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GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION - Bobby and Hannah Schuller

BS: This is the day the Lord has made! We will rejoice and be glad in it.

HS: Welcome, church family. We love being with you. Bobby and I talk all the time about how Sunday is one of our favorite days of the week. Thank you for being here. Thank you for tuning in with us. You know there is a theologian that said 'to forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that that prisoner was you.' If somebody's hurt you and you've been having a really hard time forgiving, we hope today that you'll be set free from that, and that you can have an inner peace in your soul. Turn around and shake the hand of the person next to you, or give a fist bump. Say God loves you and so do I.

BS: Well we're so glad you're here, and way to go! You got out of bed this morning, you came to church and we're going to have a good time today. Our goal is always not to beat people up when they're gathered together, but to encourage people in the word of the Lord and the gospel. Life is already hard enough. We don't need to make it harder when people come to church, right? We're going to assume you already feel guilty about something. You've already been beat up about something. Today we want you to leave here with a full tank and receive a touch from the Lord.

So Father, we thank you that you love us just as we are, and not as we should be. Thank you, Lord that we're not what we do, and we're not what we have, and we're not what people say about us; that we're your beloved sons and daughters. And Father, we pray in Jesus' name that you would teach us to forgive. And so Lord, we forgive. We forgive people that we love, we forgive people that bother us, we forgive people that have offended us, we forgive some of those who have died and we still feel hardness towards them. We forgive everyone, and we thank you Lord, and we love you, it's in Jesus' name we pray, amen.

HS: Amen.

SCRIPTURE – James 1:19-26 – Hannah Schuller

In preparation for Bobby's message, the words of God found in James 1:19: My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this. Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. Because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do as it says, is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it, not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it, they will be blessed in what they do.

Church family, together we are striving to be great listeners who are slow to speak and slow to anger. Amen.

INTERVIEW – CLAYTON JENNINGS

BS: Today we're so delighted to have Clayton Jennings with us. He's a talented pastor who spreads Jesus' love and dignity through the medium of spoken word. Would you please welcome with me, Clayton Jennings. Hi, Clayton!

CJ: Thank you, hi. Thank you.

BS: Great to see you!

CJ: Thank you. Thank you for having me.

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BS: Sure! First of all, I think we should just start with spoken word. For those who are unfamiliar with this medium, tell us a little bit about spoken word. What is it?

CJ: Its poetry put to a sound track, maybe like a new style of poetry. You described it when we were talking as an urban feel, and it has that. And so it's just a new form of poetry.

BS: And a lot of it has some almost revolutionary roots, and stuff, too, doesn't it? I mean like I think of it as almost a mix between rap and poetry or something like that.

CJ: It can be, yes, definitely.

BS: And you've been doing this for years now where you'll do YouTube videos or things on social media, where you'll sort of do a sermon but it's more a shorter spoken word sermon, and you're really able to capture your audience. Like why do you do that and how's that going?

CJ: I tell you, the reason I do it is because if you studied the attention span of the millennial generation, I mean its minute. I don't know if you can study it. You can't study them: they don't sit there long enough to let you study them so it's small. So they say if there's a video that's longer than two minutes, most of the time it doesn't even get a click. So if you keep it short, concise, and you just go right to the heart of the gospel, I believe that there's power in the gospel. It captures attention, and then that leads them to click on the next video, and then hopefully, Lord willing, brings them to a revival in person, or allows them to hear a sermon where the gospel is taught.

BS: So many people are being touched by your videos. I know you've had one that had over two million views on YouTube, which is crazy. Even here, we have someone on staff downstairs in the Green Room that was just telling us that I think that she said six years ago, seven years ago, she heard one of your spoken word videos, and it like totally changed her life and she went on this like self-seeking road trip. That's amazing. So you're really reaching a lot of people.

CJ: It's a blessing and I believe it's just glory to God and it speaks to the fact that the gospel is always good, and there's power in the name of Jesus. And the beautiful thing is when you put that out there, I don't know who's watching on the other side, but I do know that for every view, that's an opportunity for God to speak into someone's life, and it's just beautiful. I look forward to the day in heaven to meet folks and find out the true impact that the Lord had.

BS: Can I put you on the spot. Can you do like a little like sample of...

