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GOOD MORNING – Bobby Schuller (BS) and Hannah Schuller (HS)

BS: Hi friends! Here at Shepherd's Grove and Hour of Power, we believe the moment you walk through the doors or the moment you tune into this program, you really become a part of this spiritual family. We want you to know how blessed we are to have you join us in worship.

HS: As part of our family, we want to pray for, encourage, connect with you, so we've created brand new resources that we hope will inspire and uplift you every day. Today, we want to send you this 5x5 card with the words from John 3:16. Bobby and I want this card to be a reminder of how much God loves you and the sacrifice He made in sending His own Son for you.

BS: That's right. Hannah and I hope you'll reach out and connect with us so we can better encourage you. Please call, write or go online today and as a thank you, we'll send you this John 3:16 card. Remember always, God loves you and so do we.

BS: Hey, we're going to pray together and let's thank the Lord. Father, we love you so much, and we thank you, God, that you have called us here. We just love you and we pray in Jesus' name that your Holy Spirit would move under the sound of my voice and the voices of the musicians here, that people would leave whole, and restored and renewed. Lord, we love you. It's in Jesus' name, amen.

HS: Amen.

SCRIPTURE – Matthew 9:9-12 – Hannah Schuller

In preparation for Bobby's sermon, the words of our Lord found in Matthew 9:9: As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collectors booth. Follow me, He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners? On hearing this, Jesus said it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. You belong before you believe. You belong before you have it all together. You are the beloved. Amen.

INTERVIEW – Christopher Perrin (CP) – Bobby Schuller (BS)

BS: Well great, I'd like to invite up Chris Perrin. Chris, hi. Give him a hand, come on up, sir.

Well with us today is Christopher Perrin, who is a talented artist, and he's from right here in Orange County in our backyard.

CP: That's right.

BS: He's a man of abiding faith, trusting God in his work and his gifts, and would you welcome again with me, Christopher Perrin. Hi!

CP: Hi! Great to be here. Thank you.

BS: Well Chris, thank you for being here. You are a tattoo artist who tattoos for Jesus, which I already know is going to set a lot of religious people on edge, which is awesome; my favorite thing to do.

CP: Oh yes.

BS: But before we get there, tell me a little bit about your spiritual journey. You are a man of God, you love the Lord now, but it wasn't always that way for you.

CP: Well I grew up in the church, but I didn't really understand the difference between faith and being in a relationship with God, as opposed to me trying to earn favor with God on my own strength. So I had an encounter when I was 25, with Jesus, which completely set me free from this striving to earn my Father's love in heaven with the truth of walking in the revelation that He really does love me where I'm at.

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BS: So for you, this understanding of the difference between a religion, that is the rights and the rules versus this personal relationship with God, for you that religious side really just basically for you meant if I do everything right, then I'm in.

CP: Right, I felt like I needed to prove to God that I was worthy of His love, so I was running after love, as opposed to functioning from a place of knowing that I'm loved, giving away what I'd received through Jesus.

BS: And so when you're 25 and you had this radical experience, like what happened in your life? Like how did things change in your spiritual life?

CP: Honestly, He really changed the way that I thought about things. I had this encounter and Jesus was showing me like basically how things were working, that I was a product of the thoughts that I was choosing to entertain. And recently I had a dream where I heard Jesus say 'children aren't children because of what they think about, but because of what they don't think about.' And so He said..

BS: Oh that's great. Say that again. So children aren't children, not because what they think about, but because..

CP: Yes, He woke me up in the middle of the night, and it was Jesus and I heard Him say, 'children aren't children because of what they think about, but because of what they don't think about.' And He said I am freeing you from all of the fears and the cares and the worries and the religiosity that are separating you from the truth of your Father's love for you. And I know that's what He's doing in the body of Christ.

BS: That's awesome. So now you're a tattoo artist for Jesus.

CP: Yes.

BS: So tell me a little bit about that. You obviously have all these tattoos on your arms and everywhere, and you do tattoos for people, but how do you tattoo for Jesus? What is that?

CP: Well I feel like, like in Colossians where it talks about everything finds its purpose in Jesus. And God gave me a revelation a few years ago where He said even the tattoo industry, everything finally.. like it finds its purpose in me, and as we're doing the things that we're doing unto the glory of God, we find that the people and the relationships become the priority, not the stuff that we're doing.

