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Nick Vujicic>> Hi, everyone, welcome back to the “Never Chained Talk Show” a Life Without Limbs production. I am honored to be your host, Nick Vujicic. We are so glad that you decided to join us.

Listen, this month, we are focusing on theme of human trafficking. Just last week we spoke with my friends Jaco Booyens and Sheriff Bill Waybourn. And today I am so excited. I am going to be interviewing Christine and Nick Caine from the A21 campaign, one of the world's leading anti trafficking organizations globally. Listen, Christine Caine is an Australian-born great-blooded, great lover of Jesus. Yeah, a sought-after international speaker, author and activist, bold, activist, unapologetically bold activist.

She has a heart for reaching the lost, strengthening leadership and championing the cause of justice. She and Nick founded the A21 campaign in 2008, which received the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for their work combating human trafficking among refugees. They also founded “Propel Women,” an organization designed to celebrate every woman's passion, purpose and potential.

Nick Caine is CEO of the A21 campaign and pastor of Zowie churches. He is passionate about empowering the church, and about seeing human trafficking abolished everywhere, forever. With A21 having such an amazing global reach, Nick Caine can be found on a plane on his phone or with his family.

Christine, Nick, live in Southern California with their beautiful daughters, Catherine and Sophia. Christina. Nick, thank you so much for joining us today.

Nick Caine>> We are so honored to be with you a fellow Aussie or that you have a bit more of an American accent than we do!

Nick Vujicic>> I know, I know. I know. It is, like you must be talking to more Aussies than I do on a regular basis because like, it is actually something that we are trying to talk about right now and how to reverse Nick saying, “Going back to hard, not hard.”

Actually, in my conversation with you, I am like I was surprised! I am like, “Oh my gosh, Nick has an American accent.” Forgive me, I love America to get together more often and then you can be around an Aussie and speak Australian English. Our daughters have an American accent when they are talking to their friends. And then they switch straight out of it when they are with us and go back to speaking Australian English.

So, we will see that skillful, let us have a cup of so I feel sorry, mostly for my children. Their mother is Japanese Mexican with a Hispanic twang with an Aussie who is not fully Aussie. Well,

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as you say, I am American, Sam Ozzy. And then they have fallen American in school. They are just a mishmash accent but a look.

First and foremost, it is so cool, that we can talk about something that is dear right now to God's heart, something that you have been championing for many, many years, Christine and Nick, I want to say thank you. I have personally been an admirer of A21. For many, many years, we have also supported you financially done our part a little bit, but we want to really double down especially in the awakening of the Body of Christ in saying, well, in our world just get more crazy. Was my church actually, or ever have been really engaged on world cultural topics of discussion? I mean, when we are looking at America, Australian Americans now look at us looking at this country 10s of 1000s of unaccompanied minors coming across the border human trafficking quadrupling in Texas.

You know, we had the privilege of talking to some people, Sheriff Waybourn and Jaco Booyens, about Texas and America. But when my team and I were discussing and prayerfully considering who could we really feature who really understands the fight, what this looks like as any possible fight, but a fight worth living, for dying for breathing for spending every moment for to abolish this evil of human trafficking. None other than Nick and Christine came A21 came to us and we said, "Wow, it would be an honor to have you so I know that is a long preface to this, but I love you and God bless you."

And thank you for joining meeting us. I know that many people know a little bit about the A21. But first and foremost, I always ask our guests here at the "Never Chained Talk Show". I want to know, just real quick, whoever wants to start Christine, on Nick, how did you first come to know Jesus, I would love just to share that with our viewers just that that poignant beginning part of how Jesus changed your life, who you were before he met him, and what it meant for you after you engage in a personal walk with Him.

You know, Nick, for me, I mean, it was life changing. I grew up in Sydney, Australia. So you know, Greek Orthodox family, you know, if you have seen my big, Fat Greek Wedding, that is my big, fat, Greek life, so full on that was me. So I grew up, going to an Orthodox Church, you know, to be Greek is to be Orthodox, but it was very cultural. It was a three hour liturgy in ancient Greek that I never understood.

So it was really, I had no personal relationship with Jesus, I knew there was a God, I never doubted that. But to me, he was very distant, you know, someone that you sort of, just before I died, I would sort of take out some fire insurance so that I wouldn't go to hell. That is how I sort of considered that God would be like in my brain fast track

in my life, you know, I think growing up the immigrant story, being Greek Australian back when I was growing up, 1970s 1980s it wasn't popular to be Greek in Australia, very marginalized, because of my ethnicity. I was also a victim of childhood sexual abuse for many, many years. So

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that just messed with me as it does like with everybody just full of shame, and full of so much guilt and anger and bitterness and unforgiveness.

And, you know, Fast Track. Two weeks before my 33rd birthday, I, I found out I was adopted. So, it is a shocking thing to find out that you are not who you thought you were. At some stage, I grew up with a brother older than me and a brother younger than me, we thought the three of us were biologically related, but came to find out that the three of us were from three different sets of parents, and grew up with, you know, basically a lie.

