is where I've been basically living in the midst of national and world leadership. This is what's been happening in my life that I want to somehow carry over to you in a way of inspiration to see that we can all be experiencing that joy and expressing that joy but doing what he says he wants us to do. It is so important! It seems to be so challenging to do.

Go grab your Bible. Open it real fast and meditate on John 15:12 through 17. *"This is my commandment that you love one another just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this that one lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you."*

This is a command. By the way, when he said, "Do all things in moderation," only recently he showed me how important, not that suggestion but that command was. Do all, all -- not some -- do all, all things in moderation. I mean if you drink in moderation, really you wouldn't be drunks. If you ate in moderation always, you wouldn't be obese. If you kept things under control you

wouldn't be hurting yourself so often. All things in moderation.

So if we do these things, we're going to find out that doing what he commands us to do gives us joy, gives us fulfillment, and gives him the fulfillment of his will through us.

"No longer do I call you slaves for the slave doesn't know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things I have heard from my Father, I have made known to you. You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit shall remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he may give to you. This I command you, that you love one another."

Betty, that's huge! There again, this wasn't a suggestion. I command that you believers, all of you, everyone I'm speaking to, everyone I'm talking to about life and joy and truth, all of you, I give you a commandment that you love one another. Love is not wrapped up in self. Love is wrapped up in what's best for others. It is "love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself" -- others. It doesn't say love your good neighbor. Love the neighbor who does all the wonderful things for you. Love the neighbor that just loves you all the time. Love your neighbor. Love one another. Love one another.

Wait a minute! Sometimes Christians find it easier to love their neighbor than they do to find another church member and love them. Love another member of their own church. Sometimes, it seems harder to love members of your own immediate family. Well, God wants us to love everybody. That's his command. I want to make sure you understand that this is what he's commanding us to do and teach others to love one another.

Okay, Betty. I started doing this years ago. I started bringing all the leaders of the church because I had so much visibility, and people seemed to respect as they fell in love with you, they just thanked God for you, and amazing that God would give me somebody as wonderful as you, and how bad I needed it. They could see that. But here's the thing. We began to bring the farthest apart church folks, denominations that would never be seen in the same room with people of another denomination. They had built their case not to convince somebody that maybe they were

a mistake, or knew they needed to make a correction but, in the end, destroy them. Not just defeat them.

Which is what's happened now politically. They don't want to just win the election, they want to destroy you. And in reality, there is a force today controlling much of our political arena that doesn't just want you defeated, they want you dead. They want you nullified. Actually, they would wish and pray you were dead and some try to kill you. You know that. It is so awful. It is the last thing God wants.

He wants us to love our enemy. Not what they do. We speak correction to them but we speak it in unconditional and redemptive love. We want to see a change but we're not going to compromise and go a way that we know is contrary to the will of God and the Word of God.

So I started bringing leaders together. I started helping people from all different denominations where they had a legitimate burden, a legitimate mission outreach, and we started helping them. We started asking our supporters and our viewers, pray about it and help. And they did! Everywhere. Whether it was buying their book and reading it, and seeing what they're seeing from God. And we began to build leaders' fellowship until finally those leaders could come together and speak to someone that was anything but perfect but seemed like they had a burden and maybe they had some ability. And speak to them, pray with them, spend time with them.

Betty, if all the viewers watching me right now will love one another, he's talking to his family; talking to the church too. If they love one another, his will is going to be done through them. It is more powerful than anything the devil can throw at us. We're seeing it, we're glimpsing it, you're watching it right now. We're on the edge of a miracle, I think the greatest that's ever happened as a result of the love of God being shared, spread, and spilled all over the world because his leaders, his family love one another.

It's time to see the will of God done on earth. It's time to show the whole world what the family of the perfect Father looks like and to love one another with that perfect love. I will spend the rest of my life seeking to inspire that. Not perfect people, loving perfectly, but imperfect people

learning to love perfectly, unconditionally.

Father, grant your prayer, your desire in this prayer, in Jesus' name.

Betty and I sure do love you. We love sharing with you. We love joining you and sharing food, like water, like freedom from sexual slavery. Right now, we're doing what people tell us is their favorite thing to do, and that is to give people water. Water for LIFE to drink and the water of life. That's what we're doing right now.