CJ: Put me on the spot.

BS: You guys want to hear him do some spoken word?

CJ: On the spot, here we go. Battle it. If I mess up, don't post it. Cut the cameras. I'm joking. Here we go, this is just an end to a poem called When I Became a Man. This is the end part. When I became a man, I picked up my cross and put down my shame. My sins were forgiven in Jesus' name. In Jesus' name my pain will forever remain an afterthought of who I used to be, but no longer am because God saw fit to crucify the Lamb so that I could land in His ocean of grace and find my rest in His holy place. Because He took my place. He took my cross. He took my nails. He took it all because He had a plan and for the first time I saw it, when I became a man. Thank you. Thank you. BS: Good.

CJ: Thank you.

BS: We should have you preach next time. That'd be awesome.

CJ: That'd be great.

BS: Can you do a whole sermon like that?

CJ: Right, every other word rhyming, that would be interesting, wouldn't it?

BS: Only a two minute sermon. So right now, you're traveling on a tour called the "Tell the World Revival Tour." What's that about and how is it going so far?

CJ: It's just about the gospel. It's just the simple presentation of the gospel, and it's been incredible – 52 cities across the United States. People have said why the United States and why now. And I say well I'm an American evangelist and I believe God's called me to this time and this place to share the gospel. And so we're trusting the Lord with every city to bring folks, and He's been faithful to bring a crowd in each city, and we're three fourths of the way into it. Have a revival in Orange County tonight and its throwback. It's not crazy lights and entertainment. I think our generation has enough of that. What we want is truth, so it's just the preaching of the cross.

BS: So that's what you mean by throwback. It's just going to be a classic old school 1950's style revival.

CJ: I'm telling you, old school, I love that. And I told you earlier, I loved Billy Graham, so that's all I do is watching that as a young kid growing up, and I wish we could have more old school. People will say well that's an old school message when they hear the sermon, and I'll say well if it's the cross, it's the only message we should preach. So old school is good school if it's about Jesus. And so if I could have your choir on the road with me, please come. That would be so cool. So cool.

BS: That's awesome. Today we're talking about forgiveness, we're sort of in a series on forgiveness and redemption. This is a big part of your message isn't it. What do you say to someone that needs a message of forgiveness?

CJ: I'll tell you that forgiveness doesn't set your attacker free, or your abuser/accuser, it sets you free. And holding on to bitterness it's a rough road to go down, and I know from personal experience. If forgiveness was so important to God that He was willing to see His Son murdered on a cross, it should be equally important to us to forgive, and the perfect picture of forgiveness is Jesus on the cross saying Father, forgive THEM, they know not what they do. And so forgiveness not only is a commandment we should be doing, we need to obey what the Lord's told us to do, but it's for a reason. It's not rules and regulations. He knows because it allows to move in that life of peace that He's called us to. So forgive, forgive and forgive some more.

- BS: He's on YouTube, Instagram. Check him out. He's one of the best online.
- CJ: Thank you, pastor, appreciate it.
- BS: Clayton Jennings, thank you. We appreciate you, and you're going to have a great tour.
- CJ: Thank you. God bless you, thank you.

DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

Friends, would you hold your hands out like this as a sign of receiving as we say this together: 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. Amen!

MESSAGE/PRAYER – Bobby Schuller "Becoming Unoffendable"

Today we're finishing our series on forgiveness, and the importance of forgiveness in a society and a nation and a church and a family. You can see that clearly through scripture, forgiveness is a part of healing. You think our nation needs healing? You think our churches, our families need healing? We need forgiveness. And we need to move from being the ego driven people who are always first to judge, point the finger, call people out, to becoming a listening, healing, humble, life-giving presence, and that's hard to do. When people are cruel, unfair, unkind, rude, it's hard to be forgiving. And last week we talked about a lot of the big stuff. We talked about how do you forgive a huge, huge thing like abuse, divorce, abandonment, major things that were detrimental to your life and how to forgive those things. So last week we talked about the big things.