And so it is, as you could imagine, all of that shame, all of that abuse and pain and marginalization led me to be a really, really a driven young woman, but very broken, very, very broken in every aspect of life. And so, I think really, I had had different encounters. At school, there were back in Australia in those days, we had religious education classes, we call them scripture classes in Australia, you were allowed to one hour compulsory scripture a year, of course, because I was Orthodox, we had to go to the Catholic one, but I used to sneak out of the Catholic one to the Protestant one, because I had some cool people. And it was where I began to hear the gospel. So I am just a great believer in any schools ministry, college ministry, because it impacted me but it was really at 21 that a friend invited me to a church, a local church, in the suburbs of Sydney, where I lived, I had never been into a church like that it was in a warehouse. And that is where I can truly say, began my journey of discipleship where I encountered Jesus in a very powerful way.

I am a little bit of one of those stories that once I got all in, I was all in. So at 21, by the grace of God, I am 55 today. So, you know, 34 years later, I pretty much have not looked back. And when I when it was like, I really encountered Jesus and forgiveness and over time healing and restoration. I just, I just talked to everyone I ever met about Jesus, you know, I was never thinking of a ministry. I was just thinking I was saved. And I was like, I was one of those people. I was like, some people's worst nightmare in that I, I was saved and everybody was going to know what everybody at work, everybody at home, everybody around me and pretty much for 34 years.

I still like the woman at the well. She went back to her town. She told everyone come and see a man who told me everything and changed my life. I am still that person. 34 years later, pretty much love it.

Nick Vujcic>> Wow, what a story. Nick, how did you come to know Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?

Nick Caine>> So, a bit similar to Chris in some ways, in that I grew up with a Catholic worldview and I am the 14 or 15 Kids, which you can probably guess is Irish Catholic kind of heritage. And my parents loved Jesus, but it never translated to me. And it wasn't till I was 25 in business I

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was surrounded by people who, who loved Jesus. And they were, they were just different. It wasn't that they were pushing Jesus or they were forceful or anything like that. But they just seem to talk about Jesus. And I am like, "Well, yeah, I know all about Jesus, I grew up Catholic, went to Catholic school, done the whole thing."

But there was something about the way that they spoke about Jesus, which was personal, which I have never come across. And they just kept on living Jesus around me. And then eventually, one day I said, "Hey, can I come to church?" Again, a bit like Christie in that church was in an entertainment center. And they said, "Hey, just come on Sunday. And whatever you do, just painless, it is going to be different." And I encountered God, and God fell in love with Jesus. And it transformed my whole life, transformed all my priorities, transformed what I wanted to do with my life, how I live my life, what my priorities were. And, like Chris said, but pretty much ever since then, have just been living on mission, and trying to do what we can to make Jesus known anywhere in the world, in relevant ways to the people that we are coming across from day to day, whether it be through church in in Bulgaria, or Poland, or just as we travel around. So, it is been a love affair for quite a few years. And while still absolutely passionate. Love it, love it.

Nick Vujcic>> I do want to say, Chris, you have been such an inspiration to me, especially in the years when I was first ordained as a minister of the gospel at age 19 in 2002, and I came to the Hillsong Conference. And I think that is when I was first exposed to you, your ministry, your passion for Jesus, and we just we just love you guys, and God blessing your family. Look in the context of human trafficking today. I would love to know the story. How did you feel led to actually start at 21? And where does the actual name A21 from? Let us just start here at the beginning of your journey, where you now are on, out of all the people that I know, the frontline of frontlines rescuing and rehabilitating the human trafficked.

Christine Caine: It has been a journey, no doubt, at 21. Let me demystify that for people straightaway. I wish I could say it was deeply spiritual. I wish I was connected to a scripture, but we were about to register the organization, and I was in another country and my PA in Australia at the time we say, "Chris, you know, we have got to register. What are we going to call it?"

And I had no idea and I just went, "I do not know. We just have to abolish injustice in the 21st Century." That is how it came out of my mouth. And then it was like, "Oh, abolish injustice. 21st A21."

That is about the big, the big thing behind it, but it is really stuck and served really well. But you know what, what happened was I was going to speak at a women's conference in Thessaloniki, Greece. Of course, I was so excited because I am in Greece, and you know, I was pumped. I was 40 at the time. You know, we, Nick and I, were traveling around the world, doing a lot of mission work, a lot of evangelism, around 79 different countries. I mean, that is just what we did.

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We were out of Australia, much more than we were in Australia, even though we were based in Australia at the time, at 40. I had just had my second child, and let me be upfront, when you are 40, and you pop out a kid, you are not looking to start a global anything, you are just looking to sleep. That is about the bottom line. So, I am standing at the baggage claim in Thessaloniki, tiny little airport. And I see all these posters of missing women, children. I thought it was so weird. And because I can read and speak Greek I was reading and it just kept saying, "Missing, missing, missing, missing, missing."

I am thinking why are there so many missing children and women in this part of the world? I was just I could not believe it. Anyway, I went on. And a friend of mine that worked at UNICEF at the time in Copenhagen, I called her I said what is going on?

She said to me, these are the alleged victims of human trafficking. Now, this has been about 15 years ago. I did not even know I go, "What do you mean human trafficking? Slavery does not exist anymore."

I was thinking we have had the Emancipation Proclamation Act. We have had William Wilberforce this freedom from slavery. I never even thought slavery still existed in the world. And I am imagining a lot of people watching this today are the same, like, of course, there is no slavery in the world today. That has been abolished, but the fact there are more slaves on the earth today than ever before in the history of humanity.