So I just find the ability to love people where they're at, and actually share with them, maybe what the tattoo means that they're not even aware of from the spiritual perspective of God's love for them.

BS: Its such a Jesus thing to do, isn't it, to take something.. like today we're talking about Matthew the tax collector, somebody's who's always outside, and how God's calling him to do ministry. It's just like what you're doing. I mean people associate tattoos with rock and roll, or rebellion, or other things, and you're using it like.. I picture you, I don't know if this is true, but you're like tattooing some guy's, you know, back or arm or something, and you're like hey can I tell you about Jesus, brother?

CP: Right? Or just you get to be the manifestation of God's love for them, which draws them into something that they may have been pushing away because it's coming from a place of the Holy Spirit's love.

BS: So you're really seeing a lot of these guys that come into your shop, or guys that come to some of your gatherings that you do at your shop, you're seeing God work through this.

CP: Oh absolutely. A little bit of love goes such a long ways in people's lives.

BS: That's awesome. I forgot to bring it up, but the other thing you do is you make these t-shirts and we're beginning a series today on the Beloved, and tell me a little bit. You made this shirt and you gave it to me, which I thought was basically kind of a miracle.

CP: Absolutely. I do a subscription clothing line and I make a new shirt every couple months. It's TYJ.clothing, and thank you Jesus dot clothing. And when I met with you guys to be invited to come speak on the show, they were telling me that the message that you were going to be speaking on and your book was called the Beloved, and this shirt I had already had made, which says Beloved on there, and it was just God confirming this is the message that I'm speaking to the body, just encouraging people how loved they are exactly where they're at because of what Jesus has done and what He's doing in our lives.

BS: What do you say to somebody who's listening right now, and they're like Christopher, you don't understand, I'm not beloved. You don't know what I've done. People who are addicted, maybe they've never been to church, or maybe they used to go to church when they were kids, and people were just kind of mean to them, or they didn't think it was a good fit, what do you say to someone like that?

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CP: Just that Jesus is so worthy to be trusted, and as we give those thoughts, as we give those struggles, as we give those sins to Him, we truly realize what He's accomplished on that cross, and that God isn't waiting for us to get our stuff together to love us, He's actually removing all the stuff that's preventing us from walking in the truth of His love for us.

BS: That's great. Christopher Perrin, thank you for your ministry, and you can check out more about what he's doing on lifeafterdeathtattoo.com.

Thank you, sir. We love you so much.

CP: Absolutely. Thank you for having me.

BS: Appreciate everything you're doing.

DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

Friends, let's say this creed together, as we do every week. Hold your hands out like this as a way of receiving. Say this with me: I'm not what I do. I'm not what I have. I'm not what people say about me. I am the beloved of God. It's who I am. No one can take it from me. I don't have to worry, I don't have to hurry, I can trust my friend Jesus, and share His love with the world.

Thanks, you can be seated.

MESSAGE – Bobby Schuller "You Are Beloved"

Today, we're beginning this series on that creed, and I've written a book on that creed that comes out Memorial Day weekend. And before I get too much into that, I just want to, before I shamelessly plug my book, I used to, before I was an author, think that authors were always hawking and pushing their books because they wanted to make money. And after becoming an author, I realized well number one, most authors don't make very much money.

But number two, writing a book, the process, you put so much of your life and your soul into it, that especially as a pastor, a teacher I want people to understand and to know my ideas. You get to this place where you like, if you could, you'd just give it away. You just want people to read it. Maybe if you've written a book or a dissertation or something like that, you understand where I'm coming from. In that spirit, I want you to get my book, and if you get it, you can go to youarebeloved.net, and for your gift of any amount, you can get the book. All the money goes to the church, it doesn't go to me. And we would love to send you a copy of that book. It comes out, as I said, Memorial Day weekend. And we're going to do a creed on this book, and the reason I think we should do a series on this is because at the heart of it, at the heart of this church is this creed. We say it every week. And it came from a personal journey, but it's kind of worked its way through everything in this community. And I would also say that even before this creed, this church always believed these things. We believe the words "God loves you and so do I." And we believe, most of all, that God loves people just as they are, and not as they should be.

That though we all want to be better and improve and make progress in our life, God loves us, and He loves you right where you are. Man, He loves you so much, friends, He really does.