I want you to listen to someone you're going to know and I want you to give water where you can see it needed and so appreciate it. Please, give us some big-time help right now. If you can drill a well, please drill a whole well or a part of it.

Do you realize that \$48 will give ten people water the rest of their life? There are not many people who can't do that. Would you do it? \$144 will give 30 water the rest of their life. There is a level at which you can come in. But if you can give a well please do. Thank you so much. Let's love one another.

Transition roll-in:

RANDY: You can see they're lined up here. Kids are all around. They're watching us, of course. This is a busy time because every day these people have no choice but to come to this water and get their drinking water. It's the only source around. You may think, well, they've got plenty of water. But when you look underneath the surface, you see it is deadly water because there are contaminants in it. In this very spot, this group of people, we have talked to people who have very recently lost children to waterborne illnesses.

[Cheers & Applause]

If I do something right now today, participating in Water for LIFE, will it really matter? Let me tell you, it will matter to this one. It will matter to this one, this one, this one, this one -- all these

children. Every single one of them needs fresh clean drinking water. They need a choice that is not potentially death. They have no choice right now. You can give them that choice. You can give them a choice of life.

Studio Appeal:

JAMES: Thank you, God. Thank you because you're the ones that enabled us to drill the water wells. Betty and I saw the need. We wept. It was easy to weep with parents. They were weeping having lost children. Some of them several. Most of them one or more. We have seen the miracle that God's love through you has provided.

Betty, isn't it an amazing thing to see what just giving people clean water does?

BETTY: It really is, James. I pick up this cup that has water in it and I don't even think about it because I know it is safe to drink. But can you imagine a mother having to offer her baby this water that you saw where Randy was? The water was so contaminated and so filthy, so diseased. And thinking, now my baby has to have a drink, they have to have some water but if I give my baby that water it could kill my baby.

It just breaks the heart of a mother to have to do that. But what else can she do? She has to count on others like us to reach out, out of the depth of our hearts, and say, God, what can we do? Can we give our best to help drill these water wells?

James, you and I have been there whenever the water comes out of the ground. How exciting it is! How precious it is to then offer a clean cup of water to one of those babies. It's so life-changing to us! And it must be to you because you give to help. Thank you so much!

JAMES: Betty and I love to give help when it is effective, when you know it is giving life. And they'll know about the source of eternal life that inspired that love.

Please right now go and get your checkbook or get your bank card. Go online or dial the number

and make the gift God put on your heart. Could you give a well? Part of a well? Could you ask for that beautiful "Lion of Judah" bronze? I think you'll treasure it. It will be a great inspiration to others when you tell them where you got it and why you got it.

Please, right now just make the gift God inspires you to make. We've got gifts to bless you. We always will, hopefully, the program, the teaching, and those we have on who share, please do what God is leading you to do to help us drill another 350 water wells starting with what you do. Maybe you could drill one of them. Whatever you can do, thank you so much. Please go online, call that number, and make that gift. Thank you!

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:

TAMMY: The reality is that each one of these children is at risk right now because of the water that they're drinking. The thing that breaks my heart is they don't have any option. It is their only source in this village right here.

It is so overwhelming when you come to a place like this. You can't even wrap your head around the hardship, the grief, the struggle that they face every single day. I'm telling you that every time you get a chance to talk to them and ask them what could change their circumstances, what could change the lives of their children for generations to come, it is always the same answer, water. If we could just get clean water, I know that it would change the health of my children. That's what these moms keep crying out for.

So I'm going to ask you today if you would please go to the phone or go online and give the best and most generous gift you can give possible. I promise you, it will change a life, a life, a life -- hundreds of thousands of lives.

Studio goodbye:

JAMES: Boy, I pray you've enjoyed these days. I know I'm coming a little different in the sense that I'm going to stay real plugged in like we're here with you, just a few of us. I want to be heard clearly by you because you're so precious to God and you're so important to his purpose and to all the people around you.

Love you! Thanks for helping us share his love. Thank you for helping us share water. We really appreciate it. I know it is easy to listen to Betty. Thanks for listening to both of us. Pray for us. We want to be a blessing to you. We really do love you and appreciate you.