Today we're going to talk about how to forgive the little things, and how to become the kind of person that in your daily life, you naturally become really unoffendable. Nobody can become that way totally, and trust me, I am preaching to a mirror today, okay? I have an ego, I have pride, I have ways in which people offend me, but what I'm casting out today is I think what the scripture says, and it's a vision of what we can all become and our best life really comes, not when we get really good at finding out everything that's wrong with the world and pointing it out, or we get really good at being bitter or angry, but rather, when we become the kind of people that are unoffendable, relaxed, and walking in the easy rhythms of grace. Some of you are already there. Some of you are great examples to me, and I'm thankful for you. And some of us are working on it, right? And that's okay, too. We're working on it, but we're going to become relaxed, unoffendable disciples of Jesus Christ. I kind of feel like our world is more offended today than it's ever been. Everybody's offended about everything. I probably spend too much time on Twitter, but gosh, it seems like Twitter is just a place where people talk about the most recent thing they're offended about. If you're on the left, you think everybody on the rights offended, and if you're on the right, you think everybody on the left is offended. But friends, can I tell you that both parties are easily offended and offendable. And it doesn't just happen in politics, it's in religion, as well, between denominations and traditions. And you see this between Christians when they debate faith, so easily offended; so quick to point the finger, so quick to be the judge. And this is a danger.

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And I think that, in many ways, no matter what your tradition is, it feels like, and maybe I'm wrong about this, that we're teaching our children to be offended. That being offended is somehow a virtue. That if you are easily offended, then you have a good moral compass, and nothing could be farther from the truth. It's not to say that people aren't offensive. People ARE offensive! People can be racist. People oftentimes say things about our country that are unfair, or about the flag, or about your faith, or about your religion, or about your looks that are really hurtful and offensive. But to become a believer means to train ourselves into the kind of life where we're able to sort of forgive, really; to let it go, to not hold it against that person, and to not be someone who's quick to judge and be offended, but rather to quickly judge, to forgive, and to love our enemies. At the heart of it, of course, is always ego. Whenever I'm offended, it's because my ego is hurt. I've got this big inflated ego and somebody popped it! And I find that very often I think at the heart of why so many in our society are so easy offended is because our egos are becoming more inflated. I didn't get any amen's for that, but that's okay.

Many of you, when I start talking about ego, dude, you're thinking about somebody else that's egotistical. Oh man, he's talking about John. I'm talking to you! And you find, very often, that with ego, at least for me, ego has driven some of the worst decisions in my life! Whether they be financial, trying to prove myself to others, or I think I can't be beaten, or religious, or in arguments, or in my marriage, or in my parenting, I find that ego only hurts. As Ryan Holiday said in his brilliant book, "ego is the enemy." Ego is always going to hurt you. It's always going to bring you down. Rather, we ought to become people with a vision, not for proving ourselves and saying we're always right, and believing that we have figured everything out. We know what is just and unjust, and we're quick to tell everybody! But rather, to become humble listeners. Merciful. Joyful in reconciliation. Gentle and forgiving. Bearing the fruit of the spirit is what the Lord wants. He wants spiritual fruits, not religious nuts, right? As the saying goes. And that's what we want to become. We want to become those kinds of people. You know somebody like that? I think Juan Carlos is that way. We honored him today. So is Martha. So are many of you. The kinds of people that are relaxed, that aren't easily offended, that aren't quick to anger, but are quick to love and to care for their neighbors, even their enemies. Do you know anybody like that? It's amazing to see somebody behave that way because it is so rare. That somebody in the face of something really horrible, super offensive, something that might shock you to see somebody respond with mercy, slowness to anger, forgiveness, gentleness. There is an allure to their compassion, isn't there.

One of my favorite stories is one of my old friends who used to attend this church, his name is Austin Bulloch. This dude is that.. he is that kind of guy who is tall, and he is that mix of muscular and fat, just a big dude that you would not want to fight or mess with. Just a tough guy. He is tattooed from neck down to his feet, fully sleeved. He's got this big bushy beard, long hair and he and his brother, Justin, own a t-shirt company, and they're involved in a heavy metal band called Spades and Blades. And this guy loves Jesus. He loves the word of God. He loves church. He loves his family and he loves people. And he isn't anything like what you might think when you first meet him.