The first time I heard this creed, I really loved the books of a Catholic priest named Henri Nouwen. He died in 1996, and so I started reading his books well after he died, but I was once in Glenn DeMaster's office, he's a pastor here at this church, and he was mentoring me through seminary, and I saw on his bookshelf a VHS tape of three Henri Nouwen sermons from the Hour of Power. And I said I don't even know what Henri Nouwen looks like. The biggest surprise is that he was Dutch – I didn't know that, either. He had an accent. And I said can I have this tape? So Glenn gave it to me, and I watched the tape. And it was so funny, because it was three sermons and it was on this idea, these three things: you are not what you do, you are not what you have, and you are not what people say about you. You are God's beloved.

I must have watched that VHS so many times. Those words alone became a sermon that I would regularly preach. But even before it became a sermon, it was a prayer. I started praying that: I'm not what I do, I'm not what I have, I'm not what people say about me. I'm God's beloved. And I watched how over more than any other spiritual discipline: fasting, service, most of my prayers, nothing, for whatever reason, did more than this simple personal creed. I watched that over several weeks and then months is I began by praying it, every time I prayed, just saying that first, how I noticed how much of my joy and my life was wrapped up in what people thought about me, was wrapped up in how much money or stuff I had or didn't have, and especially was wrapped in what I was doing either vocationally or morally or anything else. And I watched that as I prayed that prayer over my life, I did better things. Whoa! I was a more moral person! Wow. I had more! Not just in terms of material but

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in true spiritual wealth, joy and fulfillment and peace and I was relaxed more. And this doesn't matter, but people were saying better things about me.

Isn't it funny that when we abandon the things that we do, the things that we have, and the things that people say about us, when we let go of those things and pursue just the heart of God in His will, and understand fully that He loves us, the irony that we do better, we have more, and people say better things. Not all people. And my hope for you is that lots of people say bad things about you because people only say bad things about people that are achieving a lot. My hope is I have lots of critics. I don't have enough, yet. I'll get there. Someday. Pray for me.

But for all that misunderstand the creed, I grant you that in many ways, you are what you do, right? If you murder a guy, you're a murderer. If you win a gold medal, you're an Olympian in the Olympics, right? If you have a million bucks, you're a millionaire, and if you're living on the street, you're broke. What do you mean, Bobby, I'm not what I have, I'm not what I do. Perhaps to bring clarity, I might say in the creed, that the context, you could start the creed, in God's eyes, in God's eyes, in God's eyes I'm not what I do. In God's eyes, I'm not what I have. In God's eyes, I'm not what people say about you. And friend, let me tell you, if that's what God sees, and that's what God knows, it is what is mostly true. If I see something and God sees something else, what God sees is more accurate. That God loves you just as you are, not as you should be. Forget what so many of the religious elites have told you that once you get your spiritual report card right, then you can go to church and you can be a Christian and all this stuff, let that go. God loves you just as you are, and if we lose that, everything else we do comes from the spiritually dead place of trying to earn the kingdom of God. You can't earn it. It's a gift, and that's the gospel of grace.

The gospel of grace says everything the opposite that every other religion on earth says. Every other religion on earth says you do things right, you're in, you do things wrong, you're out. Christianity doesn't say that. It says you receive grace, God does the work, God does the changing, and you walk every day in grace, understanding that all of us have imperfections, that all of us want to be better. That all of us have unfinished symphonies. And that God can do it. In other words, the gospel says you belong before you believe. And you belong before you behave.

Let me tell you, friends, when the disciples were following Jesus, they didn't start believing He was the son of God when they were disciples. They learned it when they belonged to Him, and they spent time with Him. They didn't behave right away either. Look at Peter: denied Christ three times. They made some terrible blunders and horrible mistakes when they were following Jesus. They belonged first then they believed. They belonged first then they behaved. That is at the core of Jesus' teaching of what many call the upside down kingdom. Friend, I want you to know you belong. You belong. You are loved just as you are. There's nothing you could change in your life that would make God love you more. Furthermore, God's proud of you, and He's on your side.

Of course experience tells us the opposite, doesn't it; our experience of life. We learn it when we're children. Maybe you had somebody in your life that was supposed to love you and protect you, but they abused you. They hurt you. They put you down. They mocked you. Maybe you were bullied as a child. We're so innocent when we're children, aren't we? Having kids of my own, and I think about how some of us were treated as children. It's so wrong. It was so wrong when you were bullied. Or maybe they abandoned you. Maybe there were people in your life, friends, parents, grandparents, siblings, who said I love you, but then when you needed them most, they abandoned you.