But anyway, so I am standing at the baggage claim. And my daughter's my daughter, I just birth at the time, Sophia, my second child. As I was looking at the posters, I came across this little girl, and her name was Sofia. And I would say, Nick, this is the moment that A21 was birthed in seed form. In my spirit. I went from looking at someone else's missing child, to seeing who could have been my own daughter. And you know, when you look, you can look away. But when you see you can never, ever unsee something happened in my spirit. I was going, I went back to my hotel, I was going to be teaching at the women's conferences on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

So I am in Luke, fifth day, and I am reading the parable, preparing my message. As I am preparing, I felt the Holy Spirit say to me, as I am reading the text, "Christine, you think you are the Samaritan in this story, do not you?"

And I thought, "Yes, I do." I am traveling 300 hotel nights a year, I got two kids, we are going around the world, we are planting churches, we are doing mission, I am really, I am thinking that the Lord's about to give me a gold star. I am so ready to be pat on the back by God.

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I mean, if anyone has traveled from Australia to Greece, you know, that is a journey. So, I am tired, I am ready to be appreciated. But then I felt the Holy Spirit say, "No, Christine, you are more like the priest and the Levite."

In this story, then you are the Samaritan, the priests, the Levi and the Samaritan were all very busy people, they were on their way somewhere. And only the Samaritan was willing to be interrupted, the priest and the Levite was so busy going to their next Christian event, the next conference, their next speaking engagement, that they did not have time to stop and cross the street and help the man that had been beaten. So Christine, the only difference between the Samaritan and the Levite, and the priest is that he was willing to be interrupted the scripture, that scripture in particular says, the Samaritan had compassion on him. And so, he went to him. And in my spirit, I felt the Lord say, "My Church has confused compassion with sympathy and empathy. We get so emotional, when we watch a sad video about something. We think we have done something or if we like a post on social media, but compassion is never compassionate, until you are willing to roll up your sleeves, cross the street, give of your own time, your own talent and your own treasure. Only then it is compassion.

And then it sort of ended with, you know, just again, in my heart, sensing the Holy Spirit, say to me, "You know, Christine, at the end of the day, you see these people as an interruption to your ministry, rather than the object of your ministry. And the fact is, for your whole next season, you have got across the street and roll up your sleeves, and everything you have done thus far, is simply to prepare you for what I have already prepared for you. And this is what I prepared for you."

So, it was, I mean, it was such a dramatic interruption by the Holy Spirit through His Word, through the word of the Lord, to just absolutely not interrupt my life, disrupt my life into like, entirely disrupt my life, and I could not sleep. And it from there. I did not know what to do. I am like everybody else, I am thought what can I do, I knew nothing about this. I came back to Nick, I would wake up in the night and, and I would his screams of women and children in my sleep and an outlet, I would be in a cold sweat, and I would be screaming, we are coming to get you we are coming to get you it was like the Lord would not leave me alone. And, and then, of course, so much of my own story is tied into that, in that I came from a background of abuse and victimization.

You know, I was left in a hospital, as I found out later in life in Sydney, Australia, unnamed and unwanted. My birth certificate does not have a name on it. It says, "Child's name, unnamed number 2508 of 1966." And so, the fact is that if I was not born in Australia, where there was a rule of law and a proper adoption system, but had I been born back then in Greece, or Romania, or Albania, or Georgia, or Cambodia, or Thailand, or the places, we have got offices around the world now, I could be one of the children that I am rescuing. I could have been one of those kids and, and then you know, numbers are numbing, you say 40 million slaves. Even someone

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watching this today, they could just switch off numbers of dehumanizing numbers of desensitizing.

When I say 2508 of 1966, people think, "Oh, well, but once you put a name and a face to a number, I say Christine Caine was 2508, it changes everything. It changes everything. God does not have numbers. Every human being is created in the image of God and has inherent God given destiny from the moment of conception right through to death. we are created in our mother's womb, in the image of God. And so, we have a responsibility to make sure that we are going after all of the image bearers of God. no one is meant to be being trafficked and sold for sex or for forced labor or for begging.

And so that was really the beginning and in it or, at that time, as the pieces of my life were coming together. It was like, you know, the Lord spoke to me out of Genesis 50:20, where, you know, there was, Joseph had gone through so many different things. I mean, his brothers threw him into a pit, his brother sold him into slavery. So he was a slave. Then, of course, he was falsely accused in in, you know, Pharaoh's household. And then he was put in prison, and then he was forgotten in prison. And he had every reason, there was so many things that were done to him that were wrong, so many things that he could have remained a victim for the rest of his life, but he stood in front of his brothers, in Genesis 50:20, and he said, "What you meant for evil against me, God meant for this very purpose to save many people alive."

And Nick, to be honest with you, I feel the same way. I could remain a victim and say, you know, I was abused, and I was marginalized. And I was left in a hospital, unnamed and unwanted. And my family lied to me for three decades about who I was. I mean, I could live under the shame, the guilt, the condemnation, the anger, that unforgiveness and the bitterness of that for the rest of my life. Or I can make what Jesus did for me, bigger than what anyone else do to me. And out of that, I can now say, with our work through A21, that you know what the enemy meant for evil, God has meant for this very purpose that we would save many people alive by the grace of God through A21.