And so he and his brother, Justin, they're always on the road, and they're performing with this band Spades and Blades, and they're always at like heavy metal venues. And one day, Austin's in the bathroom, and as he's coming out washing his hands, some neo-Nazi punk comes into the bathroom, probably drunk, and goes up to Austin and starts cussing him out, trying to pick a fight. Now Austin is the exact opposite of a Nazi. He is incredibly loving and kind, and he's also a big dude. You wouldn't want to fight Austin. And this guy just starts cussing him out and saying all this stuff, and he's shouting at him and yelling at him, and Austin walks up to him like this and gives him a hug mid rant. And the guy tells the story like this – that as he goes mid hug, nice and slow, gives him a hug, he stops, gets really hard like this, and then goes. Isn't that a great story! I love stories like that because it shows.. look, it's not like Austin made him not a Nazi anymore, right? I mean but all of us, we want to be like shout back at the guy and make him pay. But that's not the gospel. The gospel teaches us to love our enemies and to forgive.

I love the story of Joel Osteen. I wasn't real familiar with him when I saw this story, but it was one of the first things that made me really like Joel Osteen. I mean he was under a lot of criticism at the time for things that I think are silly. But it was so funny, there was a guy that created a fake blog in Joel Osteen's name, and then created a fake CNN website that said "Joel Osteen renounces his faith and leaves his church."

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And then there was this whole fake article written by this pretend Joel Osteen that says I don't believe in the Bible anymore, I don't believe Jesus is Lord, and da da da da da da. And it was like carried on a couple of things, I think like a drudge report like tagged it out, like a bunch of other groups, so all these people thought this was real, of course. And it was on a Today Show that after it was revealed as a hoax, they interviewed Joel, and his response was so Joel-ish. He just said, and I loved this. He said, 'I'm just too blessed to be offended by something like that.' He's like of course I have my faith. I've never lost my faith and I'm always going to be here for my church, but I'm just going to choose today to be joyful and not get offended by something like this.' And I loved seeing that because, look, I know a lot of pastors. A lot of big pastors. And most of them would not have responded that way. And he meant it in his heart. He wasn't putting on a show. I've gotten to know Joel well, and that's who he is. That's who he is. And I want to say that I would not have responded that way. I might have said I'm going to sue him! That's not the gospel and that's not who we want to become. We want to become forgiving people. We want to become forgiving people. Was Joel harmed? Yes. Was Austin harmed? Yes. Were you harmed? Yes. Let's learn to forgive, to love our enemies, put our axes down, and learn to become listening, forgiving, loving people, despite what others think. If you want to convince people, by the way, if you want to influence people in your political or religious views, listening is one of the best ways to convince people. Nobody ever came to Jesus by losing an argument, right? That's what Philip Yancey said. So the scripture from today, look at what James says. In James chapter 1:19, he says "my dear brothers and sisters, take note of this. Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry." Okay? Let me read it one more time, and I'm going to add a little bit: My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this. Everyone who is into politics, everyone who is into theology, everyone who is married, everyone who has teenage children, everyone who has a roommate should be guick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. "Because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves, do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in the mirror and after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it, not forgetting what they have heard but doing it, they will be blessed in what they do. Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein," everyone say tight rein "and do not keep a tight rein on their tongues, deceive themselves and their religion is worthless."

It's interesting because it's likely that the book of James was actually a written sermon that was so beloved that it became a book of the Bible. It reads like a sermon. It's good to read from beginning to end. And as you read it, you'll find that it's very Jewish. It's a lot like the Proverbs. And one of the big themes, maybe the biggest theme in James, is this idea of controlling what you say and understanding the power that words have, the power to build up, the power to tear down, the power to give life, and the power to destroy. And that to sort of just say hurtful, unforgiving, bitter things is very dangerous. But something else you might receive from that, as well, is that James understands, and so do I, that what she said about you was hurtful! What he said about you was hurtful. What they said about your people group, or about your country, or about your heroes was hurtful. But we still forgive. We forgive.

