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Week nine: WFL

James and Betty Robison

Mission special #3

**Studio Discussion:**

**JAMES:** I'm James Robison. This is my wife Betty. We welcome you to *Life Today*. I was just thinking that Betty and I have been doing television together for over 40 years, and I've been television for over 50. We've been married 62 years, and I've been preaching 64. Betty, I was thinking today, and I hope you'll be captured by what I'm saying.

I think this may be the most important day ever on television for millions of people. I'm not talking about millions of people that maybe need to hear truth that I believe comes from God and is so important today. When the father of lies seems to be in control of far too much of the world and this country, we've seen some miracle answers to prayer just in the last months -- miracles! And boy, did we need them and do we need them.

But Betty, I'm talking right now to a group of people that if you understand what we're trying to share you will know that you're going to make all the difference in the world and in life to millions of people. As a matter of fact, your response to what we share will determine the future, even the lives of millions of people.

Betty, when we, more than 30 years ago, started going to the third world countries, we saw starvation where thousands were buried -- little children, most of them small little graves. We immediately knew we had to come back and sell things, shut things down we were doing here, and start saving lives in these third world countries.

But years later, we discovered something else that was even more devastating and more deadly than starvation. We discovered what contaminated water does to precious lives, especially, children. Every 20 seconds a child dies because of contaminated, disease-ridden water.

Betty, we saw water everywhere. We saw them getting water. We didn't realize what was in that water. I want you to take a quick journey and glimpse the realities of what we discovered. But then you're going to go a little deeper. We're going to show you very clearly how you can become the greatest miracle a person can experience, the miracle of experiencing life that you would have never thought you could possibly have.

**Field appeal:**

**Announcer:** *Water! Earth's most abundant natural resource! Yet out of this abundance, only a tiny fraction is suitable for drinking. And suitable is a loose definition.*

**TAMMY:** This is their only source of water right here. This is his only source of water. This is where they have to come every day, all the way down here to get their water. You can look around and see that it is very dirty and muddy. There are frogs all over that I actually see at the moment. You can see the contamination in it. You can see that there has got to be disease and illness with each sip that they take.

**Announcer:** *While the problem here is serious, the solution is surprisingly simple, and it's already been implemented in this Central American village.*

**BETTY:** This is a time when I don't mind watching them stand here and pour water over their head because I know it's good for them.

**JAMES:** This is a place with which we give great praise to God and gratitude. But we need to drill hundreds of wells like this all over the world. You can see, if you can't look at these children, look at their faces, look at how happy they are, and understand the importance of clean water, it becomes the center of life. Schools spring up. We want children to get an education and we want them to come and get healthy, clean drinking water.

[Cheering]

**Studio appeal:**

**JAMES:** Those smiles! It is like they were raised from the dead without even realizing where they were headed. The mothers realized it because they had lost too many children in the villages where they lived.

Betty, we couldn't believe how damaging that water was that looked like something people would go to. They had no choice but to go to it. It is the only water they have. After we looked at it and examined it, we knew. We said we wouldn't let an animal drink it. It is just terrible! But that's all they have.

But then, Betty, we found out what you can do with clean water. You can't even count the millions that are saved when you put a water well in an area that is accessible. It's been one of the greatest joys! What I'm praying our viewers will understand is we can't do it. We can just find the problem. We can weep over it. We can wish over it. We can pray over it. But we can't do anything about it unless somebody helps us. Because it costs, and this isn't very expensive when you consider what it does, it gives life to a whole village; \$4800 drills a well. Betty, that's one of the greatest miracle truths I've ever shared.

**BETTY:** Yeah, it really is, James. It doesn't take us long because we know what clean water looks like. We drink fresh, clean water. But they don't know what clean water looks like, and they have to have water. I promise you, I would not even want to put my foot in this water that they drink every day just to survive -- try to survive another day. They have no means in which to change that.

But you know what? We do. When I say we, you, *Life Today*, we have a way to make it different for them. We can drill the water wells. We can give them fresh clean water for their precious little ones that have to have the water. And if we help them, they can live longer lives than what a lot of them do. They lose a lot of their babies.