Nick Vujcic>> Love it. And I love how real you are. And that is why I want all your viewers listening to Christine Caine. So many of us who are authors, speakers, or known as some kind of social media influence platform, where just like you, we are a we are broken vessels, who have all gone through fire, testing of faith, devastating, tragic moments of our life crises. But when we came to Jesus, it did not mean that our crisis stopped. It did not mean that difficult times did not keep on coming. It was now engaged in mission for Kingdom responsibility.

The role will talk about social responsibility. The Bible is all about Kingdom responsibility. And just like Joseph, just like Christine Caine, and Nick, you have a kingdom responsibility to bring God's love and power and freedom to those who need liberty from being captive, a prayer kind of hardiness, generosity and whatever God's calling you to do. I just want you to right now

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capture this moment in God's saying, see if I can use Joseph, Christine, Nick, and limbless Nick, to stay in front of the gates of hell and redirect traffic, then what kind of you do for the kingdom's cause? Amen.

Now of all the causes that that are really in our face that out of all the things that the church could ever hear. This is the one I think, personally that the church really does not want to face. The music in is 70 million slaves. 60 million slaves is what I think is out there from what I can gather. And Nick and Christine, we spoke last week to law enforcement about this issue on a national scale. As a nonprofit organization, you operate globally, with 19 offices around the world.

Can you give us a picture of what trafficking actually looks like? internationally? I know that is such a broad question, but give us a glimpse of what you know that you are living with, and daily hungering to continue to defeat that it is so true that there are so many millions of people trafficked across the world today, overwhelming to every 200 people on the planet is currently experiencing trafficking and ultimately around the world. It comes down to the people who tend to get traffic at people who are vulnerable. They are vulnerable due to either unemployment, wrong immigration status, family circumstances poverty. So, when people are vulnerable, they will take off take opportunities which looked at from afar and looked at from our perspective, we would say why would you take up that opportunity.

And often though, people are trafficked through false job opportunities, people are promising them, "Hey, we are going to get you set up. You'll have a job that will pay well. You'll be able to support your family, all that sort of stuff, or often girls a traffic, but by what we call it a lover boy, somebody who entices them and promises them, "Hey, I love you. We are going to have a great future together. Let us get together. And we can do this, come with me."

And then when they they go somewhere, all of a sudden, what they thought was a boyfriend or a husband starts to exploit them. And oftentimes, particularly, in Asia and Africa, the traffickers are family, parents and friends, we have actually got an eighteen-month-old child that was being sold for sex in Asia, by her mother, and the injuries to that poor child were horrific.

So, what does cheap trafficking look like? It always looks like somebody is taking advantage of somebody else, for their economic benefit, and exploiting somebody who is vulnerable. And because they are vulnerable, they get exploited. And that cycle just keep keeps on coming. Because that once you have been exploited, it is very hard to break out of that cycle. So even if they do break out of that cycle, they tend to be vulnerable to be re victimized again, and again and again. And that is part of the reason that we started at some of our offices in Eastern Europe is we were seeing that 99.9% of victims were never rescued. Yet 98% of people who had been rescued was a statistic that we were given at the time, were then re victimized. So, we wanted to do things that we could break that cycle of re victimization. And that that is what we

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are doing around the world. That is a keep key aspect of our aftercare program is to set people up for the win, so that their life can be better. Be like Joseph was able to change the cycle of, of Egypt, we want the life of a person who comes in contact with A21 to end up better than it could ever have been. Had they not come in contact with a 20. Or if there hadn't been traffic, and cut come in contact with A21, who want their life to be so much better than it could have otherwise be.

Nick, talking about that? Would one of you tell us about the process of restoration and care for trafficking survivor from rescue to healing? What sets you apart from those, if you will failed restoration attempts to get love to the first thing that happens for someone who is rescued, is when you have got to get them to a position of safety. That means being away from traffickers. And sometimes that means separating them from family, particularly if, as I said, in that case of that young girl in Asia, who was being exploited by her family, so you got to get them to a position of safety. And then, from that point, it depends on the age and circumstance of the survivor. What we tend to do is we tend to work with the survivor to identify the things that they want in life. And in the in here in the US. We have had many survivors who have lost kids that were impregnated and had a child while they were being traffic, and lost those children into the foster care system.

So, we might work with them to be able to get their kids back out of the foster care system. And that creates a series of, of challenges that they've got to do in that we have got to help them get a job. Get a get their own accommodation, have a room for the kids, but often it is a process of figuring out for that that survivor, what are the things that motivate them to be able to move forward and then working with them to for their, obviously their health needs. If you have been traffic, we want to be able to restore your health back to what it should be. Then dealing with the mental and psychological trauma and then working to To help them to gain independence from from their traffic, and from that cycle of return victimization, so we want to be able to set them up for the week on every aspect, the mental, psychological, physical. And we want to model a life that says, there is so much more in front for you. Well, can you share Christine, a couple of testimonies of what you have seen firsthand, I know that as an evangelist, I go and travel the world. And there is so many stories out there. But are there one or two testimonies where you are like, Wow, this is what it is all worth it on. You know, like, if we just help this one person, those kinds of stories.

Yeah, there are major ones. I mean, every time someone is rescued and restored, it is such a win. I remember there is a couple of profound things that just show you the power even of prayer in some of these. I remember once I, I sort of just tweeted out, I really sense we need to pray for the Stan nations, you know, Uzbekistan to all of the different STEM nations that I am not even good at pronouncing.