Very often, when somebody says something hurtful, our response is to just dish it out, right? Oh you want to go? You want to go? Your mouth is writing checks your body can't cash. Look that's what the world does. If you want to be an example to the world and to society, be an example of standing up to evil with gentleness, with mercy, with understanding, and watch as people are influenced. Forgive. Forgive the big things, and forgive the little things. By the way, you never know people's story. You never know what people have been through. Life is very hard and people have been through a lot. Actually, there's this great scene in this show Modern Family where the grandpa is talking to the grandson and finds out that the grandson has been crossed in some way. He looks to his grandson and he says 'that guy says something like that, you need to stick up for yourself and pop him in the mouth. If he talks back to you, you sock him in the face.' And so this engagement's going back and forth between the grandpa and the grandson. And so they go out and they go to the mall together, just the two of them, and this tough guy grandpa is blinkering a parking spot, and as soon as the car pulls out, somebody else quickly zips in and takes the spot. And he goes 'do you believe that guy! If I see that guy I'm going to punch him in the face.' And the son's like 'yes,' you know, the grandson, 'you get him.' So they're in the mall and they're walking around and they're in the department store, and the grandson tugs on his grandpa's coat and he says 'grandpa, there's that guy.' And so he looks at his grandson and he looks at the guy, and he's like 'I'm going to go talk to him,' but you can tell he's kind of a little bit nervous. And he goes up to the guy and he goes 'hey bub, you're the guy that took my spot.' And the guy turns around, he's got one single tear down his face, and he goes 'oh I did? Oh I'm so sorry. I'm so scatter brained today. My dog died.' And so you see him like kind of loosen up, and then he looks at his grandson and his grandson says 'don't punch him.'

You know most of the time, when a guy takes your spot, he's the kind of guy who takes people's spots. He's THAT guy. But you also just never know. You never know what people are going through that day, you never know what's on their mind, you never know what's in their heart.

Look, it's important that we understand everyone is someone's son or daughter. You think about your kids. Are they perfect all the time? I mean mine are. They're not. Our kids are not perfect all the time. You want people to have mercy on your children? To be forgiving towards your kids? To be kind to your kids when they're having a rough day? Everyone is someone's son, or someone's daughter. And you never know what that person's been through. Maybe somebody that's a little rude or has some edges and growing edges, even, you might get to know them and think, wow, they're actually a lot better than I would think, based on their history. So let's be forgiving and let's do what Jesus tells us to do. Let's forgive and love our enemies. Let's become the kinds of relaxed, unoffendable people that we've been called to be, where we forgive. Amen?

Five things you can do today to do the word merely than hearing it. Number one: the best way to forgive is to feel and forgive. So very often when you hear sermons like this, it can feel like the speaker or teacher is saying something like just ignore it, just shove it down, just move on. And like George Costanza, you're supposed to be like 'serenity now, serenity now,' and then your head blows up. It's the same thing like the movie Anger Management. I don't know if you've ever seen it but this very calm guy is like a doormat, he has to go to anger management and he has to be taught to be angry. And many of us, especially if you grew up in the church, are this way. Hannah is one of the most peaceful loving people I know, always wants reconciliation, has taught me a lot about many of the things I'm going to teach you here in this last bit of this message. But she had this thing where she was trying to sort of get in touch with the pain. And so she came up with this thing that when somebody did something like really hurtful, she would say this thing "don't mess with me." No she wouldn't say it out loud. She'd just say it in her head. If somebody cut in line in front of her, or cut her off in traffic. Instead of just being oh that's no big deal, she wanted to feel it. So she would say like, in her mind, don't mess with me. Which I always think is really funny. And I love that there's not like a little cuss word in there or anything, it's just like don't mess with me. Anyway. And I think that that was really good, but we have talked about this a little bit. It's kind of evolved into this thing that you can say to yourself, when somebody crosses you, in a way, you say to yourself, I forgive you. Now don't say it out loud. If somebody cuts in front of line of you at the grocery store, don't be like I forgive you. You say it in your head. And you say it about people.. it's going to feel egotistical and weird, but it's so good for you. Like even if you have little kids or grandkids, and it's going to feel dumb, but you just say in your head, I forgive Haven, I forgive Cohen, I forgive Hannah. You don't say it out loud to them, but there's something about that discipline of saying that that allows you to feel the offense, but not lash out and let it go. I forgive. I forgive. And in this way, you're able to sort of let go of the little things and truly let go of them, and not just like bury them down.