And so experience tells us well, when as a kid, when I do great things and I get applause, and when I get wealth and achievement, and I do all these things, and I become popular and good looking, I get more attention, positive attention, people say nice things about me, and people love me, and people are kind to me, and people invite me to parties, and call me, and reach out to me. But when I stop doing those things, it goes away, and so then you learn this double life that there's the good part of you, the ego, the veneer, the thing that you show, the best version of you, everybody, and then there's this hidden part that man, if people only knew that about me, you'd feel so embarrassed. Would they even like me? Would they be embarrassed to be seen with me? They surely wouldn't call me a Christian.

And I want you to know, God sees that hidden part, and despite all of your flaws, man, He loves you so much. He's never given up on you. He's on your side. Don't turn your back on God. He hasn't turned His back on you. Friend, He loves you. Never forget it.

It's hard to receive true love when we have these hidden bits in our life. And the word for those bits, the word is shame. It's something about us that we hate so much; we can't let anybody see it. And that shame is reinforced by sometimes coming to church or going to parties and looking around and

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seeing everybody with happy marriages, and perfect children, and great jobs. You just think they're the best person in the world. Friends, let me tell you something, everybody you think is perfect, you just don't know them well enough. You just got to get to know them better. You'll find out very quickly, very, very quickly they're not as great as you think they are. I promise you, you take a person that you think is the greatest ever, and if you were married to that person, right away, unless you were married to Hannah, then you'd be right. Other than Hannah, Hannah actually is perfect. Whew. Got out of that one. Woo! Hannah really is great. All right.

So what happens is when we hide our life, when we hide these parts of our life, and you really can't share all of your life with everybody, but when we hide them from our kids, from our spouse, from our closest friends, from our parents, when we hide those parts of our life, we find our self in a spiritually thirsty place; a very lonely place. And you'll find that if you share some of those things with the people who love you the most, they're not going to love you less, and very often they're going to love you even more because they're going to know you're human, and they can let loose around you, too. That's why people like hanging out with sinners more than saints. They know they don't have to be perfect.

There's this line from Perks of Being a Wallflower, where this teenage boy says we accept the love we think we deserve. I think that's true. You feel unworthy of real love? Unworthy of boundless love, especially the love that comes from God? You push away people that try and love you, despite your flaws. And that's why if we want to be fruit bearing believers, we must abide in the vine. We must abide in Jesus; in His love, in His power and in His spirit. That's at the heart of John 15, whereas everybody else says do everything right, look right, act right, be fashionable, be charming, do it all perfectly, then you'll belong. Jesus says you belong before you believe.

He says this in John 15. This is the theme of the whole sermon from John 15: "Remain in my love and you will bear fruit." Remain in my love and you will bear fruit. Jesus wants us to be fruit bearing Christians. And a tree bears fruit when it's planted, when it's nourished, when it's in the sunlight, and it bears fruit naturally. It comes out of who it is. It's always rooted, it's always there. And friend, that's what happens when you're rooted in God's love. When you live every day believing with all your heart that you are not what you do, you're not what you've done, you're not what's been done to you, you're not what you have and you're not what you don't have, and you're not what anybody says about you except what He says about you, and that is you are the beloved. It'll always be true. He loves you and I love you. And He will always be on your side. That is at the heart of the upside down kingdom.

In Jesus' day, of course, this was at the heart of everything He was doing, and it's the thing that bothered His competitors the most was that He was preaching this upside down kingdom.

That in a world that said the rich and the religious and the perfect are the best, and they're lucky, and then the poor and the sinners, they're unlucky. Jesus said it the other way around. He said blessed are you when you're poor. Blessed are you when you're run over. Blessed are you when people take advantage of you. Blessed are you when you're out on your luck. Blessed are you when you're beaten and persecuted, and when people mock you. And He just keeps saying this, why? Because the kingdom of God has come, and in the kingdom of God, everything's upside down. Everything's the opposite. You belong before you believe, and you belong before you behave.