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And I and you know, it was, up until that point, there had not been in certainly up in the northern European part, any kind of records of police raids in those nations or anyone being rescued, certainly through organizations we were affiliated with, but I went up to our one of our shelters at the time. And I remember, there was 10 girls that they had come, what had happened was the when you track it back, it is the exact time I tweeted out, start praying for the stand nations, these girls, obviously Uzbekistan and Muslim nation, they had been in captivity, they had been taken, they were kept in Northern Greece. And so there is 10 girls from Uzbekistan, and they said for one year, we had been trapped sold to sick assault for six. And often you have got understand, they have to service 20 to 30 minutes a day, like a day. It is just like a, they call it like a carousel brothel just one goes through one after the other. And so it is horrific. on every level. It is horrific. And they said for a year, we had been crying out to Allah, to rescue us to get us out of this.

And then they said, and then we prayed and they gave the date was three days before the rescue would happen, which was the same day that we tweeted out, we prayed, we remembered that there was a God of Europe, and that his name was Jesus. And we said, God of Europe, Jesus, if you are real, will you get us out of here three days later, Mr. Ray. All of them were rescued and came into a restoration program. And it was like the most even for me, I mean, people watching this going, like, is this real, I am got what they did for my own faith to go, uh, you even for real that this can happen. There was, you know, a young woman had been trafficked out of Eastern Europe and ended up they called Greece, the packing station of trafficking in Europe. Because it is so central.

You could go from come in through Turkey through the Middle East, you can go down into Israel, you go into Western Europe, come up from North Africa go in I mean, it is just, we had girls in, shipped from North Africa, in a shipping container into Greece. And what had happened was, they had been again promised the that they would be given a new life and have an opportunity to send money back home to help their families. So they of course, thought they were doing it right. They turn up at the shipping dock in North Africa, thinking that we are going to get on a ship. Now the trafficker who has their passports and their papers. So, and they do not know it is a trafficker.

They think this person is just like an agent that is helping us. He says, oh, there is been a mix-up. We have passage for you on containers. We know this does not normally happen. You can make up your mind. But this is the only way you are going to get to Europe. So they do not know any different villages in Africa. They've got like no idea. So they are trusting this person. Well, what happened was the container this shipping container, so it was a shipping a container ship. a shipping container in this container was offloaded in Istanbul in Turkey. When they open the container in Turkey. They had 60 girls from North Africa had been placed on this container when they open the container. 30 of the 60 young women had died because the oxygen filtration system in the container had stopped working. So imagine the trucks Imagine everything that is

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happening. Who comes into the shipping container is traffickers, but they do not know the traffickers? They are dressed in police officer uniform. So the first people, these girls do not know where they are, they've gone through the trauma of crossing the ocean. 30 of their friends have died. The first people they see is people in police officer uniforms. So they just think it is the cops, that they take them to these apartments, where they rate them 10 times a day, give them very little food, break them down.

They have no papers, they do not know what country they are in, they do not have the language. And they think that it is law enforcement that is raping. Where do you go? What do you even do? They put those girls on little rubber boats. If you saw the Syrian refugees coming over from that part of the world into Greece, it is those kinds of rubber those boats, they were taking the girls from Istanbul, in Turkey, to Athens in Greece to sell them into brothels. The police at the Coast Guard in Greece was going through the Mediterranean checking the waters like you would do so that the traffickers would not get caught with the girls. They threw them overboard. Now remember, these are girls in villages in Africa that do not know how to swim 25 of those 30 Girls drowned. The five were taken to a brothel in Athens, the police did a raid, they ended up in Northern Greece in one of our restoration freedom homes. And I remember going up now, when the school was telling me this, Nick, if I was not sitting in that room, hearing this with my own ears, I wouldn't have even believed the story I am telling you right now. As she was sitting there, there was another girl next to her. She was from Russia, very thick Russian accent spoke Greek. I speak Greek because of course, you have to learn that language to work the brothels. And she says to me, and she'd only come in a couple of days before now when a victim comes in, early on.

They do not trust us initially, they do not even have we traffic is like, is this just a holding house ready to send them somewhere else? I mean, they've been lied to, they have no trust, they've been broken down. So she yells at me. And she says to me, you know, why are you here? Why are you here like just, you know, obviously still in trauma, I'll begin to tell her a bit of my journey and how this whole thing happens. And, and, and in this moment, in this particular occasion, I you know, I was beginning to talk about the love of God, the grace of God, the mercy of God, all of these wonderful things, and what Jesus had done in my own life, and how that translated into what I was doing. And I'll never forget this, Nick, she said to me, if what you are telling me, if what you are telling me about this God is true, then why did not you come sooner? And that phrase, why did not you come sooner is the thing that gets me out of bed every single day still to this day? Because it is like, if what you Christian people are saying, You really believe this about your god that is a God of mercy and redemption and freedom and healing and justice. Where are you?

