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Week 11: Rescue Life

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“Handle with Prayer”

Studio discussion:

JAMES: We welcome you to Life Today, James Robinson. My wife Betty, and I told all of you this month, the month of February, we’ve just gone through 62 years of marriage to this beautiful girl.

BETTY: And fun! Most of the time.

JAMES: No, all the time. I do tell her, “You look beautiful” when you ask about what you’re wearing. I say you look beautiful because you are beautiful. You're always beautiful no matter what you're wearing because that's who you are.

I'm so grateful God gave me this girl. But I'm also grateful that God gave you to us. Of course, to reach out to, to minister to, to love. But also to pray for us, for our children; more than 30 children and grandchildren; to have the kind of family we have that loves each other so much. And their children are so beautiful. And our children love God so much. One is in heaven. But she spent 40 years magnifying Jesus here; and left children behind that are magnifying Jesus. And now she has six grandchildren. They're going to grow up to magnify Jesus.

But I believe a lot of the great things that have happened in our family are answers to your prayers. I think a lot of you saw me going all over the world preaching Jesus, putting his arms around the overlooked. I think you took seriously praying for me. But I also think you took seriously praying for my wife and our children. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Don't ever wonder if prayer works! When you see something that needs changing, you handle it with prayer. You don't just handle it with care, you handle it with prayer. You handle problem

people with prayer, even if you see some, you don't think will ever change. Pray for them and pray for the damage they can do to be limited. Also, today there is so much hate prevailing that you need to pray a shield of protection around some of those who are magnifying truth and God's principles and God's will and God's way, and doing it courageously with conviction, unshakable compromise. Pray for God to protect him. Pray for one another, for a shield and armor of protection. But also, a covering that will prevent the enemy from being able to damage and hurt or destroy them.

God, please not only put your arms around your family, and your shield around those who are suited up for battle, and committed to it for your purpose, but God keep them from the enemy's desires in Jesus' name.

Betty, I watched you for so many years. You were watching me go around meeting with leaders. I've been able to see them come together and fall in love with God, fall in love with his people, fall in love with the people he cared about, and love one another. They might have had serious disagreements about certain things they considered important, but they didn't consider any of them important enough not to love their neighbor, not to love their family, not to love God with all their heart, and to love others. They're doing it.

Betty, would you agree that we saw the work of the deceiver, the enemy, prevail about as visibly as it ever has in our eighty years of life? It was ugly, wasn't it?

BETTY: It really is.

JAMES: It is scary.

BETTY: It really has been ugly. You say, well, why is that? Because we do not live in a perfect world. We have an enemy that hates us so badly. He hates God's children. He hates God. And so, we as God's family, as God's children, James, we have the ability to make a difference in our world right where we are. You say I have some physical problems. I'm not able to get out and do like I used to do or be able to do. God is not through with you. If you're still here, he has a

purpose for you. He says you can pray. You can pray. James, the power of God in praying and talking to God, it's incredible.

So you have as much authority as anybody going all over the world, as James and I going all over the world to be able to do God's will in your life. You can let God do his best for you right now. No matter how young you are, no matter how old you are, God has something for you to do. We can make a difference. We're seeing changes being made, James. We're seeing good things happen, but it's not done yet.

JAMES: I want to show you what the enemy of God and the deceiver does. I want you to look at it, and then I want you to know, that I'm going to spend time showing you how we can take away the enemy's access to God's planet and his people, and his will.

Betty, Paul was delivering his message after his conversion and he was on his first missionary journey, but he made a statement in the 13th chapter of Acts in verse 38. I've got you looking in Habakkuk because I want you to find Habakkuk in your Bible. It's a real short chapter, a real short book is three chapters. I want you to find it. But listen to what Paul said in Acts 13, verse 38, *“Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through God, through him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, (to everybody) and through him everyone who believes is freed from all things from which you could not be freed through the law of Moses. Take heed, therefore, so that the things spoken of in the prophets may not come upon you.”*

In other words, God has now put you in a place that you can live free. So you be careful. Please do not let what I'm about to share happen: *“Behold, you scoffers, marvel and perish! For I'm accomplishing a work in your days, a work which you would never believe, even though somebody described it to you.”*

He's saying freedom is here, but you better take guard because there is something that could happen to you that you wouldn't even believe if it was described to you. He's quoting Habakkuk. Now you go find your Bible. If you can't find it, write it down. You're going to find it but I'm going to read to you Habakkuk, the first chapter. Listen to it. *“How long, O Lord,*

will I call for help and you won't hear? I cry out to thee violence and yet you don't save. Why do you make me see iniquity and cause me to look on wickedness? Yes, destruction and violence are before me."