**JAMES:** Those of you who watch us know where we found out where the problems are and where the answers are. It is missionaries. They're the ones that told us what you could do about water.

Here's the miracle. You have to know the water is accessible. You can't drill a well where there

is no water. Those boreholes that they were drilling immediately became contaminated with debris that would fall in them. That told us that there was subsurface water. And then you could drill a test well, not a well but a drill pipe down to find out how deep the water is. Those missionaries told us, we can have a well here; a well flowing continually that will care for the whole village. Those missionaries pointed us to the places. Then all we had to do was find somebody with a heart of love.

If you will join us, we can drill another 350 wells. We've already drilled over 8,000. We've targeted 350 desperately needy areas where we know there is subsurface water. Will you help us drill those wells? Would you?

I want you to listen, prayerfully, and I want you to respond as God directs as you listen and you watch, you observe and you hear the heart of God, and caring missionaries and many mothers.

**Field appeal:**

**Announcer:** *One hundred hours. On average, that is how long the human body can survive without water. In the face of death by dehydration, water like this is the only choice for many. Recently, while in East Africa, we spoke with Fatina, a mother personally impacted by this crisis.*

**Open Captions**

>> One year ago, my child had a problem of diarrhea. So I tried to help him. When we went to the clinic, they said it was because we drink unclean water. While we were there, my child died.

**Announcer:** *Unclean water is a common hardship throughout the world. And when something is common it is easy to get used to. But should losing a child ever be something we get used to?*

*Contaminated water has already taken Fatina's son. In Cambodia, Sumnang lost his daughter to a waterborne illness.*

*Miriam Venegas from Central America stands by the grave of her five-month-old baby boy who*

*died from drinking contaminated water. It came from this river, the only source Miriam has available to her. His death still haunts Miriam to this day knowing clean water could have prevented it.*

*For years you've helped LIFE Outreach provide clean water in thousands of areas across the globe. Right now mothers like Fatina also need clean water in their villages before tragedy strikes again.*

### **Open Captions**

>> I am afraid that one day my remaining children will die because of the lack of safe water.

### **Studio appeal:**

**JAMES:** Betty and I know what it is to lose a child. We have talked about that if you've watched us on television over the years; losing Robin, our baby girl when she was 40 years old, the mother of three children, and now six grandchildren she sees from heaven.

Betty, as we were watching those precious mothers and families, and all over the world we've gone and we've seen the pain that comes. It can be so simply solved. This is just unclean water. I don't think we realize what dirty water, that is disease-ridden is doing to take so many lives, and how simply we can solve it. The fact that the missionaries found disease-ridden children from contaminated water. They have pointed us to the source. The miracle!

But we can't drill thousands of water wells, hundreds of water wells. You and I drill a water well every time we point to another outreach, 350, or we started sometimes 500 at a time, whatever the needs were, wherever we found the water that could be accessed. But we can't do it without our viewers.

**BETTY:** James, like you said, we've been doing this for a long, long time. My hope is that as you watch and hear the testimonies of these family members, the mothers, the fathers, the grandfathers, all of them, their hearts were broken, I hope you felt the brokenness that they felt as

their hearts were just crushed because they couldn't help their precious little ones.

It is never fun to go through a heartache like that. We know just as James said. But I pray that my heart never gets hardened seeing this as we relate it to you because there is still a need out there. There is still the need for the water wells. Please continue to help us. If you haven't before, join us, and let's drill the water wells. There are still those who need fresh, clean water.

**JAMES:** Betty, we're airing this program right now also as a special in areas where we have not aired and shared this crisis. So, we know there are many of you hearing it for the first time. Although, we've been involved in saving lives for over 60 years, actually, 50 on the mission fields; and now for 30 years, fresh water.

Would you please join us to drill one of those 350 wells? You say, James, they're \$4800? Yes. Could you drill one? You may say no. Could you give \$1200 and then pray for three to join you? You'll be amazed at how God hears those prayers of compassion.

