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WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?

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Janette Fennell: I never thought that we would be abducted at gunpoint and be separated from our child. We were robbed. We were assaulted. And we were left locked in a dark trunk of a car. The car was not running. We were in the middle of nowhere. And there was nothing to be seen except for I looked forward and there was a light. And it makes no sense that there could be a light on but angels had always played, you know, an incredible role in my life. And I know with an absolute certainty that that the light in that trunk came from a guardian angel to show us the way out. I way it and it was illuminating a little piece of silver medal. And I said, 'I think I found the trunk release.'

The police said that our family probably really should not have survived. I never want anyone else to have to go through what my family and I did. But last summer in less than 30 days 11 little angels died. They were baked alive in the trunk of a car.

(Graphic on Screen)

Car Trunk Terror Spurs a Crusade for Changes

Janette Fennell: This crusade has become my crusade because we survived. We were blessed. I have a job from God. He says, ‘You guys got to live. Now we know someone who has the capability to make this happen, and you’re it.’

The mission of our organization is to make sure that any children or adults who are locked inside are able to escape easily and quickly. And if you’re a manufacturer and you build a product such that people can get locked in, I feel that they a—a very strong obligation to build it in such a way that people can get out. By the end of the year there will be vehicles on the road that have an inside trunk release.

I think it—it has helped me heal in the way that you’re taking charge of something where you were totally helpless. I have two sons now. And to know that they’re still here and me and my husband are still here to enjoy that for the rest of our life is—is extremely, extremely fulfilling.

WINFREY: The Fennells continue their campaign for inside trunk releases. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is currently soliciting comments on how Americans feel about the need for inside trunk releases. And if you’d like more information on how to have your comments heard, you go to our Web sit at: oprah.com.

We’ll be right back.

(Announcements)

WINFREY: Ok. According to all the people in this audience, we would like to say to the National Transportation Safety Board, ‘We want the trunk releases. We don’t—save yourself the survey—save yourself the survey. We want the trunk releases. If it can save one child, one family, one human being, one animal, we want the trunk releases.’ Do we want the trunk releases? We want the trunk releases!

Thanks to all of my guests today and all of our past guests who’ve taught us so many valuable lessons.