Strife exists. Contention arises. Have you seen any of that in the past years? Have you seen any of that in the past few years? Have you been watching this? Has it not yet sickened you if you have a spiritual sensitivity? If you understand the importance of truth and principles, has it not been disturbing to you, heartbreaking to you?

"Therefore the law is ignored. Justice is never upheld." You saw people that were taken captive by the one who destroys justice. That's what God is saying. He told them in the book of Acts, you wouldn't believe this if I told it to you. That's the same thing he told the people in the Old Testament. You won't believe this. But you're seeing it.

Look, what he says: *"Look among the nations. Observe. Be astonished. Wonder. Because I'm doing something in your days you would not believe if you were told. Behold, I'm raising up the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous people who march throughout the earth to seize dwelling places that aren't theirs."*

The enemy wants to take God's property, God's people, captive. He marches throughout the earth to take captive God's people, to take places that are not his. You saw that and you saw it spreading throughout the world. It has! It was always the glimpses of glory in people who experienced God's presence and God's power that changed things, that birthed and brought about magnificent, eternal things. That's what he wants to do. That's what we're in the process of witnessing right now. I'll show you that. But let's keep going so God will let us know what it is that's happening. These people that are seizing the dwelling places that aren't theirs, they're dreaded, they're feared, and their justice and authority originate with themselves. All their authority comes from self -- self-focused, self-centeredness, selfish ambition, and idols. That's what controls them.

“Their horses are swifter than the leopards and keener than wolves. In the evening, their horsemen come galloping. Their horsemen come from afar.”

He is comparing them to a warring army coming against the godly people.

“They fly like an eagle, swooping down to devour. They come for violence. Their horde of faces moves forward and they collect captives like sand. They mock at kings. Rulers are a laughing matter to them. They laugh at every fortress, then heap up rubble to capture. And then they sweep on like the wind and pass on but they will be held guilty, those whose strength is their god. Thou O Lord, has appointed them to judge.”

His people doing this have been appointed by you to judge the people who know righteousness, but they're not practicing righteousness. They have turned away from your truth. They become vulnerable to this attacker who has come like judgment. That's what he says.

“Lord, you've appointed them to judge. And You, O Rock, hast established them to correct. Thine eyes are too pure to approve evil. And you can't look on wickedness with favor. Why do you look with favor on those who deal treacherously? Why are you silent when the wicked swallow up those more righteous than they? Why have you made men like fish of the sea? Like creeping things without a ruler over them? And the Chaldeans, the enemy brings them up with a hook and takes them away in a net, catches them like fish.”

People are hooked. Hooked on drugs, hooked on drink, hooked on pleasure, hooked on sex, hooked on all the distractions of the world. They become unholy, unhealthy, destructive, and damaging practices. Taking captives. What is this?

God says it's my judgment on people who know the truth and don't live the truth, who know principles and don't live by the principles, who know what foundation you're supposed to build on but you don't, you build on sand, and therefore you're vulnerable to the enemy.

He goes on in the next chapter to describe how these people come, literally, like warriors riding on horses. *“They loot nations. The remainder of the people will loot you because of human bloodshed and violence done to the land. Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house and puts his nest on high. He was delivered from the hand of calamity that he has created. He's cut off many people.”*

God has literally shown us examples of how the enemy came in chapter one and destroyed people who don't keep him first. When we turn back to him, you know what God says will happen if you repent? Do you remember what Joel said about the locusts that came and devoured the land?

Let me go to Joel: *“Awake drunkards and weep and wail, all you wine drinkers on account of the sweet wine that's cut off from your mouth. For the nation has invaded my land, mighty without number. The teeth are the teeth of the lion and the fangs of a lioness. They made my vine, my land, waste.”*

The fields ruined, the grain is ruined. The new wine dries up. Everything is being destroyed by the locusts. Then he turns to the next chapter and he talks about them being like warriors riding on horses and destroying. And He says this has come as a judgment on people who knew right, knew good but they neglected it. They rebelled against it and the enemy came in like the devouring locusts. That's precisely how the enemy operates.