But do you know how most of the money comes for the 350 wells, the \$4800? It comes by people giving \$48. That literally, no exaggeration, will give ten people water for the rest of their lives. Where could you better put \$48? \$144 will give 30 people water the rest of their lives.

Father, please, please move the hearts and minds of people to extend their hands of love, compassion, and life, in Jesus' name.

Would you go get your bank card? Would you dial the number or go online? Use that bank card like a check? Could you give a well? Could you give part of a well and pray others join? Could you give the \$4800? Could you give \$48? Whatever it is you can do, it means life. Would you please do it? Please take the time to change a life, to extend a life. And because we're Christians, working with spirit-filled missionaries, they're going to come to know the love of God that inspired the love that reached out to them.

Please, please make the gift God put on your heart. We have some gifts to bless you. But you're

giving the greatest gift, you're giving the gift of life.

**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:** When you lose someone you love unexpectedly, it can feel like your whole world is falling apart. It's almost too much to bear. If you know my story, you know I lost my husband in

2001 in a tragic scuba diving accident. I'd give just about anything to go back in time and stop that from happening. While I know God has never abandoned me, I've learned some memories stay with you for the rest of your life.

Recently in East Africa, I got to visit people with some very fresh memories, people who lost loved ones of their own. And in a way, I feel connected to them. My husband died in the water, and her husband died because of water and the lack of good clean water. Because the water they need to drink every day in order to live, well, it's killing them. Water that looks like this--and this. Water that looks like this.

These precious people don't have a choice in the water they drink. Right now, it is this, or it's nothing. But you and I have a choice, a life and death choice. Not life and death for us but for them. So will you please choose to partner with *LIFE Outreach* today? Will you help give Water for LIFE so that we can give them water like this.

[Talking and Laughter]

**Studio Appeal:**

**JAMES:** Boy, I love to watch that water flow. I see the sorrow that contaminated water brings. But I see the joy just when a freshwater well explodes up out of the ground before it is piped and capped, and the pump is put in that's accessible even for a child to work and gives a whole village water.

You know, we put our arms around Tammy, and *LIFE Outreach* put our arms around Tammy not long after she lost her husband. But it wasn't long after that Tammy joined us and she began to put God's arms around people all over the world.

Tammy, I just look at you and say to you, now, thank you for helping us love so many people all over the world. We lost a child, which certainly helps us understand the pain, perhaps more clearly than some of losing a family member, a child, you a husband. The very fact that we



experienced that I feel gives us a greater desire to stop that horrible experience, especially when it can be so easily cured. It is not even like finding some miracle drug or surgery for a disease. But by giving fresh water, giving food we can save lives.

Betty, that's what we've been doing now for years. We have been putting God's loving arms around people who never knew anybody would notice or care. But people like you, yes, like you, have cared so much that you would get a bank card, get a checkbook, get cash, and immediately give life.

Would you do this, please? Would you go get your bank card and use it like a check? Could you give \$48? Did you know that \$144 would give life to 30? Where could you better put that to save life, to give life? And we'll share the source of everlasting life. But please, please do it.

Is there any way you can give a well? Betty and I made a commitment when we started drilling the wells that every time we called for an outreach, we would ask God to let us give a well. They started at \$3600. They went to \$4800 several years later, and miraculously, the cost has stayed there. That's a miracle! We ask God to let us give one. Would you ask him to let you give one? Give a well, give \$1200, join us praying three more join you. Could you give \$2400 and one join you? Another well! There is a level at which you can participate.

Please, dial that number, go online, and use that bank card like a check. If you write a check, make it to *LIFE*. That's what you're giving. We have some beautiful gifts to give you. But please know you can't give a greater gift than life. Thank you for doing it right now. Please do it.

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**Studio goodbye:**

**JAMES:** I want to hold this bronze up. It is "The Lion of Judah." He is our great protector throughout eternity now. And the cross is the power. It's the power of the cross, Betty, that puts that love in our hearts, and the hearts of people like you, to give people the life Jesus died to give us. We'll live forever in his shelter and shadow. He'll protect us throughout eternity.

Thank you for helping! Pray many join you. I believe they will. Thank you!