In His culture, Jesus' culture, there were these like concentric circles, like a target where the closer you get to the middle, the bulls eye, the more in you are, and the further out you get, you eventually get so far out, you're not even on it anymore. And those concentric circles of belonging were maintained by the religious leaders of Jesus' day. And they spelled it out very clearly, so there were no excuses. You follow the rules, you're in and here are the rules. Do this right, you're in. It's not that hard, guys. And you don't follow them, you're out. We told you before, it's your fault. Right?

And these concentric circles were regulated, and basically these are the two rules. The first was you're either in or out based on your good works. Those works usually for the religious people of the day looked like if you follow the Sabbath perfectly, if you follow dietary laws perfectly, and for the dudes, if you're circumcised. It's hard to preach that to unchurched people. Just move past it. If you do these works perfectly, you're closer to that target. If you teach those works, you're in the bulls eye. If you don't follow those well, you're on the outer circle, and if you don't follow them at all, you're not in.

The second thing that the religious people of Jesus' day taught this: you are in or out based on whether or not you're blessed. How blessed you were. So if you were wealthy and doing well, and you follow those rules, you were very close to the center. But if, for example, you were sick, even if

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you followed the rules, you were outside of the target completely. Because in the first century, they believed that if you were blessed and healthy, that's because God was on your side. And clearly, if you were sick, God in His providence was cursing you. That's what you see. And so that's why even like for example, lepers were always on the outside. And leprosy, by the way, could have been eczema, even bad dandruff, that's considered leprosy. I would have been in trouble in college, let me tell you. That's disgusting. I shouldn't have said that.

Anyway, the point is this: I know that sounds a little bit like our day, doesn't it. Man, if you're blessed, and if you follow the rules, you're in! But if you are not blessed, and you don't follow our rules, you're out. Jesus comes and He just doesn't even notice that stuff, positive or negative. It's like He doesn't even see it. And He just starts picking people to follow Him and to hang out with Him that aren't supposed to be picked. And He starts pushing away the very popular people that are supposed to be in, the very religious and spiritual lead people. You guys stay over there.

I want you to know that this is so important because as we go into this scripture, I'm going to finish my sermon.. I don't normally preach verse by verse, but I think it's important to do it today. And if you have your Bibles, you can open with me or just look on the screen. Matthew 9, chapter 9. This is the calling of St. Matthew, and it goes like this. It says, "As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collectors booth. 'Follow me,' He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him."

Hold on there. Two phrases you need to recognize as the most important: two. The first one is tax collector. Everybody say tax collector. The second one is follow me. Everyone say follow me. Follow me was a famous phrase. O don't go there yet. Hold on. Follow me was a famous phrase that was used to call the best of the best. In Jesus' day, like I said, at the center of that target were rabbis. They were the leaders of the community. They weren't just teachers. They were the judges, they were the leaders, they were, in a way, the politicians of the people, they mattered. And to become a rabbi, you had to be mentored by a rabbi. And to be mentored by a rabbi, you had to interview. And most people that interviewed got pushed away because rabbis only picked a handful of the best. I mean you had to be good looking, you had to be super smart, you had to be very spiritual and religious. And then if you got in, your acceptance letter to this sort of Harvard of being a rabbi, was this phrase: follow me. Follow me. You would never say it to someone that wasn't just the best of the best of the best. You would never say it to someone you would think couldn't become like you because that's what follow me meant. It meant I think you can be just like me. Okay, you got follow me?

Then the other one is tax collector. Now a tax collector, I feel like, we don't give tax collectors a hard enough time, because they really were bad guys. They were rotten to the core.

Tax collectors, they were the worst of the worst. It's different today. Different today, right? IRS, we all love them. We all love them. But I'm just saying in the first century when it was totally different.

And the way that it worked was the Roman Empire was occupying Israel, so Israel hates Rome. And then Rome taxes the people. And the way they tax the people is they recruit these not so moral Jews to go around and charge whatever tax is due for that season. So let's say this quarter or whatever, the tax collectors have to go out and collect ten percent from everybody. Well how do the tax collectors get money? The answer is they arbitrarily add an extra bit on top, and they never tell you what it is. So let's say its 10%, a tax collector comes around and says hey the Roman tax this year is 16%. And they take that cut in the middle. So there's no accountability, nobody knows what the extra bit is, and they are like this guy – the Sheriff of Nottingham, just going around taking money from old people, and sick people and children, and it's for personal gain. It's rotten, right? This is what tax collectors are.