Why did not you come sooner? And it was this, I do not know if you ever saw the movie, *Schindler's List*, there was this thing that we are trying to give him this award. And he gets this conviction about how much more he could have done. And you might remember the scene, he

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is taken off his ring, and this would have been 10 more people, that car would have been three more people. And it was like I had my that was my moment machine was this moment of going, you know, what more could we be doing? Like all of us. Imagine everyone watching this right now imagine churches around the globe. If we actually really understood what was going on. That was my moment. So in that I have seen girls come through who is who came to countries, and they then dreams turned into nightmares. But through coming through restoration programs, there is a girl just about to graduate university. There are several young women that we have paid for them to go all the way through you that come through having their emotional and all of the you know, physical, there is just so much healing that needs to take place. But then watching them go to university and one of them is coming out as a psychologist, you know, someone paid for her to go through a university right here in the United States, someone else and other university in Europe, another one another university in Asia. I mean, I can tell you story after story of young women and men because boys up i trafficked and sold for six as well as begging as well. And so traumatized Of course, there is so much healing that must take place. But we could tell you story after story of so many of them that have had vocational training, have learned skills. We are very, very committed to holistic training and giving people skills. For some they've started businesses, for some they have come out and they thriving and have got I am just saying some of our people have had the privilege to attend weddings. One

One young woman and which you never would think What how would it go, number one, even marry a guy. But get married and begin a family. And I mean, we are, you know, I 21 is now almost 14 years old. And so we been in this long enough now to have seen some children grow up to have seen women and men come through and, and get education and start businesses and get married and flourish, which is God's goal for people's life is to flourish, and to thrive. And so I still do not have to tell you, Nick, the thing that keeps me in this is the question of that Russian girl. And that phrase, if what you are telling me about your God is real, then why did not you come soon? I do not even know. I could not have said it better myself. It is like, exactly. And, and I remember Nick, you know, the Scripture is so full of obviously, that God is a God of justice, that God cares about justice, and we see it in all the prophets and we see it in a mosque.

And we see it in, of course, Isaiah and telling us that God is a God of justice, that God actually, sometimes our worship services that are just full of singing, and to him like a clanging cymbal, a Ma says, he goes, I want to see rivers of justice come out mica says, What does the Lord require of you, but to you know, love mercy, do justice walk humbly with your God? This is not rocket science. It says, What does the Lord require? ABC really easy. But I remember Nick, when I first started talking about this stuff. 2008 2009 the amount of resistance I got initially, in some churches that would say to me, all we do not want you to talk about this on Sunday morning, you know, do not talk about sex trafficking. And I used to go home to my husband say, the only reason someone would not want me to talk about this is if they've got some porn problem. And they do not want to bring this up. So they are like, if I bring up trafficking, it is

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going to have to deal with what drives trafficking. And one of the greatest things that drives trafficking is porn. So if you do not want to, and so much, so many of the cases we deal with in Southeast Asia are children that are just, you know, full of others that have been exploited for pornography. And so my deal is that often I find there is a correlation when people do not want to bring this stuff up, do not want to talk about it. Let us not do it, that if you dig down a little bit, there is some other stuff that they do not want to talk about.

Look, it is the act of worship, which is executing justice with righteousness here on Earth. It is a different level of praise and worship as singing. It is the worshipping of that, and us who are Christian in the West, I think you have hit the nail right on the head in understanding that, well, human trafficking is different. I know how bad human trafficking is, you know, 20 to 30 rapes per day, so much money in trafficking human beings that can have 30 customers a day compared to drugs, you get drugs, those drugs consumed, done. The god of money they evil is beyond what can be discussed and described in the any language of any verbiage vocabulary, it is just not enough to give any weight to what it really, really is. I actually just said the other day, Christina, Nick, that I said, I think it is almost disgusting. When we Western Christians say, God break our hearts for what breaks yours. I do not even think we even understand why what that is, if we just knew that one area of evil and the way that God's heart has been shattered with the millions of kids that have to go through this. Yet we the church, you know, when we are talking about same thing like pro life, we do not talk about PTSD. Abortion was last time you talked about, you know, to Gen Z to keep your pants on.

You know, when was that last say you want to increase 20% of abortions in America. It is the people in our church. Same thing with human trafficking. You were one of the pioneering voices, Christine, that I remember and Nick, of talking about this when no one else wanted to talk about it. That exact direct correlation in us asking the more difficult question if I am not part of the solution, then I might want to ask myself if I am actually part of the problem. For any one of you viewers that are watching pornography or have watch pornography. I'll tell you right I know you are very probability right now is that you are watching as slave. You are watching a slave. You are feeding the beast of this evil that is on Earth. And if less people who claimed not to be evil feed the evil beast less evil is done. That whole question and conviction confrontation righteously done. Bold, vocal unapologetically yet humble Chris. Let us now right now, what are some scriptures to just proud any viewer, who does not believe they might be not part of the solution, but almost may not be part of the problem, let us bring right now at scriptures are just that the Holy Spirit puts in your heart to em convict us accordingly.

You know, I mean, obviously, when I said the kingdom of God, when we talk so much about that is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost we forget, righteousness is a huge part of the Kingdom of God, how you, you know, the thing that we negate is the importance of sanctification and righteousness, a lot of what drives the exploitation of people, is when you do not truly believe in your heart that every human being is created in the image of God, when somehow

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how you can be here. And if people are older, you know, I can tell you, if we go to Nick and I to Thailand, or Cambodia, and I see the number of grown men walking the streets that will go then to have sex with children, that it could be their grandchildren, you know, like, it is horrific to me. It is but what you have to do, it is like you leave your brain, your conviction, your Christianity at home in America and get on a plane or Australia and go across to some other country.