Number two: make respect your default. Just make it where no matter what, you just respect people. People might lose your respect, but whenever you meet somebody for the first time, always be respectful to them. They deserve it.

I remember when I was in high school and my sister was getting ready in the bathroom, and I popped my head in the bathroom and I burped, like brothers do this. It was like a drive by burping. And I felt bad, because I'd just come to faith, and I was feeling convicted about it, so I popped my head in and I said 'Angie, I'm sorry. The Bible says love is not rude and that was really rude,' and then I just went and gave her a hug. And she said that that was when she knew my life was changing because of the gospel.

And all joking aside, I think that there is something true to that. When people become more respectful, there is a maturity in that, isn't there, in respecting the dignity of your neighbor and I think that should be an important thing that we do.

Number three: eliminate dark humor. This was something I learned on a missionary trip, actually. This was a rule on all of our trips. When we were in difficult circumstances, when it was hot and dry, or we ran out of food, or it was dangerous, it was easy to use dark humor. Do you know what I mean by dark humor? Being sarcastic about people you love. Men do this a lot. And I don't think it's a sin to do dark humor, and I've certainly engaged in my fair share of dark humor, but eliminate it. It's not really that funny. You can come up with funnier stuff. And actually try and do the opposite. See what happens if you say something really nice about the person, and they'll be like oh stop it. Actually, that was one of the things we had on our missionary trip. If you broke this rule, and said something bad about somebody, they could look at you and say seven up, and what seven up means is now you have to say seven compliments to them because of your one little insult. That took care of things real quick.

Number four: assume the best. Assume the best always. It's easy when you know someone's character to assume the worst about them. I know, she's jealous. He's angry. He's gossiping about me. She's probably working against me. And that fear drives a lot of the brokenness in our families and our relationships. Very often, when we assume that, we begin to play the opposing role. We begin to gossip, we begin to feel jealous, we begin to work against them. And so very often, remember that the enemy, whenever the enemy attacks us spiritually, he always attacks our relationships. So he wants to split you up in that way by putting those kinds of lies in your head. So it's good to just even if wisdom would say oh, they probably are doing that, let your heart always assume the best in others. And very often, you'll give that person the opportunity to do the right thing, rather than just assuming they're going to do the wrong thing. By the way, have you ever been on the receiving end of something like that? When somebody's assumed the worst about you? And you're like what the heck, I didn't think that, I didn't feel that way, I didn't say that. It stinks. It's a horrible feeling. It happens to pastors all the time, by the way. In a non pastoral role, I remember when Hannah and I were at the LA County Fair a few years ago, and we were walking along and we were talking about something, and there was a guy five/ten feet in front of us, and he turned around and he said 'what'd you say?' I said, 'oh ah.. I don't know. What do you mean what did I say?' He's like, 'I heard what you said, bro.' I go 'what do you mean what I said?' He goes 'I heard what you said, bro.' And I said, 'I didn't say anything. I don't know what you're talking about.' And he's like 'bro, I heard what you say,' and then expletive you, and then walked away. And still to this day, I'm like what does he think I said? I don't know. It drives me crazy when I think about it because I don't know. But it also feels horrible, like did he think I said something offensive, or rude, or like I just don't even know. And so anyway, and he might have.. I've thought about and maybe somebody else said something as they were walking by, he thought it was me. It stinks to be on the receiving end of somebody who thinks the worst about you. Assume the best about others.

And finally the last thing, and this is especially true with roommates, friendships and marriage, and parenting. Be the first to talk. When you got a fight with someone, it's like they need to come talk to me. Or even worse, it's like you know what we're going to do? We're just going to be awkward around each other for a few days, and bury this and never talk about it until five years from now, we hate each other. Just let it like creep into our subconscious. It's so good to always be the first to talk. It's a sign of maturity if you do that. Don't do it pride fully. But our relationships are the most important things in our lives. Let's become forgiving people. It doesn't come easy. It comes from hard work and from training, and we're going to learn to be forgiving in everything we do. Amen?

Father, we love you. We forgive our neighbors, and we trust you. We abandon outcomes to you, Lord, and we love you, in Jesus' name we pray, amen.

BENEDICTION – Bobby Schuller

We're wishing you a great day today. Go home, relax, eat a good meal, spend time with the people you love.

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.

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