But listen to what he said. *“The day of the Lord is great and awesome. Who can endure it? Yet even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with all the locusts are doing, with all the destruction, with the enemy coming in like this, like a flood, please, with fasting, weeping, and mourning, rend your heart, not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in loving kindness and relenting of evil. Who knows whether or not he will relent and leave a blessing behind him for the Lord your God? Blow a trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, gather the people, sanctify the congregation.”*

He's calling us to prayer and repentance and humility. And then look what he says. *“Do not fear the land. Rejoice, and be glad, for the Lord has done great things. Do not fear the beasts of the field for the pastures of the wilderness have turned green, and the tree has borne its fruit. The fig tree and the vine have yielded in full. So rejoice, sons of Zion, and be glad in the Lord your God. For he has given you the early rain for vindication, and poured down for you the rain the early and the latter rain as before. And the threshing floors will be full of grain, and the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. I will make up to you for the years the swarming locusts have eaten, and the stripping locusts, and the gnawing locusts. My great army I sent among you, that was in judgment.”*

Betty, we're seeing a miraculous healing in our land. Do you agree?

BETTY: I agree, James. As you were speaking there, I thought, God is standing over us, pouring fresh oil on us, on his children. And I have anointed you to go out and to proclaim my truth and my word and my love. God's big on love. He wants us to love one another. He wants us to share his love. He gave His son so that we could share his love. So go and join with us as we proclaim God's truth in his love.

JAMES: Well, it's what we do through Life Outreach every day. It's what we do on Life Today.

Father, I'm asking you to continue the great healing that is occurring in our land. We have seen judgment. We have seen the enemy's work. We have seen the divide of the destroyer. We have seen it. It's ugly. Beyond damaging, it's deadly, and yet we see the miracle and power of your love. God heal our land totally. Raise up an army of believers that look like you, the family that looks like you, Father. The church that looks like Jesus. In your name, we pray.

You hear the reason Betty and I live and will live, and why we have experienced so much life as we've expressed his life all over the world. Join him! Join us and him and let's continue to put his arms out.

Right now. We want to ask you to help us rescue children, mostly girls from sexual trafficking. Would you do that? We're helping thousands all over the world. It takes \$128 to rescue a child from sexual trafficking and begin the restoration process. Right now, we've found a facility that we can upgrade to do what we need to do for the children, and we need your help. Watch this prayerfully, and if you possibly can, reach out with his loving arms and your help, and let's rescue those who've been horribly mistreated, sexually trafficked, and known nothing but slavery and pain. Let's show them freedom. Let's show them life. Please.

Transition roll-in:

>> Human trafficking, What it means is modern-day slavery where vulnerable people are exploited in two categories. One, labor trafficking, forced labor. And the other is sex trafficking.

>> Traffickers who traditionally would sell guns or drugs, they're now turning to selling children because a gun you can sell once, a drug you can sell once but a child you can sell over and over again.

Open captions: They just tied the hands, both hands like that, and the customer would have sex with that child.

>> Our restoration home is overflowing. This is a problem. And guess what? It is a great problem to have. This is something where God is answering our prayers to rescue victims of trafficking. Now we're saying, Lord, will you answer our prayers with another home?

TAMMY: Here's the incredible news today that our mission partners have found property. All we need to do is help raise some funds today, right now, to help renovate this home that will provide for up to about 50 girls. Which to me is incredibly exciting.

So, if the Father is speaking to you right now to come alongside us and partner with us in continuing to restore this incredible space that the Lord has given us as the family of God to

help restore one life at a time, then come on. Come along with us. Let's do it together.

Studio appeal:

JAMES: We started out helping people rent houses to take care of the girls. We did it with Mark Rutland, who was doing that very same thing. Boy, what a great work he's done for so many years. We're just very close friends and partners in outreach. But we have been able to save millions of girls now from trafficking. And not only reach them and rescue them and restore them but also teach them a trade and get them out in the world making a living. Many of them are leaders in the sex trafficking capital world. We've got leaders in all areas of life, including teaching now and professors in the colleges.

So, it's amazing. This is another great opportunity in Asia for a miracle. Betty, we need \$1,250,000 to just get that building where we need it, and we're asking you to help us. Betty, what would you say to our viewers about the importance of reaching out to these beautiful, precious girls and children, and what you've seen God do in their lives that might encourage them to help us?