And somehow you think these people are less than they are not really people, they must because if this was happening to your grandchild, or your daughter, this is what I keep coming down to their scriptures. Of course, we are all created in the image of God, as Christians, what you let this happen to your daughter, I have two daughters, Nick, neither of my daughters has ever come home to me and said, Ma'am, I want to be a prostitute. Ma'am, I want to be stalled each I want, none of them. And so I am always stunned when people will say to me, you know, men that will she wanted it. That is what they want from that country, or that I am like, Are you kidding me right now.

But what it is, is we do not value people as being created in the image of God. Genesis 127 says in his image, he created them. And I think those of us that are pro life, and I am and I am pro life, for me starts at conception, it goes from the womb to the tomb, that you cannot advocate and say, I am pro life in the womb, but I do not care what happens to someone outside of the womb, I just to me, that is not a pro life ethic. That is not a biblical ethic that is not believing that God created us in His image. And so when we are just scrolling through websites, or becoming, you know, joining different porn sites, the fact is, you are not exaggerating, people sometimes say, you know, this is sensationalism, you know, exaggerating at all, when you are saying these, it is highly likely that the person on the other side has been drugged or exploited in some way and forced to do that.

Oftentimes, a lot of the cases we deal with, they did not even know they were being filmed. They were drugged. They were forced into stuff did not even know though. I mean, this could get so dark. If we were going to go there. It is just some people think we are making this up. I am thinking, no, no, I do not even tell the top 3% of what I could talk about. I mean, it would just it would just freak people out. It is so dark, and it is so evil. I always say that to people that say I believe in a devil. I am like, Honey, you are obviously not involved in human trafficking. Because that you would believe in a very quickly and you would believe in Hell very quickly, because it is so dark.

And it is so evil. So those of us that just think, well, I am going to church on Sunday. I am singing the latest, you know, worship song, and it all sounds awesome, then I am not hurting anyone. I am just scrolling because I am like, somehow you have disconnected the reality that that is a human being created in the image of Ernie someone's daughter. That is someone's sister. That is someone's brother, that is someone's son. And when you personalize it, you'd

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think I wouldn't Would you let your sister your mother, your niece, your daughter, your granddaughter?

Of course, you wouldn't. But somehow we have this disconnect between our inner world and our outer world. And we objectify and we other those people like they are not really people. That is of course kids in Cambodia. Want that or kids in Zin, you know, Burma must be like that all women from Georgia or it is like they are just women from Mexico or it is just like they are not real human beings, somewhere there has been a disconnect in our brain, that every human being, from every country, in every culture is created in the image of God. And I think a lot of us have to do some serious heart coming before the Lord. And, and going, you know, where in my life have I objectified people? And where I think it is okay, because I am not walking into a brothel, or I am not personally it like somehow, we have disconnected we think, Well, I am not really engaged in a physical act with another physical human being in a bed in a place. Therefore, it is not bad.

And what I want to say is, what you are doing is driving this industry. It is like I have said from day one, we would actually deal with 90% of the sex trafficking problem, not the labor trafficking, but the sex trafficking issue overnight if people stopped watching porn overnight. Because it is let me go economic terms. It is a supply and demand issue. If there is no demand, there is no reason to supply if that is the terms, I need to put it in.

Nick Vujcic>> Hallelujah. Amen. Sister. Thank you for bringing it with truth. It is just truth, as difficult as it is for maybe you to listen to this. you not only have the Kingdom responsibility to take this to prayer and ask as David asked God, "Search me and see if there be any wicked way in me." Even just the comments where there are sexual comments between you and your peers or jokes. I do not hang around with people who actually have any sexual connotation-centered jokes.

I just--that does not feed anything that is of God. Sex itself was never objectified as a human being except for the perverse regurgitation of what was good, regurgitated for evil, and us as Christians who are beacons and lighthouses in this darkened world, we really need to--for those of you who heard the message loud and clear--Let us inwardly and individually see and really ask God to search our heart

and acknowledge and to keep an eye out, keep your radar up for what actually comes out of your mouth, or in your mind or where that minute is. Let us do that inwardly. Then therein, look around about who we are surrounded with to also do what we can, by the grace of God, to see the Holy Spirit, convict them of the same thing,

because you do not talk the way that they talk, or you do not just talk about the way the stuff they talk about. Let us talk about the unpopular theme and things of the day that have been here for a long, long, long, long time.

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Yet we have the ability to execute justice here and make the world a better place. Make 90% of human trafficking more or less almost bleed through from a supply and demand of...

Can we have the discussion in the church? Can we have the discussion in the youth group? Can we have that discussion that this worldwide problem could be actually solved through God's children. If not we, the people of God, then who?

Nick and Christine, look, there actually might be people, watching this very message who have been trafficked, who have been abused, and they are seeking for help. They are looking for someone to talk to. What would you say to that person right now?

Nick Caine>> I would say in many, many countries, there is a national anti-trafficking hotline. We run the hotline in Greece, Bulgaria, and South Africa. We, here in the US, there are a couple of different hotlines. One is the National Anti-trafficking Hotline. One is the National Center for Missing and Exploited Kids.

Here in the US, the number is 1-888-373-7888. That is 1-888-373-7888, or people can text 233733 here in the US. But Google where you are and contact the national trafficking hotline. That takes you straight to people who are equipped to answer your questions, and if you see something that you look at, and you go, "Hey, that looks like trafficking," there are indicators of trafficking on our website at a21.org or Google the National Center for Missing and Exploited Kids.