So tax collectors, of all sinners, they're the worst, man. They are not only stealing from innocent and helpless people, they're also on Rome's side; they're like not patriotic enough. I mean there's like layers and layers of things. So it's the like Bernie Madoff of their day. Jesus goes up to this Bernie Madoff type guy, this tax collector, and He says His famous words: follow me. I think you're good enough, I think you're spiritual enough, I think you're smart enough, I think you're everything I need to have a new disciple on my team.

You know God doesn't look to your past? He looks to your future. That's what He sees when He sees you. And that future is very bright, if you do it with Jesus.

You know, when Jesus said that, I imagine that everybody there thought He was mocking Matthew. When He said follow me, there were probably some who laughed. And Jesus, as people are laughing, and the laughing dies down, continues to make eye contact with Matthew and He's thinking

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to Himself, He's picking me? Does He know what I do? Does He know what I've done? Is He mocking me? And then he's like oh my god, He's serious. And then it's almost like you can hear the table knocked over, and the coins and papers falling to the ground, and flying everywhere carelessly, it doesn't matter anymore because Matthew's not a tax collector anymore. He's a disciple and everything is changed.

Friend, I want you to know God doesn't care what you've done, what you're doing. It's all been paid for. He is calling you to follow Him right where you are, and you can. You don't have to get it right first, you don't have to get everything perfect, just start. He's on your side.

That's good news, isn't it, that God loves us even when we mess up, and even when we fail. Can I get an amen from all the saints and sinners in the house? What good news. What good, good news it is. It's not bad news, that's what the gospel is is good news, guys. Let's proclaim it.

Next verse: "While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples." Okay, the most important word in this passage is dinner. Everybody say dinner. We all know that's the most important word in that passage, right? Dinner. In Jesus' day, to eat with someone was to call them family, was to call them an equal. So people would always like eat in different spaces, if they weren't in the same class. And rabbis would never eat with anybody that wasn't like a rabbi or a very, very spiritual, or disciple. So Jesus is actually eating with prostitutes, with tax collectors, with sinners, with people who are outside of the kingdom, and He's eating with them. And when Jesus says in the last supper, "do this in remembrance of me," it's not just a nod to the crucifixion. It is that, but it's so much more. It's also that because of the crucifixion, everyone's invited to this table to eat with us. And then looking at the apostles, urging them to invite people who are hurting, who are sick, who are sinful, who are addicted, who are messed up, and who are hiding, to invite them to His table was a primary calling. That's why He dressed down all the way to like a slave and washed their feet, and said no servant is greater than his master. You must serve others. You must invite people to this table.

So to be called by Jesus is also to be a caller of sinners, of broken people, a friend of sinners, a friend of fallen, a friend of doubting, a friend of all. That's who Jesus is and that's how you can be. God wants you at His table. Those sinners eating with Him didn't stop sinning before they came to His table, but they might have stopped after and that's what we miss.

Finally, the last passage: on hearing this, the Pharisees were mocking Him that He was eating with sinners, he said "On hearing this, Jesus says, 'it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means. I desire mercy, not sacrifice for I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.'"

Lord, let this always be a church filled with sinners. There are plenty of churches full of saints. Lord, call sinners. Call the broken. Call the hurting and the doubters to be in this church, Lord. And that's a real prayer. Church is never meant to be a country club of righteous people, patting each other on the back, but a gathering with thirsty people, some of whom know where the water is; a gathering of broken people who want to be better, who work and strive toward sanctification and righteousness and godliness, but in the end, love one another and most of all, receive God's love even when they mess up.

Man, God loves you so much. God loves you just as you are, not as you should be. He's never turned His back on you. Don't turn your back on Him. He's on your side and He loves you. You're His child. You're not His adult. Can I say that again? You're His kid! He loves you, and we love Him, too. Amen?

Father, we love you, and we thank you that you don't see what the world sees. You see our heart, you see our soul, and I just pray, Father, for everyone under the sound of my voice who feels out of steam, out of energy, Lord, I pray just your power and your Holy Spirit would fill up the hearts and minds of every person under the sound of my voice with your love and your goodness and your joy. We thank you. It's in Jesus' name we pray, amen.

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Have a great week, friends. Thank you for coming today. And now the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you His peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, amen.