BETTY: James, we've shown you many, many truths about these precious children and the pain they go through, the fear they go through. Every day they're in fear. And they're lonely. They don't know if they'll ever get a way out. But we're offering them a way out. When I look at what we're trying to do in refurbishing this building to make it a home for them, which James, I remember as a mother, how excited I got to know that I could fix a room for my girls and fix a place for our son that looked like him and part of him. I think that's the heart of the people who want to help build a place and fix this place up for them. To let them know it's for them. It's our love. We showed you. We got you out. Now we're going to keep you safe.

I hope you'll join with us. It's not just about the building. It's about the children and the safety and love that we can show them.

JAMES: Betty traveled with me all over the world, and it was very scary. When we went to the mission field, we went where there were major wars going on. I went without fear. Betty finally reached a place where she was basically the same way. But I just knew I had to go.

And then when we began to rescue those in sexual trafficking, it was like taking the hopeless and putting the arms of God around them; and to turn them into leaders and to give them freedom for the first time in their life, and to see everything changed because of the love of God. But it has to be expressed through you. Our viewers have reached out and put God's arms around not only the children, and those we help, but the missionaries and their families who have planted their lives in many ways in the middle of hell, to separate these precious defeated ones who've been held captive, to set them from that hell and give them life.

Would you right now go and get your credit card? Would you use it like a check? Could you give \$128 to rescue a child? Could you give \$1280 to help us rescue ten? Could you help us raise the \$1,250,000? Could you give \$1,000 toward that? Pray others join you.

Father, we need this help. These children need a chance. Your love has sent us there, placed the missionaries there. And our viewers have kept them there with the ability to change everything; in Jesus' name.

Would you right now, please get that card? Use it like a check. If you write a check, make it to LIFE. But call us and tell us what you're sending. We have some beautiful gifts to send you and you're giving the greatest gift, life and the freedom it offers. You can be the miracle that people desperately need. Thank you for being that miracle.

Rescue Life Cause Spot:

ANNOUNCER: Innocent children longing to be loved and cared for are being abducted and sold into the evil industry of human trafficking. Through Mission: Rescue Life, your gift today of only \$128 will help reach, rescue, or restore a child and change their destiny forever. Gifts of \$64 or \$32 will be combined with support from others to

help rescue one more child from the shame and pain of sexual slavery. Currently, one of our Rescue Centers in Southeast Asia is at maximum capacity. With the need never greater, we need to secure and renovate a new Rescue home that will offer refuge and restoration for up to 50 trafficking survivors. Please consider an additional gift as we urgently need \$1.25 million above our normal budget to secure and renovate this place of hope. With a gift of any amount, we'll send you Sleep on This by Dr. David Jeremiah. This nightly devotional will help you let go of your anxieties and rest in peace as you reflect on inspiring promises from God's word.

With a gift of \$128 or more, you'll receive the elegant mug set, "A Beautiful Morning." Both generously sized mugs are inscribed with encouraging scriptures to begin your new day. Finally, please consider a gift of \$1280 which will help save 10 children. And you may request our inspiring bronze sculpture, "Lion of Judah."

Please call, write, or make your gift online.

Field appeal:

JOHN: So I'm standing here in the courtyard of one of our rescue homes here in Southeast Asia, where our team has spent most of the day. In this particular home, the youngest girl is six years old, and the oldest is 16 years old. Every single one of them has been violated. Every single one of them has had trauma beyond description for any age, but especially for their age.

But I've been able to come here today and I've watched the grace of God. Listen to me. There's not enough homes to bring that kind of grace to the children that have suffered. We need your help to keep opening homes, keep empowering mission partners, keep facilitating healing and restoration for kids who have suffered travesties that are beyond description. I'm telling you from right here, in much of the hub of human trafficking, how desperately we need your help to be able to continue to provide a safe place for these girls to be restored, to be healed.

Every one of them is getting the gospel-- every one of them. Many of them in this have given their hearts to Christ. These lives in these houses, these safe homes, all the missionaries that are working in them, they're dependent on us to be able to provide. I'm asking you right now, whatever way you give, please go and make that gift right now.

Studio good-bye:

JAMES: We want to send you the “Lion of Judah.” I know he watches over us, and I know it is the cross that is the source of all strength and the source of freedom. Please make the best gift you can. This will bless you, by the way. And others will talk to you about it. They may join you by putting God's arms around those who are overlooked and who are even being trafficked. Thank you so much. I'm so grateful for our viewers and our friends. Thank you!