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That will mobilize the police and anti-trafficking authorities who actually have the power to get engaged with specialized knowledge and be able to set those victims free. And if you are being trafficked, contact the National Hotline in your country, and they will be able to get the police to come and set in place your liberation from that situation of trafficking no matter where you are.

Nick Vujcic>> Love it. Lastly, how can viewers, Christine and Nick, get involved with A21 so that they can support as champions alongside of you? Can you tell us more about the "Walk for Freedom" as well?

Christine Caine>> Sure. I will get Nick to do "Walk for Freedom," and thanks Nick, for that. Listen, I always like to keep it simple. The best thing to do is to go online to A21.org. You will see--some of you are going, "What can I do now?"

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When we started this organization, I was so committed to not just getting people fired up without giving them practical tools, on what you can do. There is nothing more frustrating than being made aware, and then feeling paralyzed, so on our website, there are 21 things that you can do today that do not require money, that wherever you are, you could do today to become an advocate, to educate yourself. We have got so many resources there for you so many things you can download, ways that you can educate yourself, different films, videos, different things--

Of course, this partnership. One of the global things we do is this "Walk for Freedom" which is in over 50 countries around the world, 24-hour walk, just like when you have the New Year's starts in New Zealand, ends in Hawaii, goes for 24 hours--the whole New Year's Celebration. That is what this walk is. Hundreds of thousands of people that walk. There will be a walk near you. If there is not one near you, you can register one. But all you have to do is go to A21.org. You will find out all the information about anything. And I would just encourage you to get involved. The worst thing would be to watch this and then do nothing. The fact is, we cannot do everything, but we can all do something.

And one of the best things you can do, since we are on the front lines, is to--19 offices in 16 countries around the world, working at every level--government, law enforcement, transportation--every sector of society. Find a way that you can get involved in what we are doing--we are already doing it--and let us lend our strength together. And I truly believe that if we do it--this is not rocket science--we can abolish slavery everywhere forever if we all get into this together.

Nick Vujicic>> Love it. Any last comments, Nick and Christine, before I close us off with a prayer for the brokenhearted--those who really are convicted to come alongside of you and all of us together for the frontline in abolishing human trafficking. Any last message to anybody watching?

Nick Caine>> I would give Chris a moment. I just would say, "Get involved. Do something." Our website has dozens of things that you do. There are broadcasts there that you can download that will provide education on how you can help, how you can spot trafficking in your area, indicators that someone might be trafficked. There are videos of our whole "Can You See Me" Campaign, which are designed for what to look for as you are doing everyday life. but then, just do something is what I would say. Do something, because there are people who are desperate for your help.

Nick Vujicic>> Amen. Nick and Christine, let us close off here with prayer. Abba, Father, we come before you, and we ask, God, that you would convict us to be a part of what you envision to bring liberty to captives, healing to the brokenhearted. Lord God, of all the generations that have gone before us, we, just on the variable of having air travel capability, technology, networking capability, information, a thing called the Internet--

Lord, of all the generations that have ever been given the tools to use in our hands to make a world of difference in millions of people's lives, to literally change lives, to literally free slaves, God, we speak against every power and principality of darkness. Lord Jesus, we know that this is close to your heart, of

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all the millions of kids that are reaching out, asking the church If we know what we know, and we had what we have, then where have we been? Oh, God, forgive us. Forgive us. And may a hunger and thirst that is not distracted by the question, "What can I do?"

Lord, what you have done through the people who trusted in you with all their heart, to not lean on our own understanding or capability, but, Lord, everyday being counted in Your army to bring heaven on earth, freedom, liberty, purpose, healing, and relationship, Lord God, a faith-walk with You. Father, we thank You, that you would awaken any church that has not yet engaged, even a discussion about this on the pulpits. Lord, we thank You for A21. We thank You for the "Freedom Walk." We thank you for the vision that You have given them and for their collaborative partners.

Lord Jesus, may You convict us to be a part of A21 Campaign for that global initiative to irradicate completely, finally and forever, human trafficking. Lord God, if there be anyone who is addicted to pornography, God, help us to truly understand the danger of this, to truly hear You weep--weep--over our little "escape" that we have somehow justified within our own mind, in an evil way. God, may You wake us up. Shake up the church and help us to be the church--the hands and feet--to stand in front of the gates of hell and redirect traffic.

And Father, right now, we pause right now in remembrance of the tens of millions, right now, who are being raped 30 times a day, who even the pimps are blinded by their own evil in the god of money or whatever god they are worshipping themselves, sex and money. Lord God, we ask, right now, for anybody who is watching, who has been abused, exploited, emotionally, verbally, but Lord, especially trafficked, who might come across this message right now. And we ask, God, that you would help this person find You, that they may call those hotlines, that they may pray to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the name of Jesus. We pray for healing, restoration, and full rehabilitation. Lord God, call Your church awake, please, that we may answer the call and conviction, only done and sustained through the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Nick and Christine Caine>> Amen. Amen.

Nick Vujcic>> Nick and Christine, it has been an honor. I love you very, very much. God bless you. Thank you for joining me today.

Nick and Christine>> Thanks for having us, Nick.